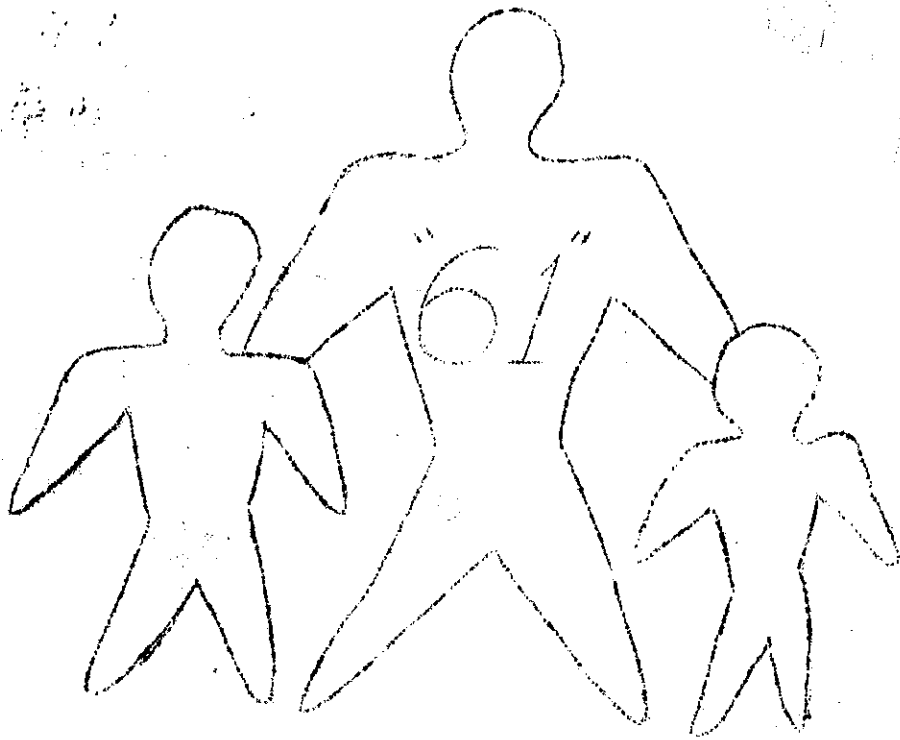


WEEK



SPIRIT

DEDICATION

This season the W.E.H. Camp was divided into a Junior and a Senior division. The Juniors were headed by Charles Ayvazian, and the seniors by Ralph Santosuosso. In recognition of the outstanding leadership displayed by the entire counseling staff and by Charlie and Ralph in particular, this Spirit is dedicated to them.

Charlie Ayvazian is a senior at the University of New Hampshire, and is majoring in history. Now completing his second year at the West End House Camp, Charlie has done a superlative job with the junior division. He divided the boys into six equal teams (Rams, Colts, Lions, Packers, Bears, and Eagles). With the boys divided in this manner, Charlie was able to arrange competition in which every boy was competing against boys of equal ability. This, of course, meant that every junior division camper got in an extra measure of fun and sportsmanship.

For his devotion to the boys, and for his "camp is for the campers" philosophy, the entire junior division and its staff join in thanking him for the fine job he has done, and in wishing him the best of luck in the future.

Ralph Santosuosso is a senior at Bently College. Now in his eleventh year with the West End House, Ralph has shown the spirit and loyalty to the House of a true West Ender.

As head of the Senior division, Ralph also divided his boys into six equal teams known as the brewery league. (Knicks, Buds, Huffs, Carlings, Millers, Schlitzs). The keen competition in every sport afforded the boys a chance to learn the true meaning of sportsmanship. He also stressed the physical fitness of each camper and all the seniors had regular physical fitness tests.

The senior division campers and staff unite in praising the outstanding leadership Ralph has given to the camp, and to the House.

A MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR

This year I asked campers to submit cover designs for the Spirit. An anonymous camper suggested that Spirit Plus Integrity Run In Tradition. There is no place on earth where this is truer than at the West End House Camp.

In this the camp's 53d year of service to boys, the traditions of integrity and spirit still flourish. Campers living together (many of them for the first time) learn to depend upon one another. They soon discover that if one boy in the bungalow is not dependable, the whole bunk will suffer. Instilling a sense of dependability and integrity has been, and always will be one of the prime functions of the West End House Camp.

A visitor to our camp is first impressed with the "spirit" so very much in existence. Each camper's fierce loyalty to the House, the drive each boy displays on the field, and the extra stamina that pushes a boy ahead in the last lap of a race are all part of "spirit."

Traditions such as integrity and spirit are what keeps the House alive. Such traditions are what link the camper of 1909 with the camper of '61. As long as such traditions are kept alive, "The spirit of the House will never die."

Neal Andelman

Neal Andelman
Editor of the 1961 Spirit

As the years come and go in the history of the West End House Camp, changes are made through the camp's expansion program. This year, campers and staff alike enjoyed a fine new ballfield which greatly enhanced the camp's athletic program. To everyone's enjoyment, the waterfront was beautified and improved, thus enabling a wider variety of waterfront activities.

Two cabins, 5A and 5B, were constructed, to the delight of the staff and campers living in them, and to the envy of the rest of the camp. These bunks reflect the latest in modern camping. Along the same line, the Gottlieb and Bancroft bungalows were joined so as to provide the boys in the back bunks the newest in modern facilities.

The entire camp wishes to express its heartiest thanks to the members of the West End House Alumni who so generously donated funds to make these and other dreams come true.



At this time I would also like to thank all the people who helped make this yearbook possible. In particular I would like to thank Billy Margolin who was my assistant editor in this endeavor. Bill spent many long hours working on the Spirit, and I believe the quality of this work is a direct reflection of his efforts.

At this time it is my pleasure to announce that next year Billy will be the editor of the Echo and the Spirit. I would like to wish him the best of luck next year, and I hope that when the time comes for Bill to pass the reins on to the next man, he finds an assistant as able and helpful as he himself is now.

Best of luck, Billy (Snoopy) Margolin!

As you go on in your reading of the Spirit, please notice the Snoopy dog who will tell you what each section is about.

BASKETBALL

This year's basketball season here at the House can only be termed a success. Compiling a 5 - 0 record, the West End House tandem was a tough one to cope with.

The junior varsity led by Peter (high scorer) Gordon, Larry (lay-up) Taylor, Al (rebounder) Lewis, Steve (anticipator) Rubin, Barry (hustler) Kessler, and Elliot (shot) Sargon were unbeatable as they employed a floating zone press and a 1-3-1 zone to perfection. Trouncing Robin Hood in the first game by a 51 - 30 margin after holding a 36 - 4 half time advantage, they then demobilized Camp Cody with a 48 - 19 romp. Special mention should be given to Reggie Bird who popped in 21 against Robin Hood, and Tony Alessi, both of whom were lost to the team when the two weekers left.

Essential contributions were made by: Dave Shapiro, Jason Tobias, Steve Foster, Mike Krantz, Lewis Ward, and Bruce Feldman.

The combined CIT - Varsity team had an unblemished record finishing up with a 3 - 0 slate. Steve Kadish, Bob Borr, Marc Bornstein, Lenny Rottman, Bob Aisner, Rickey Levy, and Steve Brown comprised the backbone of the team along with Dick Foster Rickey Goldstien and Howie Cutler.

Defeating Camp Wing, Kezar Falls, and Cornish these boys, along with the hustling CIT crew (Andy Alessi, Sam Rosenberg, Paul Lipof, Norm Becker, Dick Kessler and high scoring Barry Bennett) formed a perfect quintet.

Using the basic fundamentals of basketball along with "heads-up" play learned in the daily practices on the hardwood, The varsity was a true credit to the House. Red Auerbach ---- BEWARE!

Congratulations to Bobby Gordon for his fine job of coaching. The teams great success is a direct reflection of the time Bobby put into helping them compile the best record of any House basketball team.

BASEBALL

Wee unto me! This might well be the cry of coaches Charlie Hennekens and Dick Rosenthal at the end of the baseball season. After losing a close 2 - 0 game to camp Marxist, things got worse. The combined J.V. and varsity record was 0 - 4 for the season.

Win or lose, the boys all enjoyed playing on the teams and representing the House. The varsity lineup included: Rickey Goldstien, Lenny Rotman, Dave Ferrin, Marc Bornstein, Henry Barr, Steve Brown, Bobby Borr, Bobby Aisner, and Marc Kellner.

For the junior varsity: Barry Kessler, Larry Taylor, Louis Ward, Bob Cohen, Eliot Sargon, Allan Lewis, Steve Rubin, Peter Gordon, and Jason Tobias.

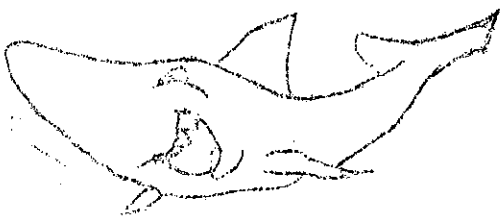
BOXING

There was a great deal of enthusiasm for boxing this year, as a record number of boys competed in bouts. Some of the best bouts of the season include: Frank Mantia* vs. Marc Dunay, Steve Brown* vs. Alan Kawadler, Bob Naso vs. Frank Puopolo*, Frank Connor* vs. Al Spizio, Dave Levenson* vs. Alan Shapiro, and Stanley Douyotas* vs. Ronny Cancellari.

A special thanks to all the staff who helped in this years bouts.

SWIMMING

"Learn to swim. You can't think of a better sport to save your life." The activities on the waterfront ran the scale from swim



meets to general swims. Every day the campers received one period of swim instruction, and two general swims. Other waterfront activities included water skiing, boating and fishing. The non swimmers at camp were able to enjoy the benefits of the motor boat and the row boats when, under careful supervision and equipped with life preservers, they were allowed to go out on the lake for boat rides.

The water safety instruction the campers received consisted of the Humada Society beginner and swimmer courses and the Red Cross Beginner, Advanced Beginner, Intermediate, Swimmer, Advanced Swimmer and the Junior and Senior Life Saving Courses. The progress shown by many of the campers in learning to swim has probably been their greatest accomplishment this summer.

The campers received instruction about safety in and on the water. They now realize that water is a good friend, but also a deadly enemy.

Many thanks go to the entire staff which made this year a successful one at the waterfront.



Paul D. Hill

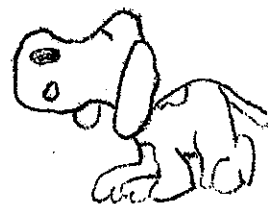
At this time I would also like to thank Howie Levine for his help on the waterfront. Howie came to us in the middle of the season, and has been a valuable asset ever since. An alumnus of the camp himself, Howie is familiar with all facets of our waterfront program. Having two trained instructors in water safety in camp provided an extra measure of swim instruction for each camper.

Campers received more safety instruction this year than ever before. Considering the record number of campers this year, this is quite an accomplishment.



At this time I would also like to mention that Bucky Caron and Neal Andelman caught a grand total of 102 fish this summer. Species included bass, perch, hornpout, and lowly sunfish.

SPECIAL EVENTS



The most popular event this year was visiting day. Approximately 300 guests left pounds of candy, hundreds of toys, thousands of comic books and one kosher salami. The weather was perfect, and everyone had a very pleasant visit.

Another popular event was capture the flag. In this game, a division is divided into two teams. The object is to capture the other teams flag while still defending your own. Any player venturing out of his own zone and into enemy territory is liable to be captured and sent to jail. Capture the flag is one of the oldest special events in camp, and once you have played it, you'll know why.

Overnight hikes and cook outs were extra popular this year. A group starting out on an overnight first climbed up a mountain trail to the camp site. (The trail includes the Levy-Andelman bridge which is one of the scenic wonders in the state of Maine). After unpacking the gear, campers and counselors join in cooking supper. There is nothing that matches the flavor of a hamburger or hotdog cooked over an open fire! The after supper activities usually included a trip along the White or Yellow dot trail.

Attired in sleeping bags, the campers huddled together while the counselors crept through the woods imitating animals. The most fun of all was had by the skunk who visited the site each night in quest of something to eat! Fortunately our guest had enough instinct to keep the stink in.

The annual Apache relay was a huge success in the 4th of July weekend. The camp was divided into seven teams by Bobby Gordon. Each team had to perform a relay of mad antic stunts. Some of the events members of the winning team of Marinella and Barr had to perform were whistling "Yankee Doodle" with a mouth full of crackers, pushing a potato from first to second base with ones nose, etc.

A new special event this year was the gold rush. It all started when Charlie Ayvazian and Neal Andelman discovered gold in camp! Everyone was soon divided into teams and the rush was on. Players had to find a claim, register it with the assay office, and then mine the claim. They had to hope that no bandits stole the gold while they were bringing it to the assay office (Bandits were counselors with water guns). Dick Kessler's team won with 75 pounds of the gold painted rocks brought to the assay office.

COLOR WAR

This year, as in the past, Color War started under the most unusual circumstances. The campers were led to believe that we would replace Color War with an Olympics, and the secret wasn't revealed until every camper was fooled.

As the Whites and Blues convened for their first meetings, the entire atmosphere of the camp became electrified. Color War was on! The Blue Team was led by head coach Bobby Gordon, with Marc Bornstien as the camper captain. Other Blue coaches included Charlie Ayvazian, Al Siegal, Normie Becker, Dave Gordon, and Paul Lipof. The Whites were led by head coach Paul Levy and team captain Steve Brown. Others on the White staff were Bucky Caron, Al Garsys, Sam Rosenberg, Al Tebbetts, and Andy Alessi. The Plaid team (judges) were captained by Charlie Hennekens (a Queens, New York long-hair).

Monday morning the Whites jumped off to a 40 - 20 lead, but in the afternoon the Blues came back (as they were to do later) and tied the score at 60 all. The Blues lost the spelling bee 40 - 20 to the Whites, and took the low end of 100 - 80 score. Both teams dropped back to the mighty plaid team, however, as Ralph Santosuosso picked up 101 points for driving non-stop to Old Orchard and back.

Throughout the next 2 and one half days, the Whites began to edge ahead of the Blues until they were about 65 points ahead with just the all-star game and song night left. Still in first place were the Plaids who performed feat after amazing feat to rack up points.

The first all-star game was a 10-10 tie, but had to be replayed because of a highly disputed illegal butt. Since the Blue Team won song night, it put them within 35 points of the Whites. Whoever took the all-star game would be the winner.

Coming into the final inning the Blues were leading 10 - 4 and it looked like they would take it. The Whites rallied, however and brought the score up to 10 - 8 with 4 batters left and a man on 2nd. The Blues made a defensive save by catching a White runner out at the plate, and went on to hold the lead at 10 - 8 and win the game.

At this point it looked like an easy Plaid victory over both Blue and White, but Charlie Hennekens had to disqualify the entire team because not one Plaid made his bed during the six days of Color War. This meant that the Blues gained the victory!

Congratulations to the winning Blue Team on a fine come-back victory and for their fine sportsmanship, and my condolences to the White team for losing such a close one, but still being good losers.

Win or lose, Color War still remains the best event in camp.

At this time I would like to thank Charlie Hennekens for the fine job he did as head of Color War. Plaids, Blues and Whites all owe him a debt of gratitude.

On the following pages will be found team lists and some team songs and cheers.