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College All-America Stars

Ernest Allmendinger, University of Michigan, 1917

Ernie Vick, University of Michigan, 1921

Robert Brown, University of Michigan, 1925

Bennie Oosterbaan, University of Michigan, 1925-26-27

Maynard Morrison, University of Michigan, 1931

"Biggie" Munn, University of Michigan, 1931

Harry Newman, University of Michigan, 1932

Whitey Wistert, University of Michigan, 1933

Regis Monahan, Ohio State University, 1934

Earl M. Brown, University of Notre Dame, 1938

Ralph Heikkinen, University of Michigan, 1938

John Pingel, Michigan State University, 1938

Edward Frutig, University of Michigan, 1940

Vince Banonis, University of Detroit, 1941

Dr. Julius Franks, University of Michigan, 1942

Leon Hart, University of Notre Dame, 1947-48-49

Don Coleman, Michigan State University, 1951

Al Dorow, Michigan State University, 1951

Lowell Perry, University of Michigan, 1951

Donald Dohoney, Michigan State University, 1953

Larry Fowler, Michigan State University, 1953

Ron Kramer, University of Michigan, 1955-56

Norman Masters, Michigan State University, 1955

Walter Kowalczyk, Michigan State University, 1957

Dean Look, Michigan State University, 1959

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PRESENTATION OF COLLEGE SCHOLAR-ATHLETE AWARD

To Steve A. Juday, Michigan State University
By John S. Pingel

PRESENTATION OF THE WILLIE HESTON AWARD

To Lyman L. Frymodig, Michigan State University, 1916
By Dr. John A. Hannah
President, Michigan State University

PRESENTATION OF HARVEY BARCUS AWARD

To Don Lund, 1940 All-State High School Team
By Harvey Barcus

PRINCIPAL SPEAKER

The Honorable Gerald R. Ford
United States Congressman from Michigan

PRESENTATION OF CITIZEN SPORTSMAN AWARD

To The Honorable Gerald R. Ford
By Carl Rentschler
President, Detroit Chapter, National Football Foundation

PRESENTATION OF THE DETROIT NEWS ALL-STATE HIGH SCHOOL COACH OF THE YEAR AWARD

By John Walter,
Sports Writer, The Detroit News

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The Detroit News 1965 ALL-STATE HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL TEAM

End—Dennis Wirgowski, Bay City Central
Coach—Elmer Engel

Tackle—Jim VanWoerkom, Muskegon High
Coach—Roger Chiaverini

Guard—Leroy Jackson, Pontiac Central
Coach—Paul Dellerba

Center—Ken Burchfield, Adrian High
Coach—Gary McNitt

Guard—Doug Cooper, Denby High
Coach—Roger Parmentier

Tackle—Bill Otto, Notre Dame High
Coach—Walter Bazylewicz

End—Calvin Fox, Battle Creek Central
Coach—Jack Finn

Back—Dave Ripmaster, Grand Rapids Creston
Coach—Joe McGee

Back—Jim Novar, Flint Northwestern
Coach—Dave Brines

Back—Tom Weinmann, Ann Arbor High
Coach—Jay Stielstra

Back—John Gabler, Royal Oak Kimball
Coach—Paul Temerian

COACH OF THE YEAR FOR 1965 Elmer Engel—Bay City Central High School

THE HIGH SCHOOL ALL-STATE TABLE SPONSORED BY
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Speech
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MINORITY LEADER

United States
House of Representatives

J/M

There were my
notes for this speech.
Might save for 2
have possibility
other requests



Every time you hear your name 12/2/05
resume / it sounds like you can't keep a job.

National Football Hall of Fame

Self concerns
Curious

Rotary Invitation -

Bur. of Internal Revenue -

Still a Sports Enthusiast - proud of it

Batting averages - baseball

Running / Passing / Receiving - football
Brown / Burroughs / Parks

Out of 11 years of football player/coach

I have only "one" prejudice.

MONDAY MORNING QUARTERBACK

Learned to admire teammates who
played more than I

Learned to respect opponents
that could block, tackle
or who generally gave me a
bad time.

Became reconciled to the close
games we lost.

I still have an aversion, or dislike
for M/M/Q.

Jurgenson - Redskins
Cowboys



Thin - should

(2)

We have "them" in politics - just as difficult.

a). floor strategy - leave it stand and + improvement

Just like the "loud critics in stand" who never played but who know all the answers.

Necessary Evil

EXCELLENCE - Talk for a few minutes.

I want everyone to seek it; even though most will not.

Howard seems appropos to speak of Excellence here because so many here in their day, in one field or another they have reached the mark.

Fair to point out - the Standard for determining EXCELLENCE in one era may not be the Standard in another,

It is my impression I) ATHLETICS - Higher today in every spot except boxing Clay, Liston or Patterson no match for Dempsey, Trenary, Louis.



Football - apologize for tending on two

Teams today are better

Coaching techniques superior

Players more highly specialized

" " fully developed
+ bigger.

Track -

Basketball -

II) Academics - seems to me our
youth are required to learn
more + at an earlier age
Possible because:
1) Better trained teachers
2) Finer equipment

new mathematics

III Spirit / Patriotism

This is an intangible - no way
to measure.

We all know it makes a DIFFERENCE
in an athletic contest. Many superior
teams have lost because / also won

Changing from those contests on
gymnasion
basketball court

To the world or more specifically
the United States.

Some allege the Youth of the
1960's do not have a sense
of patriotism because of
beatniks, draft card-burners
and the like.

I would reply - ^① these
are a small proportion
of today's YOUTH - They
realize that their
generation like all previous
generations may be called-
upon ^{someday} & when they are
they will reach the
same standard of EXCELLENCE
as their forefathers.

They will do whatever
is necessary to keep America
strong at home or abroad.



December 2, 1965

Jerry;

You asked me for a few thoughts that you might incorporate in your speech tonight, so I have come^{up} with the following--for whatever they are worth to you.

Your speech is more or less directed to the Detroit News 1965 All-State Team. This can be to your advantage in-so-much as that 35 years ago you were in their position (thereby immediately making you one of their clan) and you might stress that it was the Detroit News All-State Team that you were named to, for they are Co-Sponsors of this awards dinner.

You might go into how you felt when it became known to you that you made the All-State Team and even carry this thought further by telling them your experience as to the difference between high school and college football.

I need not tell you the necessity of the 11 men on the football field working as a team or unit. My thought in bringing this up is to stress the need of such team work in running the Government of the United States for the United States is in the same position as the number one football team in the nation--when you are number one, every other football team or nation will work hard to knock you off the perch.

You might dwell a little on the necessity of higher education for these All-State boys.

The coaches of these 11 boys will all be present at the banquet and sitting at a table next to the All-State Team. You might give them a plug for we know they are very essential and that they must love their work, for their compensation is not too great.



Directly below the head table will be seated 26 former All-Americans and to help you on any comments you might care to make on them I will list below who they are:

Ernest Allmendinger--U. of M.'17
 Ernie Vick-----U. of M.'21
 Bennie Oosterbaan----U. of M.'25'26'27
 Robert Brown-----U. of M.'25
 Maynard Morrison-----U. of M.'31
 Biggie Munn-----Un. of Minnesota'31
 Harry Newman-----U. of M.'32
 Whitey Wistert-----U. of M.'33
 J. Regis Monahan-----Ohio State'34
 Ralph Heikkinen-----U. of M.'38
 Earl Brown-----Notre Dame'38
 Edward Frutig-----U. of M.'40
 Vince Banonis-----Un. of Detroit'41
 Julius Franks-----U. of M.'42
 Leon Hart-----Notre Dame'47'48'49
 Al Dorow-----Mich. State'51
 Lowell Perry-----U. of M.'51
 Don Coleman-----Mich. State'51
 Larry Fowler-----Mich. State'53
 Donald Dohoney-----Mich. State'53
 Ronald Kramer-----U. of M.'55'56
 Norman Masters-----Mich. State'55
 Walter Kowalczyk-----Mich. State'57
 Sam Williams-----Mich. State'58
 Dean Look-----Mich. State'59
 Tom Myers-----North Western University'62

You are now on your way to the Sheraton-Cadillac--Room 1731--where at 5:40 P.M. live radio will be taking place. The purpose of this, as I understand it, is for you to converse with some of your former team-mates at the University of Michigan. The ones I hope to have there are--Stan Fay--John Kowalik--Harry Newman--Whitey Wistert--Fred Janke and myself.

Immediately after this I will take you down to Suite 617-620, where Carl Rentschler will be hosting a cocktail party. Carl is President of our Detroit Chapter and a former Ohio State football player. He was a Big-Ten football official for a number of years.



At the cocktail party you will meet the All-Americans and the 18 persons who will be sitting at the head table at the banquet. At the head table you will be seated between Carl Rentschler and Lyman Frimodig. Mr. Frimodig will be presented with the "Willie" Heston Award at the banquet. Frimodig is to Michigan State what Oosterbaan is to Michigan. He played at Michigan State in 1915 and stayed on for some 40 years in various capacities.

I hope these bits of information might be of some help to you-- will be seeing you soon.

Jack

P.S. Change in plans since writing up this information.

The radio "bit" will take place at the main entrance of the Sheraton-Cadillac instead of in your suite as formerly stated in this epistle.

