

1981

From the Editors

When the Big Chiefs were chosen it was clear that Paul had taken a new direction during the last week of camp. For the first time in many years, I was left with an awesome responsibility: getting out the camp Yearly. For years it has been a two man job, but this year the team was diminished slightly.

As you read through this book, recall the good times, the fun times, and the warm memories that you will carry with you forever. When the leaves change, the snow falls again and the flowers bloom once again, take this book and glance at your cabin photo. Remember the laughs you had with your cabin. Remember the Time Capsule we read on the last night at camp, recall all the super programs you participated in during the summer.

I know the credits page is at the end of the book, but so much has happened during the "final days" that some people have been overlooked. To the Euer family, what can I say? Your help in every way & your constant support has made this book possible. (Thanks Georgia & Mike.) To Gary Nolan, thank you for being there when needed. To Rick Poole, those hard, long, hours in the darkroom paid off. Linda, Joe, and Art, thanks for your help in typing. You gave of your spare time and I am grateful. Perry G., thanks for your help in the past, present, and future.

The summer has come and gone...the buses will be here soon and we will all say goodbye, until the trails start once more...

Mike Lurie
Publisher/Editor

What can I say? He said it all. Its been a great summer. I sort of got my cake and ate it too. Yearbook and a Big Chief. Thanks all. Thanks Ron for your trust and confidence that I could do both. I am very grateful to all campers and staff and I shall always remember the Trail's of 1981.

Paul Warshauer
Editor/Big Chief



Memo

from

Manny...



This year's theme at Camp Waupaca was "More Fun in '81!" How true this is when one could witness the excitement, the enthusiasm, and of course the spirit that Camp Waupaca is known for.

On June 21st, one hundred boys boarded the buses at Old Orchard for the journey to fun. Upon arrival they were greeted by some old as well as new faces. Cabin assignments were made, friends were made, and of course the announcement: "Everyone into the Dining Hall!" The friendly surroundings of the horseshoe and cabin area meant that the beginning of camp was upon us once more.

There were many people to meet: cabin mates, table mates, counselors and campers alike. Before you knew it, the call came for the first activity.

And so went the program for the first four weeks. The many different activities of camp dominated the program: nature, photography, riflery, wrestling, track, baseball, basketball, archery, swimming, waterskiing, crafts, golf and tennis. Campers were treated to a new expanded mini-bike class. All in all, there were few free moments. The days were packed with competition, classes, and special events.

I am sure that many of you will long remember the beautiful 4th of July display that was held at the waterfront. I can still hear the "ooohs" and "aahs" of the campers as our rockets and various displays of color shot upwards into the darkened summer sky.

The first four weeks seemed to fly by so quickly. On July 19th we bid a fond farewell to our first four week campers. We were extremely pleased on the parent visiting day as to all of the favorable comments received. Boys and their parents were thrilled with the experiences of the summer. Many boys had been experiencing camp for the first time. It is always a pleasure to see the happy faces heading for home - but longing to return yet again for another summer at Waupaca.

The boys who remained in camp had barely enough time to say good-bye to their friends when we were off to the Amherst County Fair that very same evening. Our own "Froggy" entered the Demolition Derby for still another crack at fame and fortune. It was very exciting when all of the campers stood and cheered for the Frogmobile and its driver, Paul Warshauer. Soon, it was off to the amusement area: games, contests, rides, prizes, refreshments - without question, this was one of the best fairs in recent years.

On Monday, July 20, the buses came rolling in at lunchtime with the largest second half enrollment we have ever had at Waupaca. Camp was full of campers and spirit. New mixed with old, and the program was off to a flying start.

From our exciting Olympics program at the end of the first session, we jumped right into our action-packed Sports Spectacular at the outset of the second session. As the weeks rolled by, so did the special events: NCAA Day, Gold Rush, the World Series, and the Blue-White War. It was easy to see from the smiles all around camp that enjoyment was everywhere on those bright clear days of summer.

It would be impossible for camp to be a success without the help and dedication of our staff and the many hours of extra work that makes the difference between a good summer and a great one. We are deeply grateful to our entire staff for making our summer a memorable one for every single one of our Waupaca campers.

There are many staff members who return year after year to give our camp that extra touch of spirit and tradition. We are deeply grateful to our cooks and kitchen staff; Andrea Wanty who heads the cooking team did more than her share to make sure that our every need was satisfied. A special thanks to you, Andrea, and to the others who helped ease our growling stomachs through another fine summer of camp meals.

Our nurses deserve a standing ovation for the tenderness and concern evident in their dealings with all of our campers, regardless of need - from a small scratch or stomach ache - to the tender loving care needed by some campers to overcome a touch of homesickness. To both Maxine Greenstein and Linda Fastow, we are glad to have had you on our team.

A special thanks to Warren Metzdorff who started work in April to get camp ready for the summer. Camp looked great due in a large part to all of Warren's extra efforts and concern.

Many special people make contributions at camp. I would like to extend my personal and heart-felt thanks to Dick Garb for helping out during the Olympics and the Blue-White War, to Georgia Euer for her work in the office, to Brett Wanty for his work on maintenance, to Sonya Wanty for her help with canteen and in the kitchen, to Bob Mowen for his assistance on parent's day and on our CIT camping trip, to Steve Stolz for once again heading our ski department, and to Rick Poole for his work on the new Barbecue pit and his work at the nature center.

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This year our campers were treated to a very special tripping program. It was different, challenging, exciting and certainly very adventurous. We know the campers will long remember their experience at Hartman Creek. Gorp, anyone? Dick Rist - thanks for all the time and energy spent in preparing our tripping program.

This summer we would certainly have been lost if not for the expert programming talents of Ray Krysh. In addition to providing for our competition, tribes, tripping and Olympics programs, Ray handled our CIT group - providing those special trips that makes our Village and Cabin CIT program one of the best anywhere. Ray - you have truly been one of the reasons for our camp's success, and we hope that you will be with us, planning and bringing to life, the camp program in the years to come.

Working with Ray in our program department, Ron Lavine, an eighteen year veteran at Waupaca was also on hand for most of the summer. Though away for the first three weeks of camp doing doctoral research in education, Ron managed to help bring many of our camp programs to life upon his return.

As the camp director, there is a limit to what I can handle myself. The devoted assistance of Mike Euer, who has been at camp since 1968, makes my job more manageable and makes the operation of the camp in its present diverse nature a true quality production. The many responsibilities that Mike carries out so well would take another year-book to list. Mike - without your constant and unwavering concern, we would be struggling along without the strand that ties our camp operations together.

To Mike and Ron and Ray: the thanks is in knowing how grateful the campers truly are for the summer you have just guided us through.

A very special thanks goes to Mike Lurie and Rick Curley for volunteering to upgrade our camp communication system to one of the finest in any camp around. Imagine - every cabin with a speaker to

carry our announcements and keep the program moving. My appreciation to you both for this fine technical addition to our camp environment.

As you read through the pages of this yearbook over and over again, you will have fond memories of the people, places and things that shaped your summer vacation. The gates of camp are closed now, but the moments you shared with friends will live on in the spirit and actions of the person you have become as summer winds its way into fall.

This beautiful yearbook which provides the key to those golden memories would not have been possible without the many hours of hard work and behind the scenes organization by Mike Lurie and Paul Warshauer. Treasure this book; enjoy it. Read it over and over - and I hope that you can relive many of the happiest moments that camp brought to the summer. Thank you Mike - for your work at the range and on the book. Thank you Paul - for all the spirit and dramatic and special talents that you bring to camp for our enjoyment every summer.

There is a silence now that has come over camp with the closing of another summer's session. This, however, is only temporary. So until we meet again at our winter reunion - I hope that you can keep our camp spirit alive in your minds and in your hearts.

Have a great year at home with your family and friends, and at school with your classmates and teachers. And until the familiar sounds of "We are the kids of Stratton Lake" once again rings out over the grounds at Waupaca,, we bid you good-bye for 1981. We are looking forward to the summer of 1982.

Sincerely,

Manny & Lil Desnet
Camp Waupaca for Boys

Office



It's time once again to write another yearbook article from the office. What do I say? The office work is pretty much the same from year-to-year--only the people change.

One more week of camp is left--where has the summer gone? The action-packed, dynamic, Blue and White War is almost upon us, and I feel like this should be the end of the first four!

The summer of 1981 is about to come to a close. I hope you had a great time! As you read this yearbook throughout the year, I hope you will recall all of the great times you had throughout the summer. Remember your cabin mates, your counselors, your class instructors, and your friends.

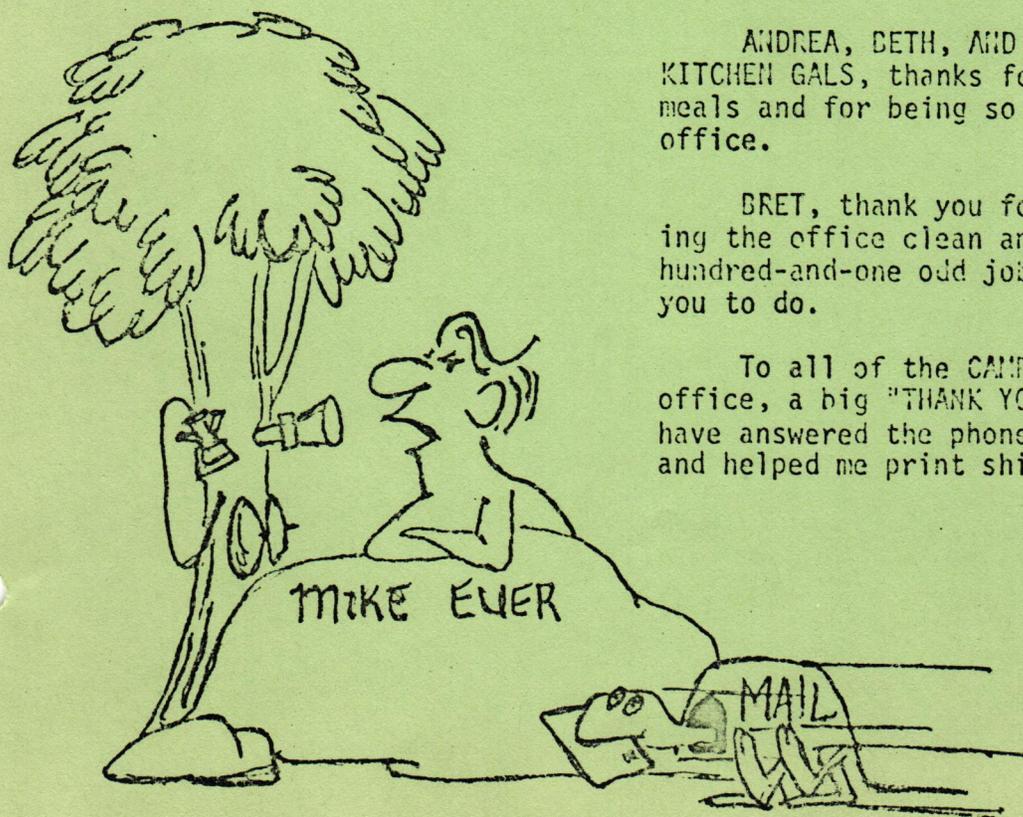
As Assistant Director, I have the great opportunity to work with both campers and staff. It has been an interesting summer, and all of you have been GREAT.

Thank you, MANNY, for all you have done for me and my family. Working with you is a pleasure.

ANDREA, BETH, AND ALL THE KITCHEN GALS, thanks for all of those delicious meals and for being so cooperative with the office.

BRET, thank you for your help in keeping the office clean and for doing the hundred-and-one odd jobs that I have asked you to do.

To all of the CAMPERS who helped in the office, a big "THANK YOU." So many times you have answered the phone, delivered messages, and helped me print shirts.



To GEORGIA, a special thanks for your help in the office and wherever you have been needed.

MAXINE AND LINDA, thanks for all of the many things you've done for the campers and for your cooperation with the office.

To Warren, thanks for all of the many extras you have done this year.

Many thanks, RON, for your cooperation with the office when you have planned your many superb programs.

MIKE LURIE and PAUL WARSHAUER have helped so many, many times. Thanks for all you have done.

To the rest of the staff, thanks for a job well done. Your cooperation and patience has been greatly appreciated this summer.

Thus, the summer of '81 has come to a close. I hope you had a great time here at CAMP WAUPACA. Have a GREAT school year wherever you are -- and start packing for '82.

'Till next summer,
Mike Euer,
Assistant Camp Director

Infirmary

It seems like just yesterday we opened the infirmary with its' brand new floor and bright fluorescent lighting, with its' cheerful and sometimes thought-provoking posters on the walls! Yet, here we are, winding things up for another season.

The infirmary has been perhaps the most interesting and busy place in camp. Problems, big and small, always found their way to the infirmary. Whether we were doing "major surgery" on Matt Beldon's Dino the Dinosaur whose insides were spilling all over the place, or giving instructions to Karamath Khan on how to mend a seam, lending a safety pin to Paul Warshauer for the play, ironing a collar for Alan Hochman or Ken Lapins, cutting Mitchell Bass' bangs (not too professionally-barbers we're not) or mending a hurt, physical or emotional, the infirmary was a busy place from morning until night (and sometimes into and during the night!).

Linda and I gave 147 allergy injections, mixed innumerable gargles, gave out a ton of aspirins, gallons of Donnagel, and countless bandaids, not to mention the bumps, bruises, sprains, strains, stings, bites, blisters, scratches, scrapes and splinters we treated.

This year is perhaps a first; no camper broke a finger, toe, hand, foot, or any other bone. We did have a run on stiches though, with Adam Levinson having a run in with a garbage dumptster (Adam lost), Dan Mostovoy having a run in with a tree (he also lost), and Steve Reitmeister colliding with a cement post (guess who won!). We also had a few swimmers ears, sunburned noses, pink eye, and chapped lips in addition to the backaches, toeaches, headaches and stomachaches!



At the end we had several flus, with campers competing for the longest stay in the infirmary with breakfast in bed, T.V., and comic books. Who could ask for more?

We would like to thank all those who helped us take good care of the health and safety of the campers. Manny, of course, and Mike and Georgia Euer for their availability; Andrea and the rest of the kitchen staff for their help in getting food for our "quarantined" campers and for helping those campers with special food requirements. We would like to also thank Warren Metzdorff for his always being there whether we needed a driver to the Emergency Room, a bed moved, or the many things he repaired for us. And we'd like to thank the counsellors and campers-especially the CIT's- who always came through when we asked them to do things- even things like carrying out the garbage. But, especially, we'd like to thank all the boys, big and small, who made our summer so much fun and one we will always remember. We wish you all a healthy, happy and productive school year, and we hope to see you all next year.

Maxine Greenstein, R.N.
Linda Lee Fastow, R.N.
Camp Nurses

Special Assignment...

SPECIAL ASSIGNMENTS TEAM: n. specially trained group of individuals performing special tasks of occasional importance.

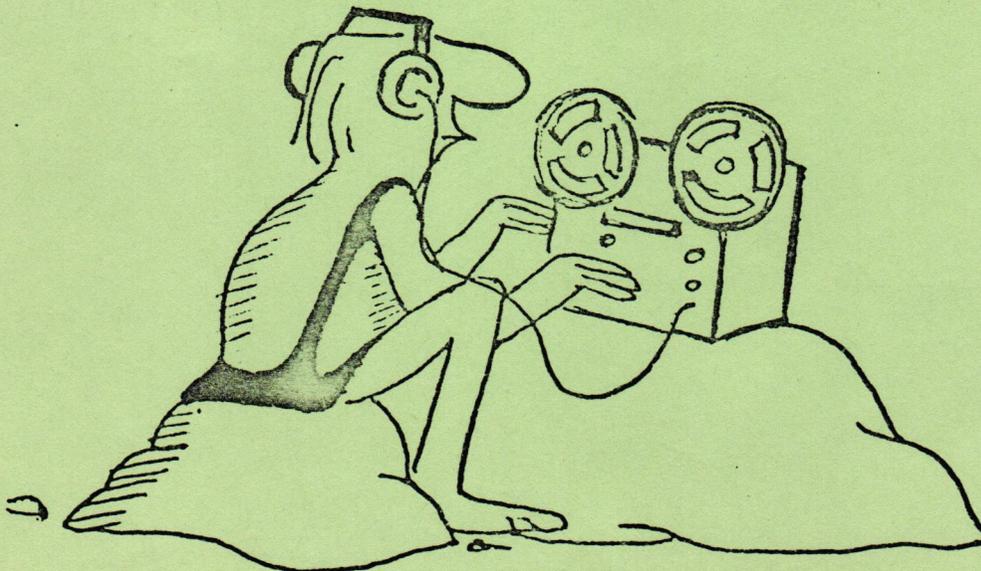
- The Ron Lavine Unabridged Dictionary of Camp Terms (Vol. 12)

The Camp Waupaca Special Assignments Team: Rick Curley, Phil Goldberg, and Mike Lurie was formed to meet the challenge of the many special tasks that need to be accomplished each summer. Under the expert and dictatorial direction of Ray Krysh, the group blossomed into a finely oiled productive machine-like operation.

Among our many special assignments: cutting the grass, draining the courts, cleaning (almost everything), running to town, printing shirts, and of course, installing speakers. Aiding the team on missions of special importance were Paul Warshauer and Warren Metzdorff - who came to the rescue as we dammed up Lake Stratton.

It was a truly unique experience and the team had quite a bit of fun. With the aid of the high performance "Special Assignment Pick Up Truck" and the driving of Rick "A.J. Foyt" Curley, we managed to cover all the trouble spots in camp.

Phil Goldberg
Special Assignments Director



Kitchen

Another summer has passed and we the Kitchen Staff can say "We survived". We have met new people and made many special friends.

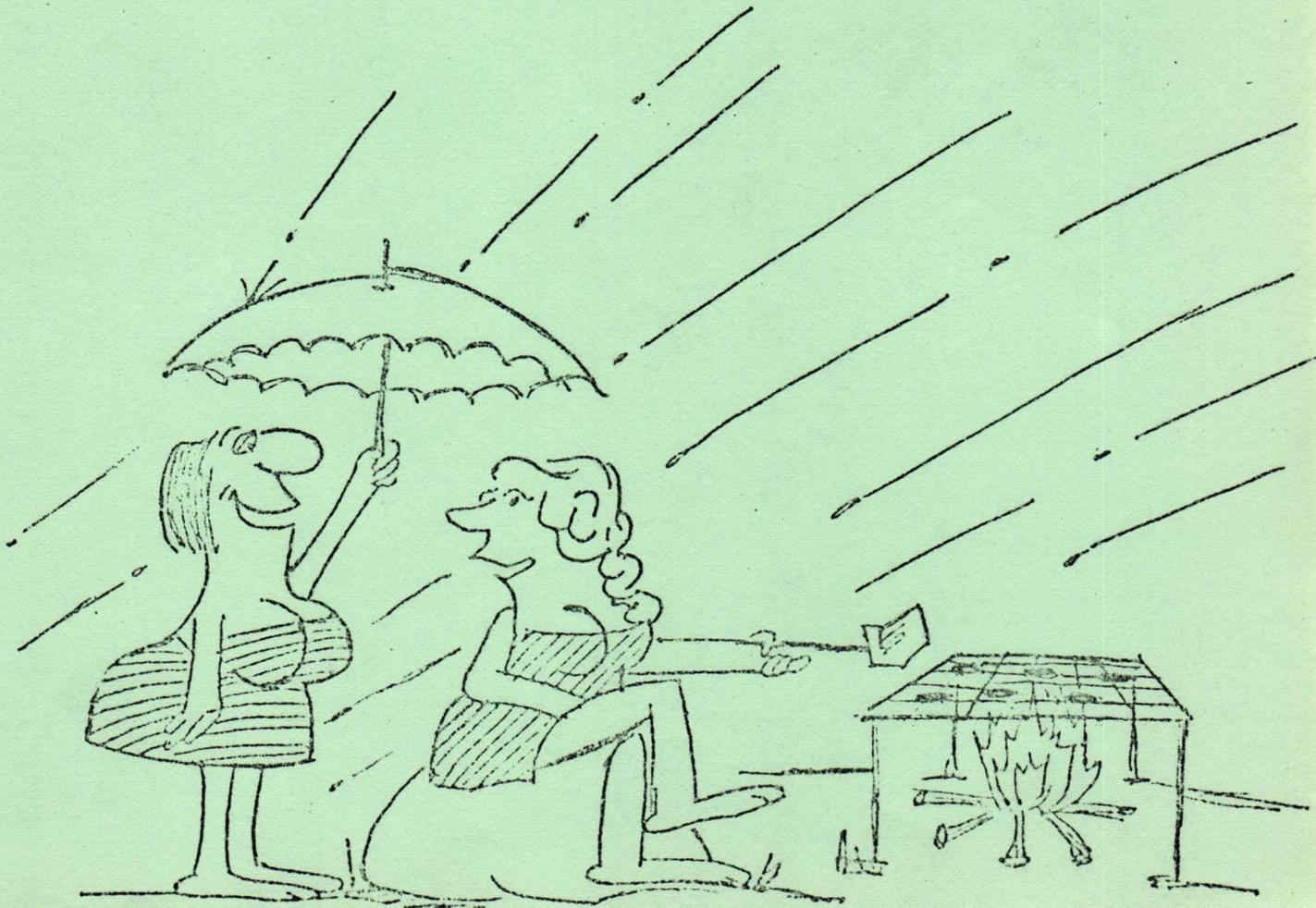
We will always remember many incidents such as Beth Desnets' attempt to work one day in the kitchen and Sonyas' great plate breaking expedition, Joe Shockey and Dan Bowie keeping us company while waxing floors. Also, Paul Warshauer and Jeff Rissman who came to visit the mess hall just to scare the night lights out of us. Thanks for keeping us awake.

A special thanks goes to Steve Olsher, Mitch Goldstein, and Ross Berkson for the super help they gave us with the dirty dishes. To you Mike Lurie, Rick Curley, and Phil Goldberg we hope your experience as Steak-umms Chefs will help you in the future.

Could anyone forget that spectacular Chinese supper or delicious duck sauce. Our hats are off to you Paul Warshauer.

How could we forget the addition to our staff, Gary Nolan. Next year Gary will be returning as our official Coffee Boy.

Serving dessert was one of the things we looked forward to, especially Annette and chocolate pudding, birds in the



wilderness and the begging and pleading for and extra dessert.

Steve Stoltz brings back fond memories of maple syrup on corn bread. Also doing campers laundry is another experience. We won't forget all the washing machines being used, confusing the laundry and also waiting until midnight to eat!

It is so hard to say good-bye with all these memories and happenings. We will always remember this year as an exciting and happy summer. Thank you and we love you.

Andrea Wanty
Beth Johnson
Judy Van Zummeran
Cooks

Annette Deuman
Melanie Drew
Marvie Landis
Sonya Wanty
Kitchen Girls

Maintenance

Maintenance was great this year: raking leaves, cleaning cabins, mowing the grass, painting the notorious White Rocks, and cleaning our favorite bathrooms.

I would like to thank Bob Mowen for helping me on parent's day. Thanks, Bob!

The cleanest bathroom award goes to Cabins 5-6. Mike Hollobow wins the Golden Plunger Award.

Good-bye and good luck!

Brett Wanty
Maintenance Engineer

