

Special Activities

What a year for special activities! From cheers and antics in the mess hall to fun evening activities, we had something for everyone's spirits, and always fun for all. The idea of having extra activities that are not competitive adds to the flavor of camp. Evenings by the campfire relaxing, telling jokes and stories are what many of us remember for years to come.

We started out our first week with a talent night. Who can forget Brian McCarrall's elephant jokes or the CIT's rendition of Cha Cha Cha with Rob Eszak, Jeff Levine (he prefers his stage name, Lenee), Robert Katz, and Mitch Goldstein. We also met Aretha, Robert Katz's friend who was an Aires till the day she dies, (check it out...hmmph.) We learned the various claps like the watr-mellon clap, the cantaloupe clap, and we even learned how we have such fine entertainment at such low prices... VOLUME! Also after some of the acts we would ask, "Is he funny, or what? " Many answered, "...or what!"

We had such talent the first week we followed quickly the second week with another Amateur Night. This time in themess hall we heard Cabin 1 return with Ross Berkson and the Centa Players in the Centapede, and Scott Rubin dancing to Michal Jackson's Beat It. Eric Fine was hysterical as Joan Rivers...just like Vegas, and Bobby and PAul Frank did the midget act calling it Melvin's Morning. Charlie Friedberg told us How to Be Successful, and Chad Rosenberg, Eddie Schotz, and Jon Goldman played The Price Is Wrong. Jared Cohler played a piano number for real while Andy Costello and Scott Leva hammed it up with a classical number. I am certain no-one will forget Seth Kramer's Ghost Story and those funny sound effects.

During the movies we sometimes had a raffle and wonderful prizes. Remember a magazine someone won? We did follow through on delivery altho the pages were a bit edited, right Jared?

Las Vegas Night came up soon and all the staff turned their hand to dealing. Horse racing, a raffle, Craps, and even a friendly loan shark were on hand until some high winds closed the casino. We did continue it a few nights later, tho.

Of course during the meals at the beginning of camp we were looking for a new head of the Institute of Science vacated by a former staff. We had many entries such as Joe Landusky for his driving skills, Rick Poole for his ability to freeze and keep cold certain fluids, Brian Rosenberg for his research in space and so on. We did find one counsellor who could do almost anything from auto mechanics to poetry and computers...Bryan Garness.

The drama classes were only to happy to recite

If I were a counsellor...Josh did his mother, Maxine,
(Its hot outside, drink lots of waaaater), Bobby Pine
did Page Buchanan, (Grease your hair, Pencil thin).
And Alan Genender did Bruce Meyer, (I am strong...ooh,
don't touch.)

The staff always gets a kick out of the message game so we gave the staff unusual things to do. We gave the staff Flashdance, The Fountain of Youth, and Leon Sphinx to name a few.

On Sunday night during the 3rd week we got the staff together for the Staff Superstar competition. We teamed up the Preppies, led by Steve Burkhardt against the Valley Girls led by Craig Layne. What outfits. Who will forget Warren's lovely ensemble? Competiting in sheer action packed events such as cracker eating/whistling, and the challenging yodeling competition, the staff amused us all. The tennis ball into the can strapped on a partner event is always popular and we were not dissapointed to see houses of cards and cups stretch up to the sky, (altho we did run short of cards, eh, Dick Rist?)

One morning we imported Mr. Frogg of France for our fashion show. We had West Side Story greasers Joe Landusk and Rick Theiler, lots of camouflagers like Andy Costello Bryan Mallin, Brian Garness and others. Jason Goldsmith came with a Tiffany racing jacket out of silver ,while Mitch Goldstein wore the famous fishnet shirt used for wearing or catching. Harold Pine did show us that shorts could be worn shoulder high. Thanks to Rick Poole for playing number 43 on the piano frequently.

We did import cuisine from the orient for our big ORIENTAL Feast. Egg rolls, hand made of course, delicious beef and chicken teriyaki, egg drop soup, and those wonderful fortune cookies all added atmosphere. What was wonderful also was the great number of campers who got into the spirit by dressing for the occasion. That's great spirit, guys.

Our fourth week we had a Television Commercial Night and boy did we have some great ideas. Mrs. Katz, Levine and Pine, and Eszak performed the Log-o-matic and spattered us all. Cabin 3 did Foamy's ability to hold back the Edge rollercoaster. Mrs. Fine, Fisher and Levy had some birth control ideas. Of course Gary Schotz starred with the goldfish in the Commodore Vic 20 computer commercial. Baretz, Cole and Costello as infants tried to sell us quilted pampers and Wally, Jeff Samuels, and Paul Frank tried to sell us Colgate toothpaste. Cabin Nine exposed Cooking with Pam. Johnny Walker even led a "This is a test alert".

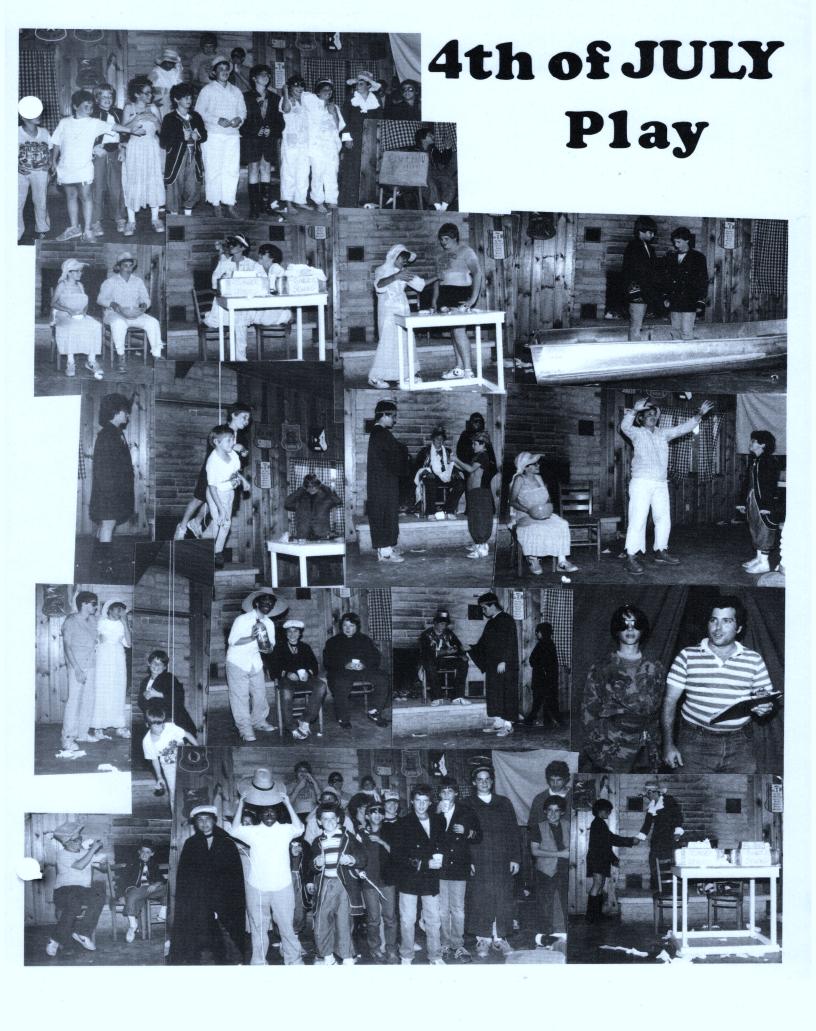
Zeus did make an unusual entrance this year in a parasail towed behind the ski boat. After a dramatic start, Zeus rose to an altitude of 60 feet above Lake Stratton and settled gently down again and began the Olympics. There were terrorists at the Olympics that demanded their country Diarrea be accepted as a playing nation. If not they would carry out their execution of the smartest hostage---Ross Berkson. They wanted golf carts for all athletes, air conditioned bunk houses, and unlimited soft drinks. Their demands weren't met.

After the first four weekers went home we loaded up and went to see the Portage County Fair. Demo Derby Action and lots of rides and goodies made the evening a great blast. Tilt o'whirl, the Zipper, and all those carnival booths made it easy to have fun.

We did have another talent night the second four and we found some additionallly remarkable acts. Who can forget T. J. Max with Mssr.Flank, Resnick, Slutsky, Spitz, and Drexler. Cabin 8 did the Ugliest man inthe world and Cabin Seven had some exotic cheerleaders. Musically we had Eddie Wise as Mick Jagger and Scott Rubin again as Michael Jackson. Danny Drexler read 144 ways to get a girl and Gary Alterson showed us how to get Ready for a Date. What a night! Mike Schechtman and Gary Nudlman strung us along with Five Suckers on a line. Gotcha!

So after all the cheers and talent we really had a lot of fun. It is this spirit I hope we all can remember. See ya next year with new and exciting activities.

Paul "Froggie" Warshauer Special Activities Director & Spirit Man.



4th of July

What a day! The 4th of July came before we even knew it. First a regular day of classes...but during the day the mess hall gradually took on the shape of the Performing Arts Center. Curtains went up, rowboats and props moved in, and lights were strung. It looked a little like Broadway had come to Waupaca. At showtime the actors readied themselves in costume and makeup and when the audience got settled, the play began. Afterwards we all rushed down to the waterfront to see the dazzling array of fireworks bought in Missouri by Mike Euer just for camp. Wow! After the pyrotechnic display into the mess hall for sundaes. A truly great day. Below is a cast list of the play.

An Original Burlesque Written by the Drama
Classes

The Birth of the Fireworks Industry

Mel, a camera store owner....Perry Cooper Wing, a loyal employee.....Brian McCarrall Wang, a trusted employee.....Jeremy Cooper Thomas Jefferson...........Owen Justice

Benedict Arnold Invents a New Egg Dish

Ben Arnold (On the run).....Mike Schenk Auntie Em (who's crazy).....Paul Frank Uncle Henry (Chicken farmer).Jason Goldsmith

The Liberty Bell Inspires Ma Bell

Ma Bell (A nag)................Robert Eszak
Alex Bell (an inventor.....Ricky Horwitz
Me! Bell (His snooty Brother).Jeff Levine (Le-Nee)

Betsy Ross Takes on the Union

Betsy Ross (busninesswoman...Larry Schneider Solly Singer (Magnate)......Gary Schotz: Harry Hoffa (Union big wig)..Adam Goldstein Pedro (A garment worker)....Jim Feinstein Chico (A garment worker)....Matt Glass

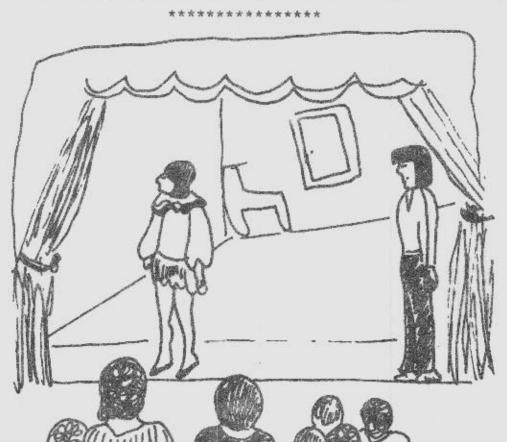
The Writing of the Important Papers

The Boston Tea/Seven-Up Party

Lord Dorkhead (a Govenor)...Mitch Bass Lord Aspic (an Admiral)....Steve Ellis Jamaica Joe (A pub owner)...Scott Leva Adam Adams (a Colonial)....David Euer Jack Jackson (A Colonial)...Steve Wanty

Lighting by Rick Poole from designs by Steve Stolz Stage Manager was Elliott Baretz Some props loaned by Dick Rist Safety pins supplied by Maxine & the infirmary Curtains made by Andrea Wanty & family Some costumes supplied by Lori Oswald & kitchen staff

Produced and Directed by Paul Warshauer



Gold Rush

This year was one of the greatest Gold Rush Days in history. First of all two crusty old prospectors, Eb and Zeek (Cliff and Forggie) came to tell us there was gold in them there fields, (after boring us with stale jokes) then everyone dashed into the fields to gather as much "gold" (gold painted stones) as they could carry plus items that had been in Eb and Zeeks mine for years. After everybody gathered the rocks they brought them to the assayers office at the canteen and got money by the pound. This money was used to spend at the carnival booths set up during the morning.

Cabini did a great job in their Amazing Maze, which was made out of chairs and sheets; alot of delightful surprises were found in the maze. Also they did Burn the Goalie. Cabin 2 had a bottle knock down and other midway games. Cabin 3 had a dart shoot at some letters of Gold Rush. Cabin Four had basketball-sponge toss. Cabin Six had a jail and bar. Cabin Seven had pop the knockers. Cabin Eight, came in second with their wonderful fashion show. Our first place winner was Cabin Nine with a Travel Thru Time in which they acted out various periods of man's history. Cabin 11 did Flaming Miniature Golf. Cabin 14 had a Sumo wrestling in which you paid to wrestle a member of the cabin. Cabin 16 did an Old West Casino complete with

robbery and music provided by John Riff of the piano. Cabin 15 had a six hole miniature golf in the horseshoe with ramps and screens. The CITs did a strong man event with arm wrestling, leg wrestling and a ring the bell hammer/mallet hit. After two hours of carnival and loads of fun cleanup commenced. Everyone said it had been the best in years. Eb and Zeek dissapeared into the backwoods hopefully to return next year.

By Steve Wanty

