

Seniors honored at ceremony yesterday

by Terri Pineda

On Thursday, June 6, 1985, Honors Night was held. The title of this night was, "BACCALAUREATE HONORS CONVOCATION". The celebration was held in Weyrauch Auditorium and began at 8 p.m.

National Merit Letter of Commendation went to Cheryl L. Herman, Todd M. Kent, Robert J. Kierzyk, and Suzanne R. Sackett. The National Merit Scholars went to Erik Duus and Marilyn B. Getlinger.

Scholarships announced by Erik Duus went to 23 students to attend Illinois State College or University Scholarships went to 13 students to attend different schools that chose them. A few of these schools included

Southern Illinois University, Lake Forest College and many others. Special Scholarships such as West Chicago Centel Scholarship, West Chicago/Winfield Booster Club went to 13 students.

Sixty four students that had more than the 18½ credits to graduate received the Academic Merit Award. Presidential Academic Fitness Awards presented by William F. Renner went to 28 students. National Honor Society went to 44 students.

U.S. Marine Corps "Devil Dog" Award went to Juan J. Gonzalez and Daniel L. Zarndt. The Randy Jacob Memorial Award went to Bradley D. Bonga. The finalists for this award were Jaime H. Cantu, Jon W. Neuhoff, and Daniel L. Zarndt. Lions Club

Athletic Scholar went to Erik Duus. U.S. Army Reserve Scholar/Athlete Award was given to Erik Duus and Kerl L. Giller.

Senior Athlete of the Year went to Heather L. Brizzolara and Juan J. Gonzalez. English Department awards went to Craig R. Brown, Erik Duus, Cindy L. Fischer, and Robert J. Kierzyk. German Achievement Award went to Suzanne R. Sackett.

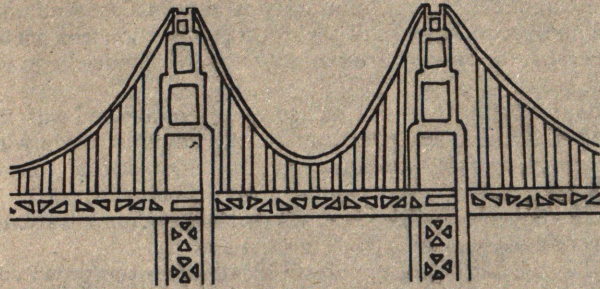
Future Business Leaders of America awards went to 6 students. Five students in Journalism won awards for the school newspaper. Illinois Council of Teachers of Mathematics Student Achievement Award went to Erik Duus and Robert J. Kierzyk. Calculus Mathematics League Winner was Erik Duus.

Vocational Education-CWT Student of the Year went to Michael Holloway. IRO Students of the Year went to Lee A. Leonard and Dewain E. Stange. Danforth Foundation Awards went to Joseph R. Michalec and Rebecca A. Rackmyer. Citizenship Awards — Daughters of the American Revolution School Service Award went to Laura M. Pollastrini. American Legion Good Citizen Awards went to Craig R. Brown and Linda M. Choe.

Foreign Exchange Students — Youth for Understanding were Oscar Alanís of Mexico, Mirjam Gelinck of Netherlands, Natalia Goldaracena of Spain and Barbara Niehaber of Germany.

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Cream of the crop

Alan Steuer was chosen by the faculty as the recipient of the American Airlines Scholar Award.

Recognition given to those with honor

by Erin Schaben

To receive the merit award a student must get a total of 22 credits in four years. That is five years worth of an average high school in four years.

The number of seniors that will be graduating with the merit award is about 65 out of about 310. It is "to recognize students who go beyond what is required," Gene Peterson stated.

Reagan battles for minimum wage

by Jennifer Sheriff

President Reagan presented his case for "Youth Employment Opportunity Wage Act of 1985" on March 25. The proposal would generate as many as 400,000 new jobs for teens nationwide. Under the proposal employers would be able to hire people under 20 years of age between May 1 and September 30 at a wage of \$2.50 an hour. The proposal provides a three year trial period, after which it could be accurately assessed.

Opposition states that the act would displace adult workers.

Overdue due

All library materials were due May 31. Seniors will not be able to graduate unless all checked out materials are returned to the library and all overdue fines are paid.

Leaders feast

by Melanie Mitz

Future Business Leaders of America held their end of the year banquet at La Fiesta restaurant on May 15. Officers for the upcoming school year were elected as follows: Linda Solo, president; Joy McPheters, vice-president; Dara Haverty, treasurer; Laura McPheters, secretary; and Melissa Goodman as historical reporter.

Cross the bridge to success

by Treble Flucas

This year the Bridge has won a total of eight awards at several different conventions.

The Journalism Education Association awarded Julie James a second place award in copy editing and headline writing. James also won a first place award in community cultural at an Eastern Illinois University competition.

Becky Thuer won third place in Photography at an Eastern Illinois University convention.

In the spring of 1985 the Bridge received a first place award from the American Scholastic Press Association. The Bridge received an honorable mention in Editorials at a Northern Illinois University convention.

Bryan Foster and Maggie Thall received a Blue Ribbon Award for Excellence in journalism. Foster won his for his critical opinion, and Thall for her movie review.

The Suburban Press Club of Chicago awarded Laura Novak an award in feature story writing on April 25, 1985.

Novel idea!

Washington (SPS) — Students ages 13 to 18 with a flair for writing should consider entering the Avon/Flare Young Adult Novel Competition. The winner will receive a \$5,000 publishing contract from Avon Books.

Manuscripts should be 125 to 200 pages, typed, double-spaced on a single side of the page. The deadline is August 31.

For more information contact: The Editors, Avon/Flare Novel Competition, Avon Books, Room 1204, 1790 Broadway, New York, NY 10019.

Graduating with that amount of credits may help a student to get accepted into a college when they look at the final transcript. Colleges do not go looking for the merit award winners, though.

The names of all of the students who have received 22 or more credits will be announced at Honors Night on June 6 at 8 p.m. in the Weyrauch Auditorium.

Last year John Shim had the highest number of credits, which was 25.

Receiving the many credits needed for the merit award will not get a student into colleges or land him jobs, but it may help them get ahead in the world with the knowledge they have earned.

Glenbard is filled with stars

by Melanie Mitz

Glenbard West High School in neighboring Glen Ellyn will be the location of a feature motion picture titled Lucas. Local high school students will be cast as extras.

On campus production of Lucas will begin on June 10, after school is dismissed. The original starting date would have been during the final weeks of school.

Giving more

by Terri Pineda

This year Student Council and Larry Price have made efforts to help people in need of things that are hard to produce.

On April 30, Student Council set up a blood drive. They raised 61 pints of blood, compared to last fall's 22 pints.

"Acting upon education" says Price was a new experience that he had in having this collection. He said that he was teaching his students about famine when the idea for the collection for Ethiopians came about.

This fund raised \$5000. Price expected \$15,000. Price says that he received more money on the days that he went from table to table with a tin can, than when his students sat in commons.

Ethiopian collections continued to take place every Thursday and Friday for the rest of the year.

Twentieth Century-Fox will be paying an \$18,000 rental fee for the 16 days of filming at the high school. An additional charge of \$1,200 will be charged for each additional day of shooting.

School board members first refused the film company's bid to make the movie at Glenbard West, fearing it would cause possible class disruptions and what they referred to as "offensive" script content.

Glenbard West's School Board met with producer David Nicksay, and writer/producer David Seltzer to discuss the film deal and they assured the board that the "offensive" language would be "cleaned up."

U.S.A. for Africa

by Jennifer Sheriff

An anti-hunger project is being launched in many high schools and colleges by the Center for Public Interest Research.

"So Let's Start Giving" was designed to stimulate student awareness of world hunger and malnutrition. The money raised through various fund-raisers will be donated to U.S.A. for Africa.

For more information, contact Centers for Public Interest Research, "So Let's Start Giving," Box 252525, West Los Angeles, CA, 90025.

Summer school sign-up

Registration for the DAVEA Center's "Learn To Earn" summer program is now underway.

All classes will be held at the DAVEA Center, 301 N. Swift Rd., Addison, and will meet from 8:40-11:30 a.m., weekdays, June 17 through July 25, except for an extended July 4 holiday.

The 27-day summer session is open to adults and high school students who will be juniors or seniors in 1985-86. Summer tuition is \$75 per session, with one-half graduation credit awarded to high school students who successfully complete a program.

Additional information and registration materials can be obtained by contacting the DAVEA Center at 620-8770. To insure a high degree of individual attention, enrollment will be limited and students will be admitted on a "first paid" basis.

Officers chosen for 85-86

by Kelly Fox

The Student Council elections were held Tuesday, May 22.

For this coming year, Senior Class officers are president, Alan Steuer; vice president, Heather Siglin; secretary, Missy Moreton; and treasurer, Shannon Durr.

The Junior Class officers are president, Kevin Crawford; vice president, Douglas Dirr; secretary, Kelli Nelson; and treasurer, Sonya Valdez.

The Sophomore Class officers are president, Jeni Weins; vice president was a tie between Elizabeth Lach and Julie Pollastrini. After a re-election Julie Pollastrini won. Secretary is Ed Coronel.

Ballot collection was done by Rosa Cruz and Jim Recchia.

Clamping down on gangs

The administration has a responsibility to protect the students of West Chicago Community High School. With the students' best interest in mind, the administration is prepared to fight the set in of gangs on the We-Go campus.

About two weeks ago graffiti appeared on one of the back walls of our school. It was similar in design to the symbol used by the Latin Kings, a Hispanic social organization based in Chicago in the Humboldt Park and 22 street area.

Soon after the graffiti was found, a list composed of 25 gang members was sent to the administrative office and the police department. Most of the people on the list are not enrolled at We-Go, but they are community members. One student was expelled for defacing school property and will pay restitution. Action was not taken because of gang membership, because there was not enough evidence to prove the student belonged to the gang.

Social groups such as the Latin Kings in Chicago are often involved with illegal activities, such as drug trafficking and prostitution. The administration will not allow the formation of gangs, and any student which the administration has compiled information on involving gang activity runs the risk of being expelled.

The West Chicago Police have been very cooperative with the administration, and they will continue to work closely to keep track of gang activity.

The Bridge believes that the Latin Kings in West Chicago are an outgrowth of the Chicago gang, and we are happy to see the community nipping the gang organization in the bud.

A priceless treasure

Thanks Larry Price. Thanks for your three years at West Chicago High School. You brought rare and valuable qualities to this school; energy, spontaneity, honesty, and expressiveness. You demonstrated many talents that were enhanced by your lack of fear. These are all qualities difficult to hold on to in the school environment which is perhaps why there have been so few like you in this school.

Students would talk to you. You would talk with students. You conveyed a feeling of empathy and understanding. It was so typical to see you in the hallway with a crowd of students standing around you. How often did I see you in your room after school with a group of students? What a treat that must have been for those teenagers growing up in a world that does so much to isolate and segregate them from the adult population. I never observed one instance of a student being afraid of you. Quite the contrary. They liked you. They touched you. I even noted occasions when they hugged you. You were a friend to a lot of kids. You were a real live person. The messages are very strong with regard to how a teacher is supposed to act. You, however, were constantly Larry Price.

You rejected most role expectations and therefore enhanced the educational process at West Chicago. It was not unusual to suddenly find you in my classroom teaching my class during your free period. I discovered that it was common for you to roam the hallways looking for classes to teach. I quickly learned that I could count on you to come into my classroom at any

time to strengthen my weaknesses. You never allowed yourself to be limited by the school's written curriculum. You in fact would re-write the curriculum on a moments notice. What would the committee say?

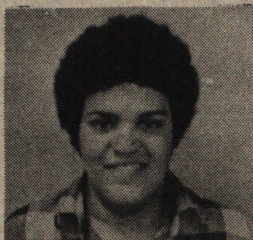
Students in your classroom frequently found themselves educating themselves. You tried to establish a process of education whereby students could not rely on you for their education. You were often times successful. How many of your students will ever forget their efforts to raise money for Ethiopia? Students don't easily forget writing letters to heads of foreign countries. You ran a great classroom. I saw students involved, joyful, defeated, and even tearful. It was great to see that those emotions could be the consequence of learning experiences instead of the consequence of a test grade.

After one of your visits to my classroom I recall a student commenting, "Who is that guy! Why haven't I had a chance to have him for a teacher." Your loss, student. Our loss, West Chicago.

Thank you,
Steve Arnold

Money turns careers

by David Mark



Within recent years the nation has heard the cries of concerned parents for an increase

in the quality of schooling in the United States.

Many states have considered requiring all teachers to take a TCT or Teacher Competency Test. This test would be something like the test which doctors, lawyers, and certified public accountants must take to prove their competency in their field.

However, this is not really addressing the problem. Having a competency test for teachers is almost like taking a spoonful of water out of an overflowing sink while the faucet is still running.

One of the reasons that the quality of educators has declined is because now that the baby

The time warp

by Sherry Martins



Any student who takes or has taken a foreign language knows how difficult

learning a new language can be. Some of these classes can be down-right impossible when equipment is not working properly.

Community High School has language labs on the first floor which do not always work properly. The labs are used for listening comprehension in foreign language classes.

According to Milan Gordon, chairman of the foreign language department, the labs are over twenty years old and are in poor condition. There has been only one major repair in the last three years. The people in the Audio-Visual Department have tried to fix the labs. They, unfortunately, do not have the experience to keep the labs working. The labs are now down to one channel and one reel to reel.

Terry Strohm, a language teacher, also said that the machine is old. If she had to choose a reason for all the problems, it

would be the age of the machine. Old is actually an understatement; the machine still uses tubes. When the repairman was out two or three years ago, he said that the labs would be out of date in the next five years and parts would be impossible to find. Money is another important factor. We are talking mega bucks to fix the labs; one repair alone cost the school \$300.

Teachers, students, and the administration all need to take part in fixing the labs ... and try to keep them working.

Fuming flute

Dear Editor,

Recently we discovered that certain members of the spring musical's orchestra were adults rather than students. We feel that this is unfair. All other work was done by the students. Why should the orchestra be any different?

Perhaps the musical administration felt that the quality of the musical would be improved by using adult musicians. This is hardly justifiable, however. Many talented musicians exist within the student body, and quite a few of these have expressed a desire to be in the orchestra. Therefore, there was no reason to go to an outside source, except in the case of instruments which were missing from the school's music organizations.

Moreover, one would hardly think of using adult musicians in the place of students. Why, because the spring musical is a student production, and as such, should include student musicians.

Thank you,
Mary Ingram
Alice Pegel

Dear Editor,

Yes, we were both fortunate and delighted to have adults participate in the spring musical orchestra. Some of our adults were the parents of the student musicians at Community High School, who thought it a wonderful experience to be involved with their children and the educational program.

I would like to thank them for their expertise, leadership, and interaction that gave our students such a positive experience!

Thank you, Ronald L. Benner

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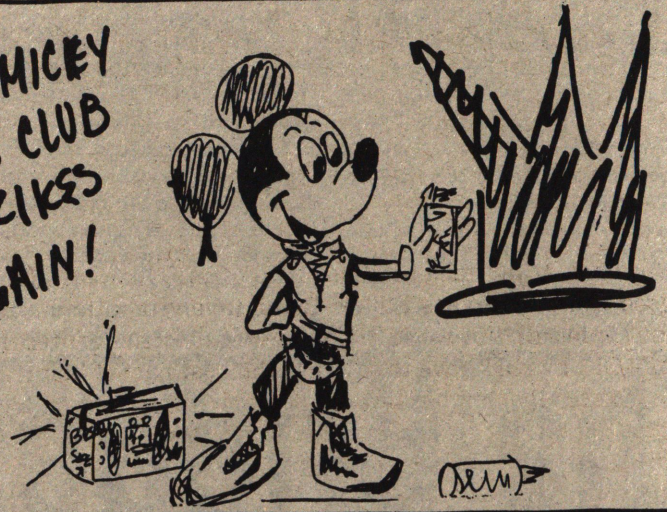
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All good things come to an end at We-go

by Bill Fairbanks

As you have heard, all good things come to an end, it is the time of the year when senioritis fills the halls, the classrooms, and the **Bridge** office too.

Looking back at the good times is always fun. This year I have had a lot of good times as Sports Editor. Being involved with the **Bridge** is what you could call "fun work." The fun usually coming after the work, but that's OK. I would have to say that the best part of being an editor is getting to see all of the hard work involved, printed out on a page and seeing it all around school. All of the hard work is worth it when you have this opportunity. I also thought it was fun to be informed of all the different sporting events that go on at the high school, and talking with the coaches for interviews. Although I was unable to go on the various trips the **Bridge** editors took, I had good times just being a part of the paper. I would like to thank all of the people involved with the **Bridge** and wish them the best of luck in the future.

It's time for this cowboy to say so-long and I hope everyone has a great summer. I'll see ya on the beach!



Wroblewski can't believe she's graduating

by Carrie Wroblewski

As my Senior Year comes to a close, many memories come to mind.

I was a transfer student from Wheaton Central my sophomore year. It was difficult to move here, but it was not hard to like West Chicago High School.

I feel that to enjoy high school you must become involved in activities you enjoy in addition to your academics. Being a cheerleader, a P.E. Leader, and Sports Editor for the **Bridge** were all activities that I found enjoyable.

There were times when being an Editor was the most time consuming and aggravating job I ever encountered. When deadlines were approaching, and stories needed to be collected, edited, and typed, many editors spent much time after school completing tasks.

Sports Editor was a long, tough job (someone had to do it) but it must have been the most important "assignment" I was ever given in high school.

The fun parts of high school are forever in my mind. Homecoming, Turnabout, and Prom are memories that will never disappear. T.P.'ing parties, football and basketball games, cruising the high school, skiing and bonfires are necessary for every kid to survive the year.

I now look back on high school and I have to say that it has been cool, it's been a slice, it's been real, and of course it's been casual, but it has passed by too quickly. Graduating and moving on to college will be tough because it's hard to say good-bye, but I'm ready to move on to better things, and it's gonna be great to be free!

It's gonna be great to be free

by Becky Thuer

The school year has now come to an end. I can hardly believe I am graduating. I transferred from St. Francis my sophomore year to West Chicago High School. It was a big change for me from going from a private school to a public school. West Chicago High School gives more freedom and privileges than St. Francis did.

Being photo editor for the **Bridge** was a great privilege for me. I never would have thought I would be taking pictures for the school newspaper, nevertheless, being an editor. I came into this position not knowing the responsibilities I would have or the extra amount of time I would have to put into it. This job was a lot of hard work and a lot of my time. It was worth the experience, though.

Being one of the editors, I got to go to Little Rock, Arkansas for a journalism conference. All of us had a good time and we learned how to improve the paper.

High school has been a lot of fun, but I think college will be a lot better. I've had a lot of good times being in high school ... football games, dances, basketball games, pizza afterwards, sleepovers, T.P.'ing, and parties. All in all, I hate to see it end, but it's not the end, it's just the beginning!



Learning to lick it

by Rebecca Welz

"In growing we have learned, in learning we have shared ..." I read these words on a graduation announcement and I looked back over my high school years.

I believe the classroom puts out a tremendous amount of knowledge, but very little of it is utilized at this time. Most of the learning in high school takes place outside of the classroom, through maturity and social interaction. The equation knowledge + experience = eventual understanding, comes to mind at this time.

Stereotypically high school is to be the best years of our life. I have never been able to understand that stereotype. You are supposed to emerge from your four years with a smile on your face and a clear cut idea of what you want to do with your life. The pressure of this question alone can put a damper on "the best years of your life."

Because it is customary to thank the people who have helped you out during your major understandings, I would like to thank the people I work with. Without their support and patience, I could never have come out of this unscathed.

Finally, in the immortal words of Michael Sosulski, "Life is like an ice cream cone, you have to learn to lick it."

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Browsing, not buying in Chicago's shopping areas

by Louise Krone

Shopping in Chicago can be a fun and exciting experience, but if you aren't familiar with the different areas of Chicago, it is easy to miss some of the best places to shop. The most famous shopping areas in Chicago are generally the most expensive. The most posh of these areas is the "Magnificent Mile" on Michigan Avenue, including Water Tower Place, followed by State Street, the Twentieth Century Mall, and New Town.

Michigan Avenue is basically populated with



Shoppers pause at a street light while walking the magnificent mile

Chicago's more upperclass stores. The best known stores here are Gucci, Louis Vuitton, Burberry, I. Magnin, Nieman Marcus, and Saks Fifth Avenue. Usually a shirt on sale at these stores can cost between \$50 and \$100, but good bargains can be found by a patient shopper. Michigan Avenue also has many other stores, including French pastry shops and bookstores.

Water Tower Place is six floors of shopping on the magnificent mile. It isn't quite a ritzy as the ground floor stores, and thus is less expensive. The better known department stores in Water Tower Place are Marshall Fields and Lord & Taylor. There are several dozen small shops; some also found locally, such as The Limited, Gantos, and Casual Corner; others include specialty shops for tea and gourmet foods, lingerie, and gift shops.

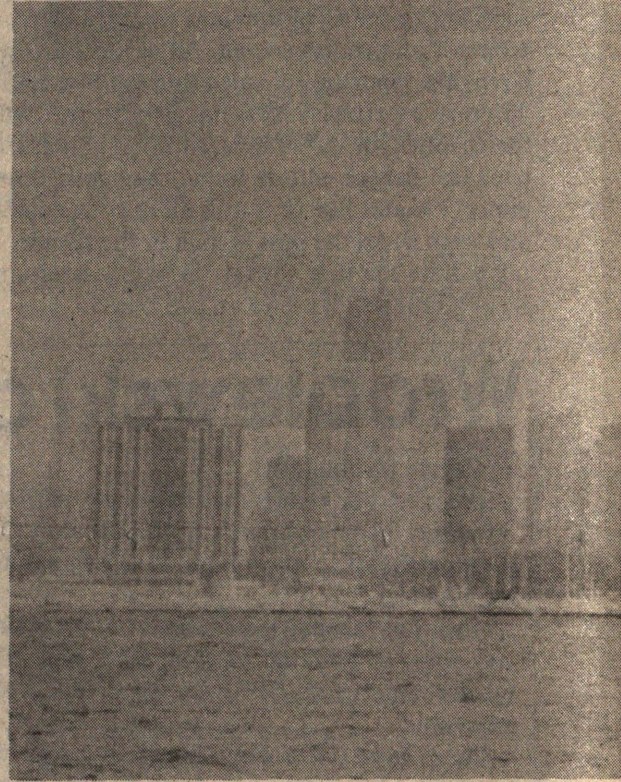
State Street is another famous shopping area in Chicago. It was originally designed to rival Michigan Avenue, and has many of the same stores.

One of the lesser known shopping malls in Chicago is the Twentieth Century Mall on Clark Street in New Town. The Twentieth Century Mall is aimed mostly at the middle class "yuppies", although it was built to cater to the "avant-garde" shopper. It has many of the same stores that might be found at Stratford Square or Fox Valley, but the prices tend to be higher because the mall is supposed to be unique, and the consumer pays for the atmosphere.

For a truly bizarre and unique findings, the smaller shops in New Town are recommended. Although most of the stores are on Clark Street, they are found scattered throughout New Town. Most of the stores are unusual and moderately expensive. Some shops, however, are quite reasonable, but it is these shops that have to be hunted down. New Town is better for idle window shopping than for shopping for something more specific.

Shopping in the city of Chicago can be exciting, but more often than not should be treated a sight-seeing trip rather than a trip to buy. A good idea is to shop in the city for ideas on fashion, then come home to buy.

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Chicago skyline provides a view of the John Hancock and

'Here's Chicago' is

by Dean Bockman

According to many people, Chicago is one amazing city, but a lot of people don't know about all of its background. There is a presentation called "Here's Chicago" at the old pumping station on Michigan Avenue in downtown Chicago that informs the viewer about "the Windy City."

The "Here's Chicago" presentation costs \$3.75 for adults and \$2 for children under 12 years of age. It starts out with a tour of the old pumping station and an explanation of how it

Concerts fests and fairs ward off

by Julie James

It may be hard to believe now, but summer can get boring at times. There are many "fests", fairs, and concerts in and around the city of Chicago to combat this boredom.

There will be no Chicagofest this year, but again there will be a "Taste of Chicago" July 1-7 where area restaurants exhibit their cooking. The public can buy tickets and walk around the booths "carnival style"; and taste the restaurants' different foods. Taste of Chicago is held in Grant Park near Buckingham Fountain, on the fourth of July the evening ends with the traditional fireworks.

Also in Grant Park this summer is the Blues Festival June 7-9, and the Jazz Festival August 28-September 6. Most of the events are held in the Petrillo Music Shell.

The 1985 Illinois State Fair will be held August 8-18, in Springfield. Scheduled to appear:

- August**
- 8 Survivor
 - 9 Willie Nelson
 - 10 George Thorogood and the Delaware Destroyers
 - 12 Waylon Jennings and Neil Young
 - 13 Gallagher & Sawyer Brown
 - 14 Beach Boys
 - 17&18 Alabama

The Wisconsin State Fair will be held August

1-11 in Milwaukee. The Wisconsin Summerfest will be June 27-July 11 on the lakefront in Milwaukee. For more information call the Wisconsin Bureau of Tourism in Chicago at 332-7274.

Ravinia, the "international Festival of the Arts" is fourteen weeks of music, dance, and theatre held June 28-September 29 in Highland Park. Ravinia is known mainly for its classical music, but includes Jazz, Pop and Folk artists too. For a complete schedule of events call R-A-V-I-N-I-A. Tickets are available at Ravinia's Chicago Box office, 22 Monroe Street, Sears stores and Rose records stores.

Poplar Creek Music Theatre is located at the intersection of highways 59, 72, and the Northwest tollway in Hoffman Estates. This summer's schedule is as follows:

- June**
- 13 Bryan Adams w/Survivor
 - 14 Dan Fogelberg
 - 16 Iron Maiden w/Accept
 - 17&18 Phil Collins and his Hot Tub Club
 - 19 Hank Williams, Jr. w/Lacy J. Dalton
 - 20&21 Kenny Loggins
 - 22 Tom Petty & the Heartbreakers w/'Til Tuesday
 - 23 Jimmy Buffett & the Coral Reefer Band
 - 27,28,&29 Barry Manilow
 - 30 New Edition

July

- 3 Don Henley
- 5 Eric Clapton w/Graham Parker & the Shot
- 11 Melissa Manchester
- 12&13 Liza Minelli
- 14 REO Speedwagon
- 19 Pat Metheny Group
- 20 Alabama
- 21 Air Supply
- 25 Jeffrey Osbourne
- 27 Kool & the Gang
- 28 Manhattan Transfer
- 30 Crosby, Stills & Nash
- 31 UB 40

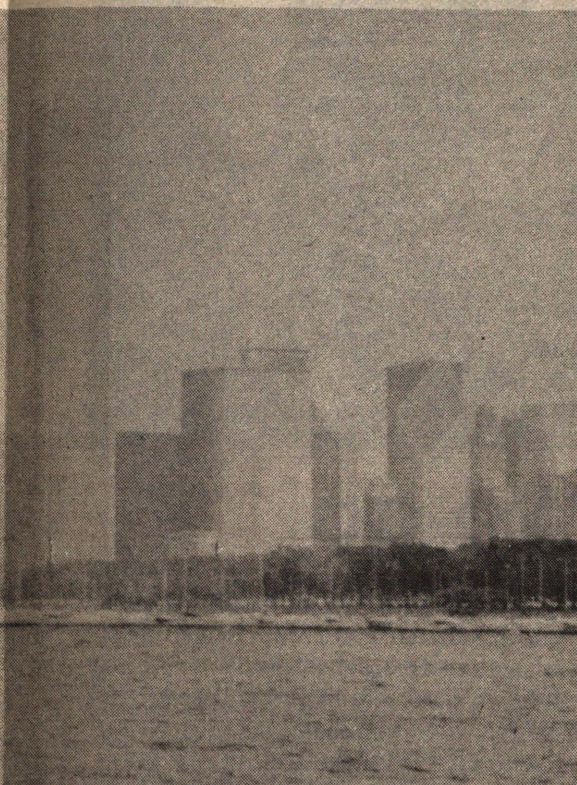
August

- 1 Chaka Khan
- 2 Adam Ant
- 3 Dire Straits
- 4 Beach Boys
- 5 Huey Lewis & the News
- 9 Amy Grant
- 10 Oak Ridge Boys
- 14 Temptations & Four Tops
- 16 Lee Greenwood & Gary Morris
- 17 George Benson

September

- 2 Willie Nelson
- All shows begin at 8 p.m. Pavilion seats are \$15, lawn, \$10. Tickets can be purchased through Ticketmaster, 559-1212.

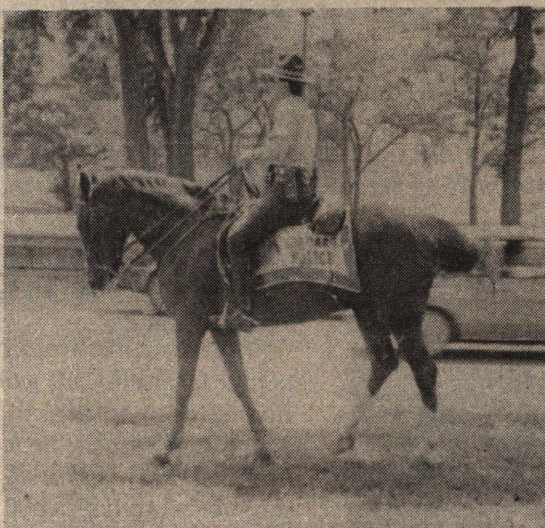
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'The Warrior' resides in Grant Park



Mounted police still prevail in Chicago parks

Featured attractions at Chicago's museums

ADLER PLANETARIUM 1300 South Lake Shore. To August 3 "Mysteries of Space and Time" sky show. Monday-Thursday, 2 p.m. Friday 2 and 8 p.m. Saturday, Sunday and Holidays 11 a.m., 1, 2, 3, 4 p.m. Admission \$1.50-\$2.50. 322-0300

ART INSTITUTE Michigan and Adams. To June 16 "Drawings: the 81st Exhibition by Artists of Chicago and Vicinity." To July 7: "Marc Chagall: Works on Paper." To July 14 "Andre Kertesz: Of Paris and New York" Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday 10:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.; Tuesday 10:30 a.m.-8 a.m.; Saturday 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sunday and Holidays noon-5 p.m. Admission \$4.50. 443-3500

FIELD MUSEUM Roosevelt and Lake Shore Drive. Saturday and Sunday noon-2 p.m. "Living Insects" exhibit demonstrates how four different insects adapt to their environment, daily hours 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Admission \$2, families \$4, Thursday free. 922-9410

MUSEUM OF CONTEMPORARY ART 237 East Ontario. To June 16 "Selections from the William J. Hokin Collection." Tuesday-Saturday 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sunday noon-5 p.m. Admission \$3 adults, \$2 students. 280-2660

MUSEUM OF THE FINE ARTS RESEARCH & HOLOGRAPHIC CENTER 1134 West Washington. "The Light Fantastic" an exhibition of state-of-the-art holograms by internationally famous holographic artists. Wednesday-Sunday 12:30-5 p.m. 226-1007

MUSEUM OF SCIENCE AND INDUSTRY 57th and Lake Shore. New permanent exhibits: "Delivering the Mail" and "The Curiosity Place: An Exhibit for Young Children." 9:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Admission free. 684-1414

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works. The tour guide tells where the city of Chicago gets their water from and where the purification process takes place. They also tell how many people are served by the city of Chicago.

The guide takes the group into a room to see "Heartbeat Chicago," the slide presentation that uses 63 slide projectors. This shows different parts of the city like the downtown area, the lakefront, and the suburbs that surround the city. The suburbs are actually different cultures of the people that live in the city's surroundings. It shows and tells the history of

Chicago and the Great Fire and how it started. It shows where the city of Chicago will hopefully go in the future, for instance, the different types of architecture that may be seen more and more.

"Heartbeat Chicago," the movie presentation, is 10 minutes long. The movie shows and tells of the different sights in the Chicago area, but in more detail. It tells about the modern Chicago and how much it has progressed in the last 50 years, for example, the population of Chicago has increased by 300,000 people since then.

The guide commented, "The City of Chicago is becoming more popular in the film industry. More and more producers want to film movies in Chicago, often because the producer is from Chicago. It is getting to be more of a daring city."

boredom

Alpine Valley Music Theatre is in East Troy, Wisconsin. The schedule is:

June

- 9 Iron Maiden, 6 p.m.
- 21&22 Grateful Dead
- 23 Tom Petty & the Heartbreakers
- 29 Don Henley

July

- 4 Al Jarreau w/David Sanborn
- 26 Crosby, Stills & Nash
- 27 Henry Mancini & James Galaway
- 28 Peter, Paul & Mary

August

- 3 Huey Lewis & the News
- 9 George Thorogood & the Delaware Destroyers

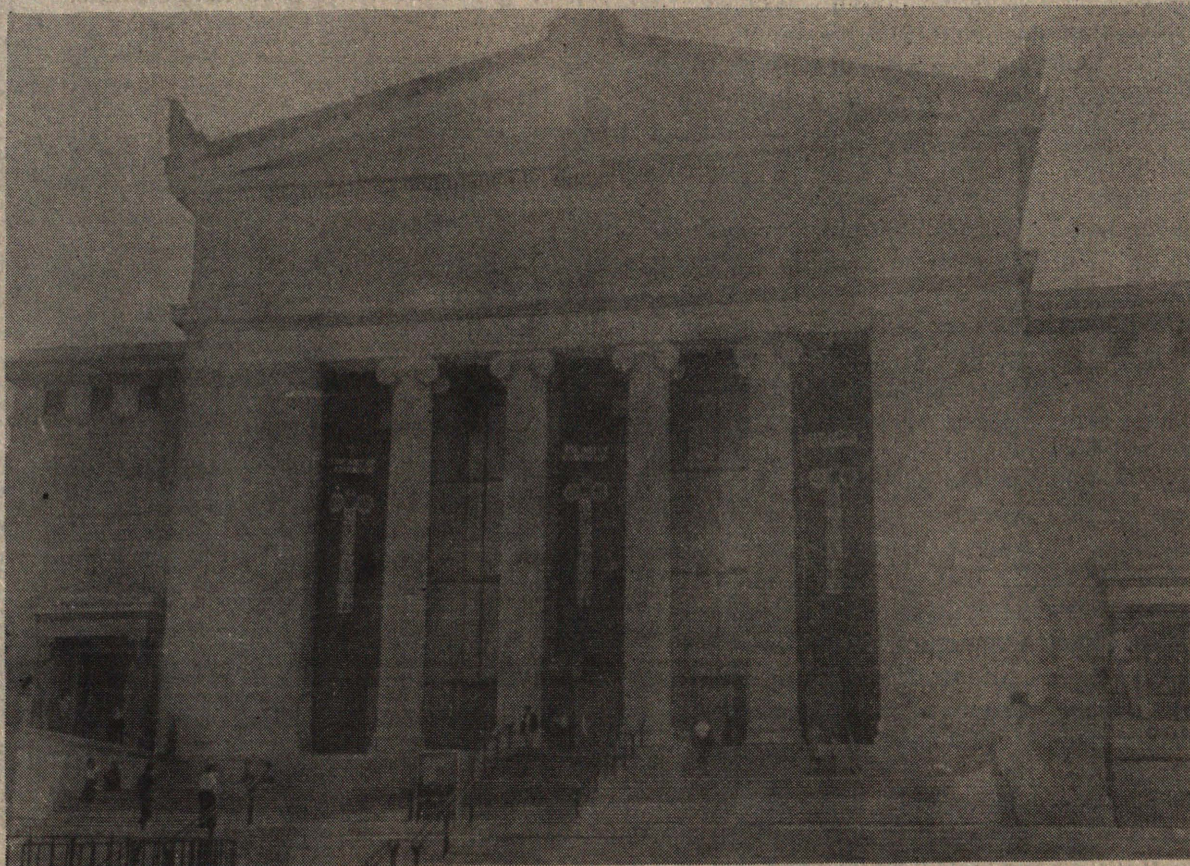
September

- 7 Bill Cosby

All shows 8 p.m. unless noted. Tickets available at Ticketron, 876-1816.

As for local events, the West Chicago Railroad days are July 11-14, the DuPage County Fair will be July 24-28.

To keep up to date on all of the events in and around Chicago, there are several numbers to call. The Mayor's Office of Special Events 744-3315, the Chicago Park District 294-2200, the Chicago Office of Tourism 793-2094. Locally, the West Chicago Park District 231-9474 and the DuPage County Fairgrounds at 668-6636.



Exhibited in the Field Museum is "The Art of Cameroon"

'So long, auf wiedersehen, and goodbye'

by Rosa Snell

So long, farewell, auf wiedersehen, and goodbye to high school.

Well it's over now. You look forward to your senior year all throughout school, and suddenly it's over. Faster than you care to imagine.

Being involved in school helps to get through those rough spots in high school. I've been on the **Bridge** staff for three years, one of those as an editor for advertising, and I have enjoyed it very much.

You meet new people during the four years you are here and it is very sad to have to leave them when you graduate. It's easy to say, "we'll keep in touch," but it's hard to do.

A little advice from a senior, soon to be leaving, about senior year: you can't fall behind or slack off and take it easy. You'll never make it then. My senior year was a so-so one.

Believe it or not, a letter saying goodbye is hard to write. It's hard to come to reality that you are finally graduating once and for all from high school; it's always been there. Every weekday for about 40 weeks, day in, day out. It's a routine. I hope next year there won't be as many problems with the school day.

All of you juniors and underclassmen, you better watch out, us seniors (now alumni) will be back to check up on you. You better not shout, you better not cry, you better not pout I'm tellin' you why — we will return someday!

The year is coming to a close; we'll soon be out of the hallways and out of your way. No one to yell, "seniors coming through, move out of the way. Seniors coming through." Don't miss us too much. So long, my high school.



This senior can't wait to leave We-go

by Julie James

"Tell the truth, even if it hurts." The assignment sheet said, "Write a senior farewell, 250 words." Well, this senior can't wait to get out of here. I want to get out, to leave behind this school and everything associated with it, never to return. At least until the memories fade and mellow. Everything seems better when you look back at it. That must be what happened to those who say that these are the best years of your life. **The Breakfast Club** tells us that these aren't the best years of our lives, and I certainly hope that this is true. I feel that we're being prepared for life, that we haven't really started yet. Hopefully, the best is yet to come.

Perhaps I should be sorry that I'm leaving the sheltered life of high school, but I'm not. I've had enough of dodging parapros on the school grounds. You find them everywhere — commons, the parking, on the front lawn, staked out at the LRC, the washrooms — they watch your every move.

I definitely will not miss the odor of hairspray in commons from the girls playing beauty shop, nor the stench of feet in the locker room. Or sitting in a third floor classroom and smelling something good cooking below in Home Economics.

Once I make it through that ceremony on Sunday, and receive that piece of paper, this part of my life will be over and another begins. I will miss my friends, those that are juniors as well as those seniors with whom I will most likely lose touch. Hard as it is, I can't look at graduation as an end, but a beginning.



Pollastrini says, 'Farewell' to everyone

by Laura Pollastrini

Wow! The last issue of the **Bridge** has finally arrived, along with my last day of high school. It seems as if I just walked in as a little freshman only yesterday (and if you believe that, I've got some land in Jamaica that you might be interested in).

High school has been a real learning experience for me. It has given me the opportunity to work with all sorts of people, both cooperative and uncooperative, and it's helped me to learn from my mistakes. I've tried to make changes to benefit the students here through both the newspaper and Student Council. Bathrooms have been opened (and closed); blood drives have improved; more kids have gotten involved; and the administration now has a little better of an understanding of what the students want. Also, class elections have had more class participation and interest than ever before, and that's great to see. I just hope that things will remain on the rise for next year as well. But cooperation among students is the only way to make this happen.

I have loved high school, and though I'm really glad I'm through, I am also sad because I'll be losing so much as well as gaining. I've made many friends over the past four years, but I can't fool myself. Many of these people I won't ever see again after graduation. Life's been pretty easy here, too. I know that college won't be that way. It'll be life on my own (I can really deal with independence at this point!), and my first chance to really test myself with judgment of time and people.

West Chicago Community High School has some of the best teachers, administrators, and students. It'll be hard to say farewell to all of them, but I'm sure I can manage to somehow. Life goes on, and this is one chapter in my life that has now been completed. So far, it's been the best chapter yet.

For all of you seniors, I'll be contacting you in ten years. Not just to chat, but to invite you to the fabulous Class of 1985 Reunion. It's been great! We'll have to do it again sometime, but not too soon. Good luck, and good-bye!



May signals sports tournaments

by Scott Tepe

May signals both the end of school and the beginning of the state tournaments of spring sports.

Baseball and softball teams compete in a single-elimination tournament at Regional, Sectional, and State levels. A \$35 registration fee is necessary to compete. Going through the tournaments, teams can face as many as 24 other schools and one

loss will end the chances of any team. The West Chicago Wildcat baseball team began their quest for the state title May 21, home, against DeKalb. Softball started at Elgin on May 23.

High school track teams compete at a Sectional meet against local schools. An entry fee of \$20 is needed per team to enter. Boys and girls compete in separate

meets and individual qualifiers advance to further tournaments. The boys Sectional meet was at Dundee Crown May 18.

Badminton and boys' tennis work the same way with Sectional tournaments and individual advancement. An entry fee of \$20 is required to compete in the tennis tournament and \$35 is needed for badminton. Boys' tennis Sectionals were held

on May 17. Badminton was held May 3 at West Aurora High School. West and East Aurora, Glenbard North, and West Chicago competed.

Ronald Hansen, Athletic Director, compared tournaments to "starting (the season) all over again." Some teams that don't do well during the season change during the tournaments and vice versa.

Sharks come out of winter season hungry

by Kateri Weibler

The Sharks swim team has started its summer season. "If a person is not already part of the team but would like to be, they can join all season," said Dan Johnson.

The team, who will be coached by Johnson, Amy Gibson, Robyn Block (a 1982 graduate of We-go), and eight high school volunteers has the following age groups: 9 and 10, 11 and 12, 13 and 14, and 15 through 18. There are already about 125 members on the team, according to Johnson. This reaches the goal of having 125 to 135 swimmers, yet more swimmers are welcome.

Johnson says that, although it is the "learning time of the season," recreation and fun are also stressed. The practices

are "not nearly as stringent" as the high school team's. During the summer season swimmers concentrate more on stroke mechanics and time improvements.

Johnson encourages people to come out, especially people at the high school level. He says now is a good time for new swimmers to make an attempt at competitive swimming. "This is the time to try it, because we have the time to work with them (new swimmers)." There are "A" and "B" levels so new swimmers do not have to swim against the more experienced ones.

The Sharks will compete against teams in the Fox Valley Conference. This conference includes St. Charles, Elgin, Aurora, DeKalb, Dundee, Streamwood, and Ge-

neva. Of these teams, Johnson says that their toughest competitors will be St. Charles and Elgin. These two teams are usually the teams fighting for first place.

Although Johnson does not "really think

about records too much," he does have a goal of placing in the top three this year. The Sharks, who have placed fourth in conference the past two years, will start their meets about mid-June.

College bound athletes beware

by Alan Steuer

To become a college athlete is not that easy of a task, said P.E. and health teacher Pat Welch. The skill level is increased and more stress is put on winning.

The college teams are made up of the top players from high school. "It usually is the top two percent of high school athletes who play," said Welch.

Most of the players on a college team are on scholarships. Very few walk-ons are on a team according to Welch. With a scholarship an athlete doesn't usually have to try out. But to walk-on they have to try out. "Hundreds try out, but only those with enough skill or those whose positions need to be filled make it," said Welch.

"There are things you can do to improve your chances as a walk-on," said Welch.

The more times your name is mentioned to the head coach the more attention he will pay to you. "Have your coach in high school call up the college coach," said Welch, or have other people call the coach. Let the coach know that you are interested in playing for him, and meet him personally.

Good stats by an athlete and his/her team help make them noticed by the scouts. "The best thing is not to think about yourself, but rather what is best for the team," said Welch. "It takes pressure off yourself. The more the team wins the better your chances," said Welch.

Welch concluded that the most important thing to do is never be tentative, enjoy playing the specific sport, and the rest will fall into place.

Tougher than you think

by Scott Tepe

Many students leaving the high school sports arena have big plans of breezing through college athletics and entering professional sports. However, these same athletes are not always prepared for the differences in high school and college sports.

Jeff Ainsworth, P.E. teacher and football coach, went to Northern Illinois University on a football scholarship. He wasn't prepared for the time that he was required to put in per day (eight hours) and was disappointed because he was unable to take part in other activities such as intramurals. He also spent his Homecoming week on the road with the team.

Ainsworth came off of a high school team in which he had to play both offense and defense. His high school practices covered both of these groups, but when he entered college, he was required to pick one or the other (in his case, offensive line) and the variety ended. "The drills were basically the

same" as in high school, but, according to Ainsworth, things were a little more boring in college.

Tim Courtney, baseball coach, said that most players, himself included, spend their first year learning instead of playing, or "rotting" as he put it, but his college baseball years held a different tone than those of Ainsworth. Courtney went to Illinois Benedictine College, a smaller school, than did Ainsworth, with a smaller squad on his college team than on his high school team. Courtney felt that, with a smaller squad, they got more done than in high school.

Courtney also lived on the college campus and liked the fact that he could get to and from practice in five minutes.

Both Courtney and Ainsworth went to college on scholarships, but both stressed how hard it was to get those scholarships. Ainsworth said that, in the Big 10, only five or six percent of all high school athletes "make it" in college.

Upshaw vaults to state

Wildcat pole vaulter Greg Upshaw, high jumper Joe Michalec and long jumper Juan Gonzales competed in the Dundee Crown Sectional Track Meet May 18. Upshaw won his event and qualified for the

State Meet with a vault of 14 feet, Michalec and Gonzales both placed third in their respective events. We-go placed seventh out of the 21 teams entered.

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- Matt Weger — Freshman record: 200 yd. Individual Medley
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- Greg Flatter — Freshman record: 100 yd. Butterfly
- Paul Coler — "Most Valuable"
- Naresh Nair — "Most Improved"

VOLLEYBALL

- Stacey Anderson — Unanimous All Conference
Womens' Sports Foundation Outstanding Athlete
Midwest's High School Top 100 Volleyball Player by Volleyball Chicago

FOOTBALL

- Rick Nickelson — 1st Team All-Conference
All-Area Team
- Brad Bonga — Randy Jacob Memorial Award
- Dan Zarndt — "Most Valuable"

WRESTLING

- Derrick Geick — All-Conference Freestyle Team
Team Captain
Most Near Falls — 57 (New School Record)
Most Match Points — 289
Most Wins — 29
Most Valuable
Homewood-Flossmoor Inv. Champion
DuPage Valley Conference Champion
Regional Champion
- John Cortez — All-Conference Freestyle Team
Team Captain
DuPage Valley Conference Champion
- Roy Rodriguez — Most Takedowns — 48
Most Falls — 15
Fastest Fall
Most Team Points — 154
Wildcat Invitational Champion
- Adam Odell — Most Improved
Regional Tournament Champion

BOYS' BASKETBALL

- Dave Sostek — All-Conference
2nd Rated Conference Player
All Thanksgiving Tournament
All Christmas Tournament
All-Area Special Mention
All-State Special Mention
- Mark Malay — All-Conference Honorable Mention
- Rick Nickelson — All Christmas Tournament

GIRLS' SOFTBALL

- Kelly Chmiel — All-Conference Infielder — 2nd Year

GIRLS' BASKETBALL

- Stacey Anderson — Unanimous All-Conference
1st Team All-Area
2nd Team All-Area
Honorable Mention All-Area
- Colleen Dabbert — All-Area Honorable Mention
- Cheryl Bestler — All-Area Honorable Mention

GIRLS' SWIMMING

- Jackie Hildebrand — "Most Valuable"
Freshman Record: 200 yd. Freestyle
School and Freshman Record: 200 yd. Individual Medley
Freshman Record: 100 yd. Butterfly
Freshman Record: 100 yd. Freestyle
School, Pool, Freshman Record: 500 yd. Freestyle
Freshman Record: 100 yd. Breaststroke
State Qualifier — 200 yd. Individual Medley — 12th Place
State Qualifier — 500 yd. Freestyle — 18th Place
Tribune Athlete of the Week
- Amy Noffsinger — Freshman Record — 6 Dives

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- Erik Duus — All-Conference 2nd Team
Coach's Senior Award
Co-Captain
- David Gomez — All-Conference 2nd Team
Most Valuable
Co-Captain
- Juan Mendoza — Unanimous All-Conference 1st Team
All-State Player
Most Valuable

Baseball from a bench-warmer's view

by Kevin Smith

Now as the end of the year is here and seniors destroy freshmen lockers, we all look back at the year and remember what has happened to us.

So I look back on the year of baseball, and give these special awards to special people, schools, or teams. This list was compiled from the eyes of the sophomore baseball team.

You may ask, "Why the sophomore team?, the varsity is the real team." Well the answer to this is that I played (sort of) for the sophomore team and could easily see these events happening.

So on to the awards, since I was the only judge and don't need to ask for an envelope.

The first award is for the most comfort-

able bench. This is important because sitting down was about the best thing I did all year, and I judge each bench with a sensitive rear. The award goes to Naperville North who had the only bench with backs. Also they were the only school with a dug-out, a bench sitters delight.

On the other side of the subject there is the award for the least comfortable bench. A non-gifted player may experience nightmares about these. The award goes to Oswego High School, who gave me more than one splinter on their marvelous seventeenth century model.

The next couple of awards go to the fans. The people we thank for coming to our games and showing their support.

The first award is for the most fans at one game. The number was 41 for a game against Glenbard North on April 30, which we won 3-1. During this game fans were strewn all about the field and more than

one was not paying attention.

The least number of fans that ever showed up to a game was on May 7. This game We-go lost 8-4 to Wheaton Central.

Another "fan" related item involves the woman who lived behind our field. Occasionally a foul ball would stray into her backyard. On April 25, in a game against Naperville Central she got angry and took one of the balls. After yelling at our coach and several players, she threatened to take any more balls that she found in her yard. From that point on "guards" were put on her sidewalk to prevent balls from getting into her yard.

The award for the baseball field most resembling a dust bowl goes to Glenbard East High School. Just stepping on this field sent up a cloud of dust that would hide a player for up to five minutes. Luckily it was not windy outside, otherwise you could not see across the field.

The award for the most giving umpire

goes to the umpire of the April 25 game against Naperville Central. This umpire gave a certain Wildcat batter four strikes before finally calling him out. If only we had that umpire for all of our games.

The final award is my favorite. It is the award for the most memory lapses in one game. A memory lapse is when the umpire yells, "Strike three!" and the batter quickly turns around and says, "What? Strike?" This is usually followed by the batter standing in the box for a minute or two trying to remember where and who he is.

This illustrious award goes to the St. Francis Spartans. On April 11 they had six of these memory lapses.

So as we say good-bye to our school for another summer we look back at all of our experiences fondly. That is except for some embarrassment. Like a certain sports columnist's picture which has long since been burned. Good-bye, and have a nice summer.

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