



Chicago Transit Authority

Commemorating visit to Chicago by Pope John Paul II



cta moves large crowd

If Pope John Paul II had gone back to Grant Park about 50 minutes after he celebrated the largest mass in Chicago history, he would have been amazed. The one and a quarter million people who had been there less than an hour before had vanished.

The amazing speed with which people left the park Friday, Oct. 5, was largely the result of careful preparation and the dedicated effort of CTA employees. Operations Planning and Transportation worked closely with the Archdiocese, the RTA, and the police department to ensure smooth operations during the Papal visit, especially the day of the mass in Grant Park.

A special CTA all-day riding pass commemorating the Pope's visit (as shown above) was issued the week of the visit, both as a souvenir and as an incentive to use public transportation on the day of the mass. More than 38,000 Pope passes were sold before the mass, and requests are still coming in from memorabilia collectors in the Midwest. The pass sold for \$1.25.

Throughout September, Harold Hirsch, Operations Planning manager, and James Blaa, manager of Transportation, worked on special schedules, de-

Artwork for CTA's commemorative pass designed by CTA Operations Graphics department. Drawing of Pope John Paul II provided by artist Thadeus Pawlak; skyline photo provided by Kee Chang, Chicago Association of Commerce and Industry.



The Pope receives an enthusiastic Chicago welcome as his motorcade passes CTA's Jefferson Park transit center on Milwaukee av.

termining the routes that would need extra buses, longer trains and additional personnel. Hirsch and Blaa felt that a master plan would enable the CTA to handle the enormous crowd expected at the mass without adversely affecting service for the rest of the city.

All days off previously scheduled for Oct. 5 were

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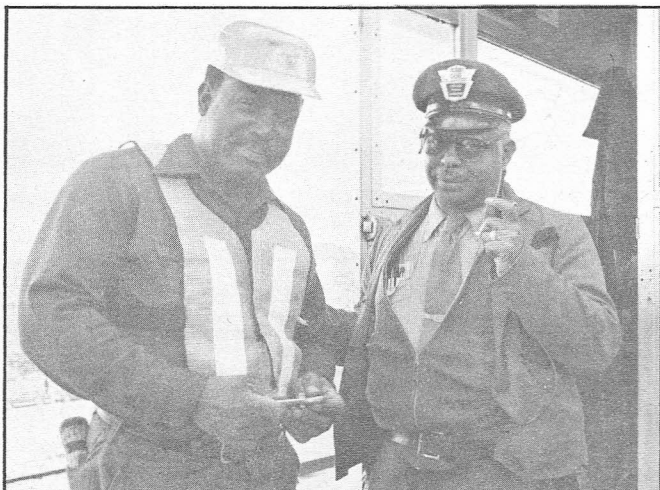
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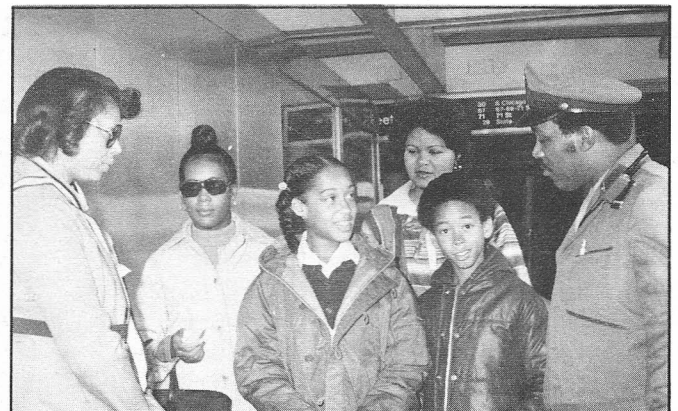
Crowds fill Monroe street before the Papal mass.



Central District supervisors Karlis Robeznieks and C. Errico Miller discuss operations with Ken Peterson, superintendent, District 'D', and Sal Perce, assistant to the manager, Transportation.



North District Supervisor Clarence Mathews confers with Willie Lewis, maintenance trouble shooter, Racine shop.



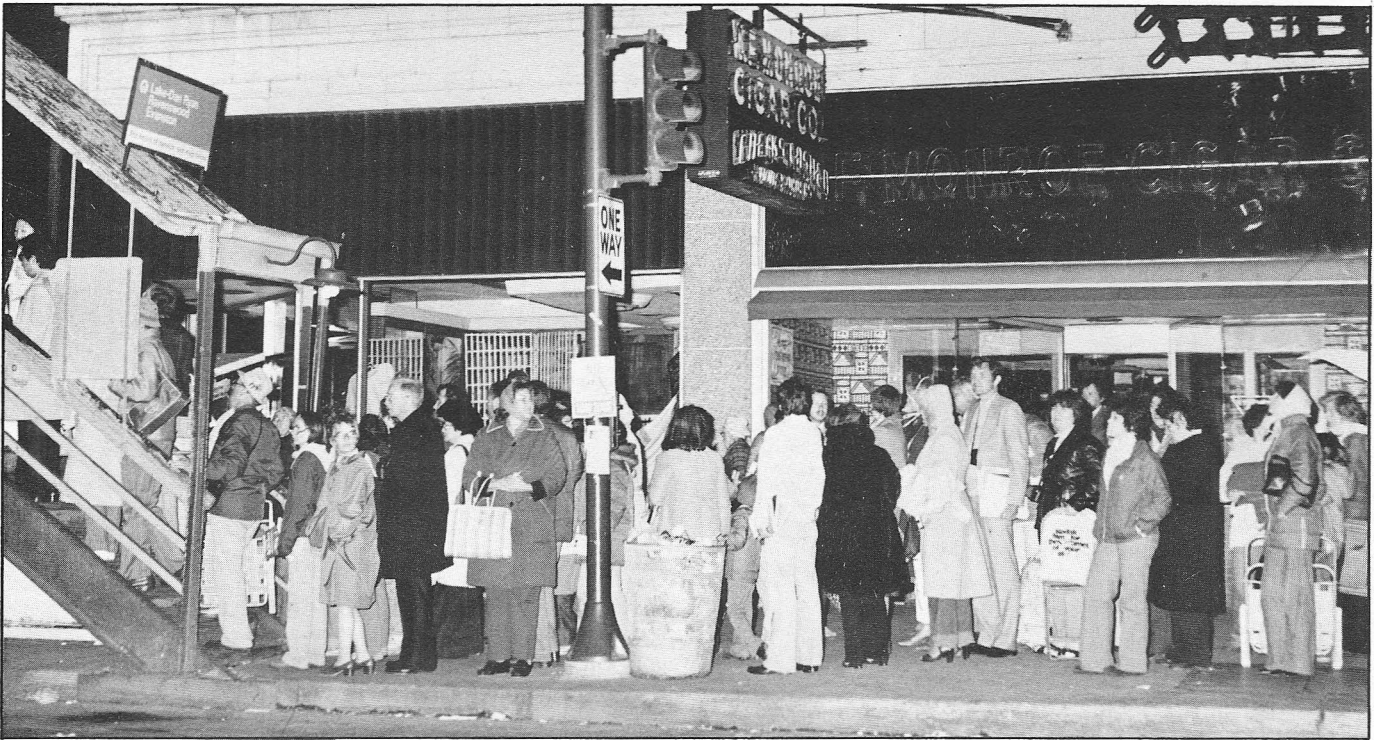
Judy Stroud, Schedules, (left) and South District supervisor Rick Moorhe direct a family.

cancelled and employees were asked if they wished to work extra hours. The response to the plea was tremendous.

"Many employees offered to work up to 16 hours," said Harry Reddrick of Transportation. "The volunteers provided more manpower than we needed."

After the master plan was completed, all that remained was to wait and see what would happen the day of the mass. Finding out how many people would come downtown, either to go to work or to the park, would determine where men and equipment would be most needed. Meanwhile, Hirsch and Blaa kept in telephone contact with transportation experts in Boston, New York and Philadelphia to learn how their systems handled the crowds during the Pope's visit in those cities. All reports were encouraging, but Chicago's crowds were expected to be bigger.

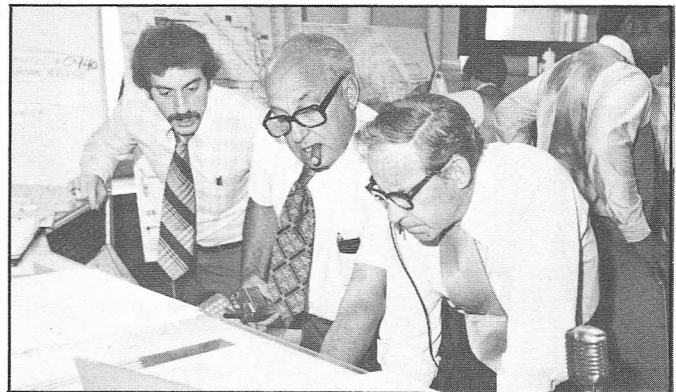
On the morning of the mass CTA personnel in the



Train riders line up at Adams and Wabash after mass.



Gerald Guth and John Shebelski, both of Signal Design, assist two travelers at Clark and Lake.

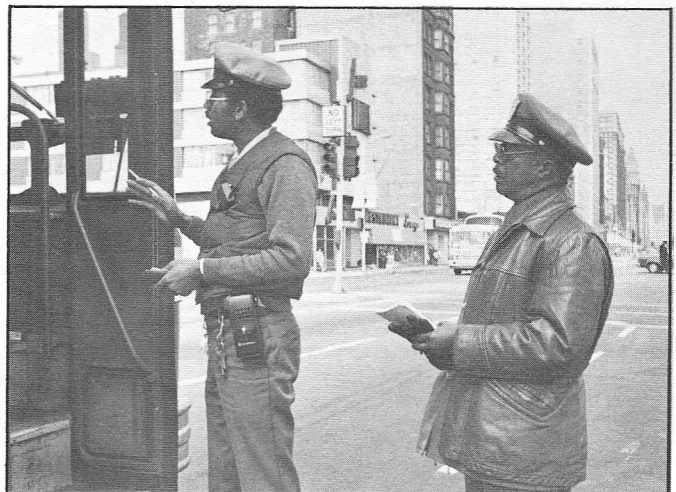


Control center trainee Ken Korach, District 'B' superintendent Walter Prosen and bus controller John Chambers check the progress of the Papal motorcade through the blocked streets.

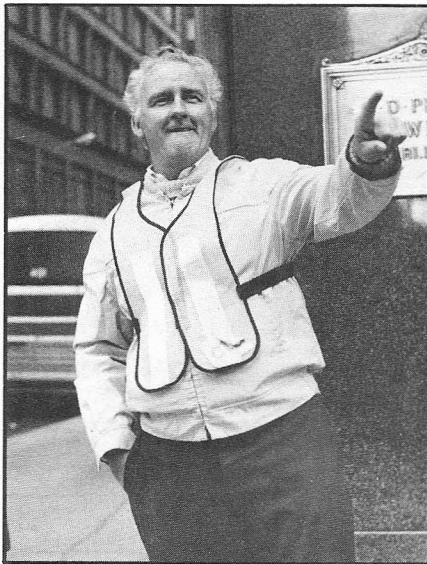
downtown area were doubled. Hundreds of CTA employees checked incoming riding to gauge how many passengers would be leaving later, directed the flow of passengers through stations and along bus routes, traffic flow, and helped people find their way to and from the park.

"It was a different situation," explained Frank Barker of Operations Planning. "Many of these people had never taken public transportation downtown before. Our employees kept them from getting lost."

Several trends were apparent the morning of the mass. There was much lower riding than usual in the morning rush period, which meant there would be no large evening rush to interfere with the exodus from the park. Most of the people who did go to work left the downtown area early, just as the crowds going to the mass began riding into the city. (Continued Page 4)



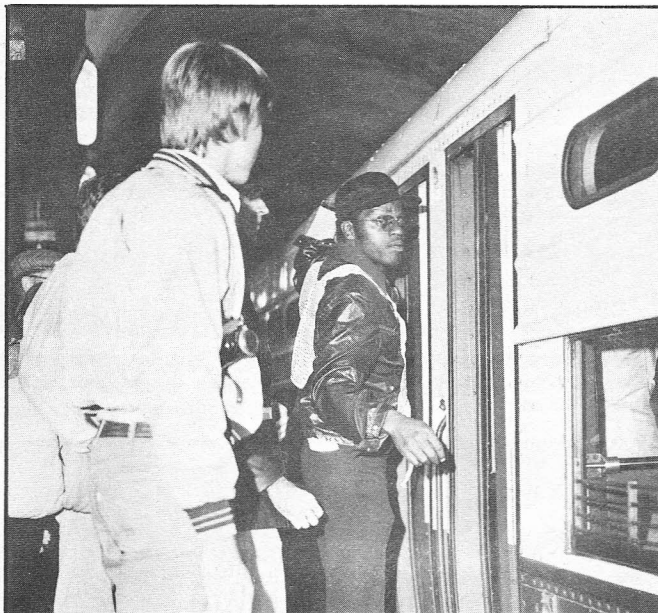
Edward Johnson and Howard Freeman, supervisors, District 'B', instruct an operator on special routing.



Donald Prendergast, Skokie shops, points travelers in the right direction at State and Monroe.



Dearborn subway turnstiles showed record numbers of passengers after mass.



Louis Jackson, South shops, controls crowd while broken door is fixed.

The mood of the incoming crowd was happy and peaceful. Although every CTA department was prepared for the worst, everything seemed to be going unbelievably well.

Operations Planning and Transportation had been monitoring incoming riding and were prepared to move large numbers of riders the moment the mass ended. On hand at Navy Pier were 140 buses to serve the heaviest traveled routes. Eight and six-car trains began operating at three minute intervals, assuring

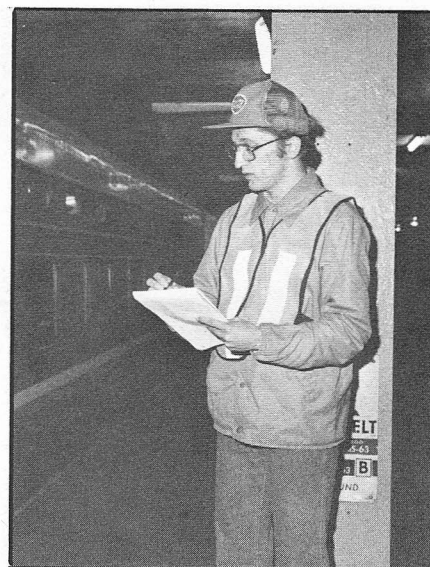


Harriett Murphy, Human Resources, and Joseph Billis, Schedules, give passengers information at 79th/Dan Ryan.

full rush-hour capacity. CTA employees were stationed on platforms to assist riders and to prevent platforms and trains from becoming overcrowded.

Total ridership amounted to 2,387,000. Train ridership for the day was more than 650,000, which was 23 per cent greater than usual. Bus ridership was 1,737,000, slightly lower than usual because of school and office closings.

Street closings were not a problem for buses. CTA employees directed passengers to re-routes,



Bruce Moffat, Street Traffic, checks ridership on North-South route at Roosevelt.

Crowds move smoothly through the Dearborn subway.

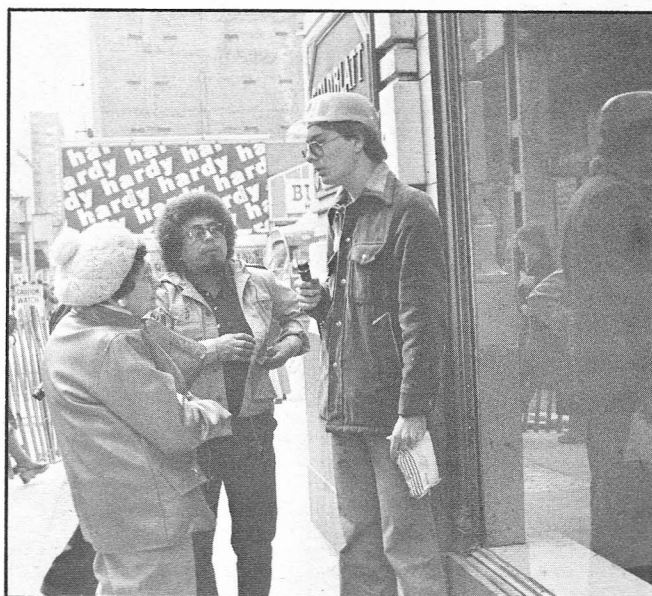


Dennis Sipich, Treasury, helps out at Dearborn/Jackson.

usually from Michigan to Dearborn. Other employees at outlying stations helped keep people moving and came to the aid of those unfamiliar with the system.

By 7:30 p.m., an hour and 15 minutes after the mass, the crowd was on its way home. The Control Center staff had been prepared to keep operations running at full capacity until midnight and could scarcely believe reports from CTA representatives at the scene that the crowd was gone.

"We were over-prepared," said Les Racker of the



Ron Weslow, Training Development Programs, assists travelers at State and Van Buren.

Control Center. "We could have handled many more riders without difficulty."

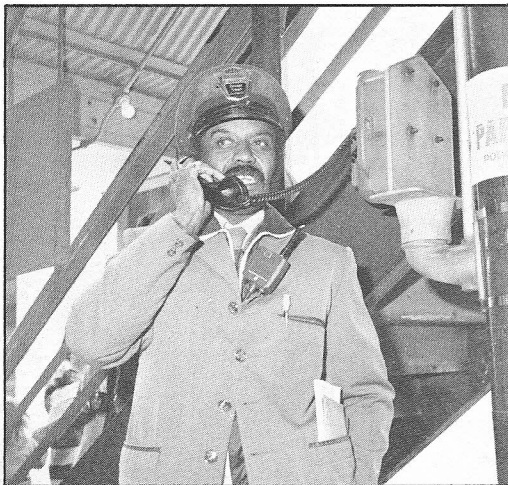
That night the people of Chicago seemed to be one big family, whether they rode north, south or west.

"Everything just fell into place," said Edward Mitchell of Transportation. "Someone must have smiled on us."

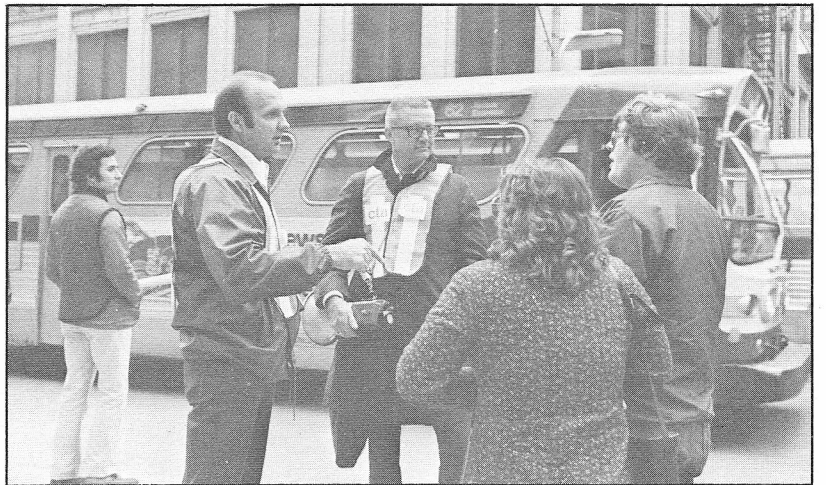
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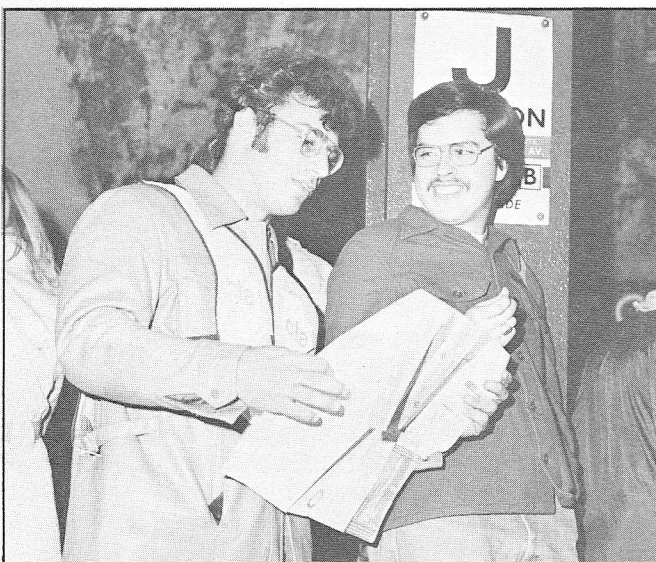
Train passengers form line on mezzanine at Adams and Wabash.



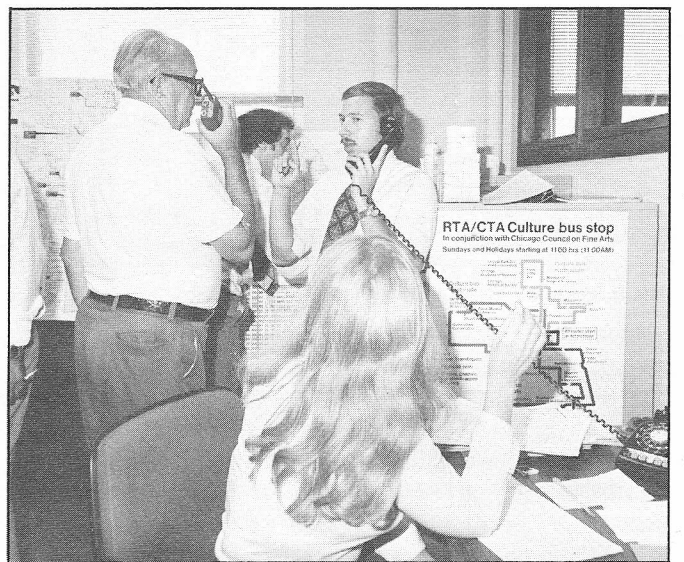
Central District supervisor Herbert Boyd reports to control center from Adams/Wabash.



Jim Chmill, Engineering, and Lenn Hess, Grant Program Administration, explain operations at State and Jackson.



Chuck Olcik, Skokie shops, gives routing to passengers on platform, Dearborn/Jackson.



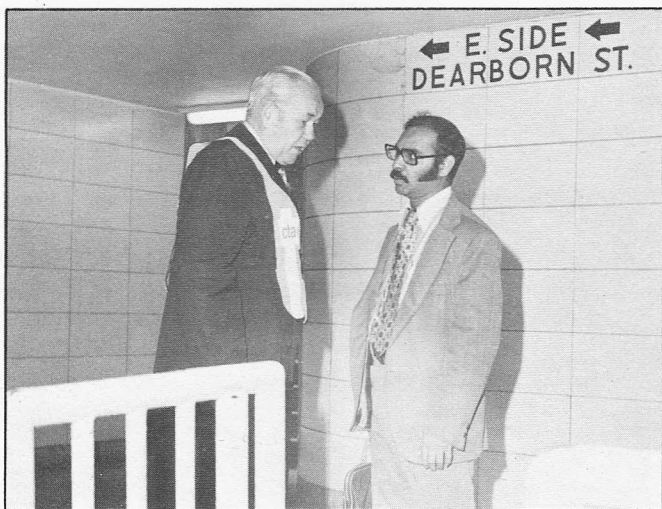
Walter Prosen, Superintendent District 'B', and Bob Vance, Operations Planning, receive field reports on ridership.



Crowded platform at Adams and Wabash.



Patrick Durkin, Claims, enjoys his volunteer duty at Madison/Wabash.



Frank Corbett, Schedules, volunteers at Dearborn/Jackson mezzanine.



Larry Murphy, Employee Relations, talks with Bobby Edwards, Security at 35th/Dan Ryan.



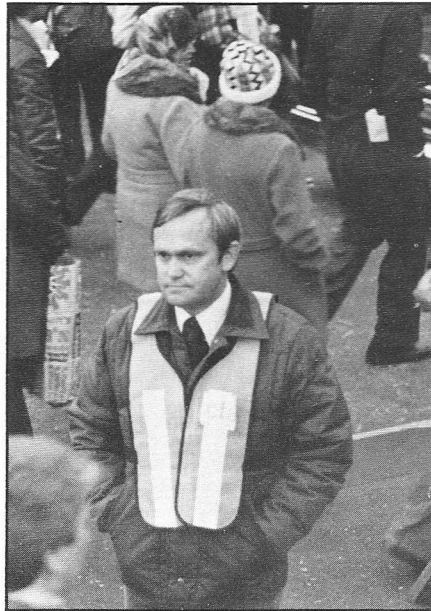
Patrice Costello and Tom Hardcastle, Grant Program Administration, give information to riders at Jackson and Dearborn.



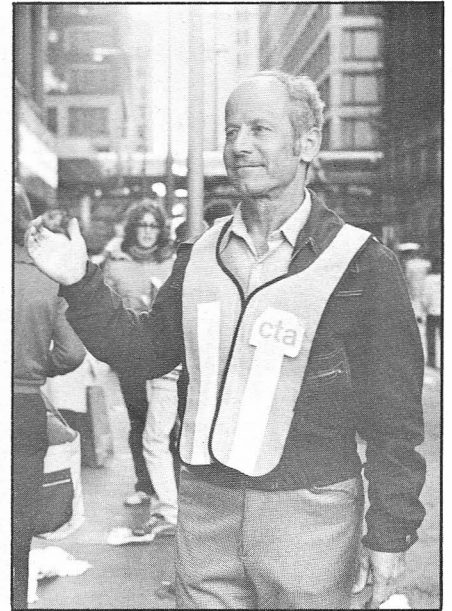
Bill Wiesel, Operations Planning, volunteers at the Wrigley Building.



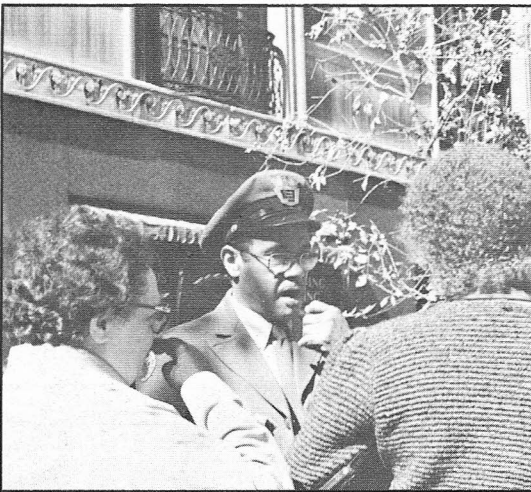
North Ave. supervisor Daniel Giles lends a hand at the Wrigley Building.



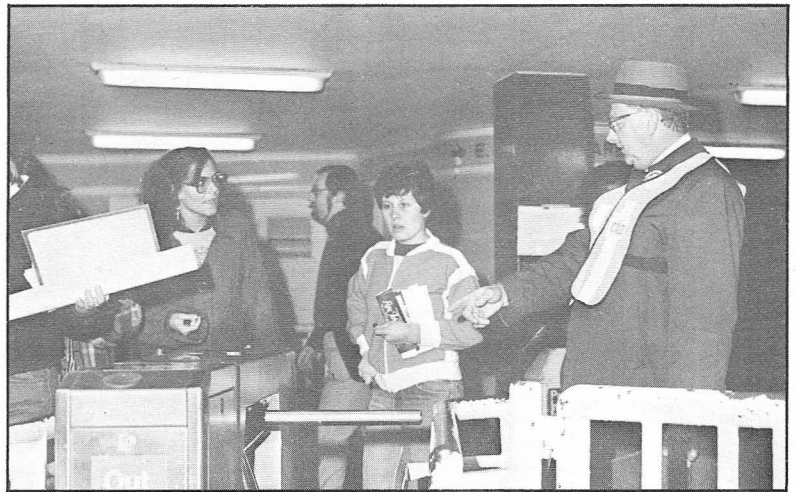
Chuck Andersen, Insurance, volunteers at Michigan/Jackson.



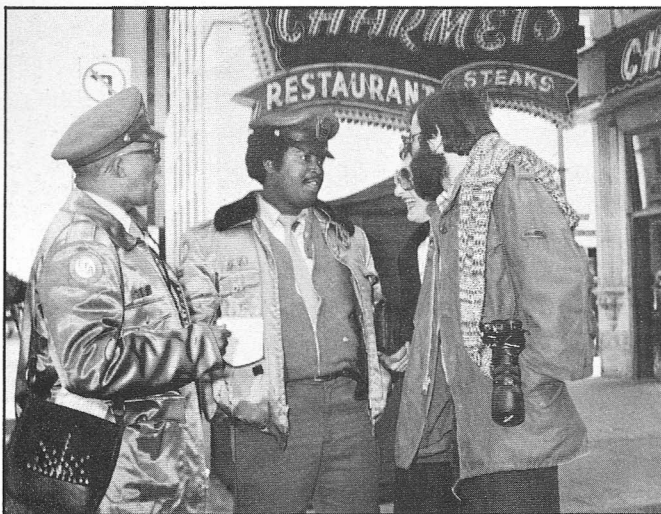
Tony Anthony, Skokie shops, helps the traffic flow at Michigan and Monroe.



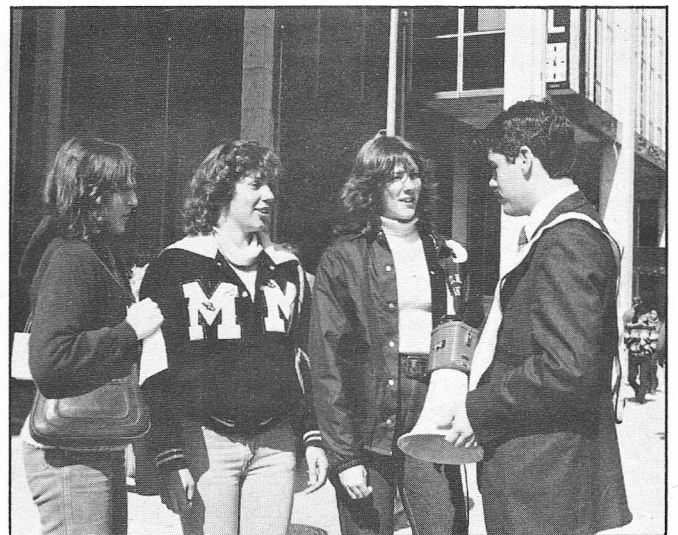
Carl Hickman, bus instructor, on Michigan av.



George Macak, Operations Planning, directs riders with special riding passes to turnstiles at Dearborn/Jackson.



District 'C' supervisors Richard Reese and Tommie Stewart helping travelers at Michigan and Chicago.



MP intern Mike McGovern explains operations to three passengers.



Crowd waits for bus at State Street Mall at Adams.



Dennis Ryan and Pete Mrozik, Operations Planning, exchange information at Madison/Wabash.



Willy Cooper, South Side Mobile Repair unit 411, removes a traffic control pylon from his truck.



Collector Rich Grady, Limits, at State and Adams.

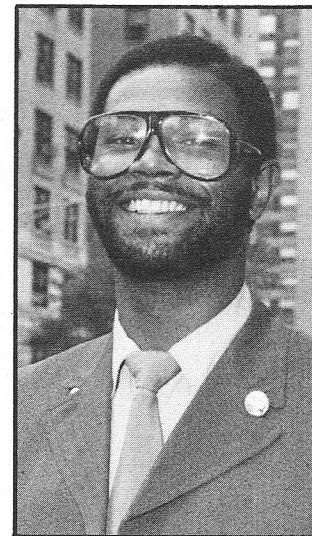


Don Bruno, Operations Planning, examines turnstiles for a traffic count.



John Butler (Beverly garage) was praised by Phyllis Wooldridge, of Riverdale, for his thoughtfulness to riders when a disruption of service forced morning commuters from Illinois Central Gulf trains at the 115th Street station. "He waited with his (111/115) bus, patiently answered questions of boarding passengers, and requested permission to take his bus from the scheduled route directly to the 95th Street Dan Ryan station. He never once lost his 'cool' or courtesy, and gave two or three passengers who wanted to reach destinations other than downtown explicit directions and help in transferring at the proper corner."

Donnell Prater (Limits garage) was commended by Clifton Williams, of West Oak street, for his courtesy on a 125 Water Tower Express bus. "It was a pleasure to see a real 'pro' operate. He called each stop and on three occasions gave specific directions to riders who were strangers in our city. When we reached Chicago and Michigan, he waited for the bus in front to pull away so he could drive right up to the curb. He noticed that I was using a cane and figured it would be much easier for me. Thought you would like to know what a polite and efficient driver you have in #9405."



commendation corner

Quentin Wilmington (North Park garage) won the admiration of Mrs. Dorothy Francis, of Sheridan road, for his kindness while driving a 151 Sheridan bus. "I am a senior citizen and have an added handicap--walking is difficult, and I cannot run. He saw me trying to cross the street, and he waited for me--something which to me was as good as receiving an unexpected legacy from an unknown relative. He drove with caution, answered all passengers with courteous replies, called off the streets--in short, was the desirable kind of driver everyone enjoys."

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Deborah Echols (Lawndale garage) was the driver of a 60 Blue Island/26 bus that Mrs. Annette Lemke, of Bryn Mawr avenue, was riding late one Sunday afternoon. "We came to a stop in a shopping area and people started sneaking on through the back door. The driver saw this through her rearview mirror and actually got up from her seat and said loud and clear, 'Please get off the bus and come through the front doors.' And so they did. This happened again several blocks later, and she made the same response. Not many drivers do this or seem to care."

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Philip Daniels (South Section) was the conductor of a Lake/Dan Ryan train that Angel Ward, of East 86th street, was riding home one afternoon when a dog got under the train at 47th street. "The dog was alive and able to move about. The conductor and other CTA employees were concerned about moving the train to stop further delays, but they were also aware of the feelings of the passengers who did not want to see the animal get hurt. The conductor was most thoughtful, and also the motorman for not moving the train until he was certain the animal was out of danger."

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Bobby Brown (North Park garage) was applauded for his consideration and "wonderful personality" by Mrs. Ann Washington, of North Leavitt street, who was a regular rider on his 146 Sheridan Express bus. "One morning there was water in the seat I usually sit in because it had rained the night before. I mentioned this to the driver and he was nice enough to wipe it out for me. I have noticed that if he sees one of his regular riders running to catch the bus, he'll stop and wait for them. It is seldom that you find someone so considerate."

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Raymond Dudra (Beverly garage) was thanked by Carl Bergman, the assistant police chief of Evergreen Park, for helping one of his officers while driving a night run on the 52A South Kedzie route. "Our officer had stopped a traffic violator on Kedzie at 88th street just after midnight. As events developed, the driver of the car assaulted the police officer. Mr. Dudra, who was passing in his bus, observed the violator struggling with the officer and stopped his bus to assist the officer until other police arrived. On behalf of the officer and his family, I wish to thank Mr. Dudra for his thoughtfulness."

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Jean Cage (North Park garage) was noticed by G.B. Thompson, of Roscoe street, who was riding her 153 Wilson/Michigan bus one night around 10 o'clock. "She greeted each passenger with a warm 'Good evening.' She called out each stop loud enough to hear, and even advised standing passengers, 'Hang on, I'm turning the corner' or 'Careful now, I'm changing lanes.' Upon leaving, each passenger got a 'Have a nice holiday' or something similar. She helped make something pleasant out of a routine that is normally mundane at best."

Among other operating employees receiving commendations recently were:

Byron Acker and Earl Allen, both of North Park; Rosa Alfaro, Forest Glen; and Carlos Alonso, Limits.

Sandra Bailey, 69th Street; Pedro Balderas and Searcy Barnett, both of North Park; Eugene Banks, Beverly; Joyce Banks, Limits; William Bibbs, James Brown, and Carl Brown, all of North Avenue; Terrence Boone, Archer; and Buford Bryson, Forest Glen.

John Cameron, South Section; Thomas Carmody, North Park; Eloise Carter, 77th Street; Delois Carter, John Christner, and Victor Collazo, all of Forest Glen; Felicia Clower and Marvin Covington, both of Limits; Tom Collins, Archer; and David Copeland, Lawndale.

William Davis, North Avenue; Robert Dolmetsch, North Park; Josef Domseifer, Limits; and Arabella Douglas, 52nd Street.

William Edgerton, Lawndale; and James Estes, Forest Glen.

Kenneth Fabian, Forest Glen; and Martin Figueroa and Roberto Flores, both of North Avenue.

Johnny Gaddy, North Park; Ronald Garfield, 52nd Street; Eddie Gholston and Tyree Gray, both of North Avenue; Odell Granger, Forest Glen; and James Gregory, 77th Street.

Melvin Harris, 52nd Street; Charles Harris and Lawrence Hart, both of North Avenue; Georgia Harris, Joe Hodge, Otto Houston, and James Howland, all of North Park; Hyman Harrison, William Head, and Cecelia Hendrickson, all of Forest Glen; and Roger Hudson, 77th Street.

Candido Irizarry, Limits.

William James, North Park; Eileen Jensen, Forest Glen; and Eddie Johnson, 77th Street.

Ralph Ketchum, Forest Glen; and William Knight, North Park.

Lazaro Lafita, District D; James Larry, 52nd Street; Cecil Lawrence, 77th Street; LeBlanc LeDree, Limits; Rosie Lofton, Jefferson Park; and Tulio Lopez, North Park.

Michael Maddox, Limits; Willie Martin and Steven McKinney, both of North Avenue; Gustavo Meza and Fructuoso Moreno, both of Limits; Earl Miles, Lawndale; and Salvatore Muscarello, North Park.

Doris Nailor, Lawndale.

Christ Pantos, Forest Glen; Frederick Pepke, Limits; Doris Peralta, 77th Street; and Henry Peterson and James Pinkerton, both of North Avenue.

Henry Radom, Forest Glen; Eugene Reid, Annie Rice, and George Rojas, all of Limits; Celia Rincones, Archer; Eugenio Rivera, North Avenue; John Ross, 77th Street; and Rex Runnells, Douglas/Congress.

Melvin Sanders, Forest Glen; Mary Schmidtke, Stanton Slaughter, James Starkman, Steve Stefanovich, and Miroljub Stojkovic, all of North Park; Milton Scott and Frank Serrano, both of North Avenue; Tuesday Simpson, Limits; David Smith, 77th Street; and Allen Summerset, Archer.

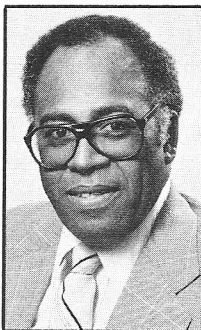
Wendell Talbert, North Park; Jesse Terry, 77th Street; and Jerry Turner, North Avenue.

Cleven Wardlow and Irma Wesley, both of Limits; Jessro Weems, Lawndale; Ethel Williams, 77th Street; DeWitt Williams, Forest Glen; and Maurice Willis, North Park.

Leroy Young, Limits.

promotions

Jerry Johnson has been appointed superintendent, Control Center. He had been assistant superintendent in the same section since 1974. Johnson joined CTA as a conductor in 1960. Two years later he became a motorman, and in 1966 he was named traffic supervisor, Rapid Transit. In 1971 he was selected line supervisor, and the following year, district supervisor. Johnson and his wife,



Raye, live in South Shore and have three sons and a daughter. Their oldest son, Richard, is a car servicer at Wilson.

In other job reassignments, Rudolph Zepeda, formerly an architect, has been selected supervisor, Design Development, Plant Engineering. Andrew Rizzuto has moved from systems analyst I to systems analyst III in the Datacenter. New in the Datacenter as administrative secretaries are Therese McMath, former typist, General Finance, and Kathleen Gaughan, former contract information clerk, Labor Relations.

Kenneth DuCree, former bus driver, Archer, has been chosen station clerk, Transportation. Charles Robinson Jr., former bus repairer, 69th Street, has been named accounts payable clerk, Financial Services. Also in Financial Services,

Vivian Robinson has moved from payables utility clerk to payroll clerk. Phillip Smith, former laborer, Materials Management-Stores, has become mobile equipment operator in the same section.

Recently appointed carpenter apprentices, South Shops, are Carl T. Ruzick and Daniel Chorak, both former trackmen, Plant Maintenance, and Quinton East, former driver, 69th Street. Kevin Majors, former bus servicer, Limits, is now a laborer at South Shops.

Charles Maslic, former car repairer, Wilson, has become an electrical worker, Skokie Shop. Michael Stosich, former car repairer, 98th Street, has been named electrician, Plant Maintenance. Also in Plant Maintenance, James McPhee has moved from boiler maintenanceman to laborer.



Harold Geissenheimer, manager, General Operations, Tom Boyle, manager, Safety, and Eugene M. Barnes, CTA Chairman, stand among eight drivers who were honored at the October CTA board meeting for having each operated buses more than two million miles without a preventable accident. Displaying certificates recognizing their achievements are (left to right): Joseph Gorecki, Archer; James Johnson, 77th Street; Cleven

Wardlow, Limits; Roland Fortier, Archer; John Tertz Jr., Forest Glen; Francis Farrelly and Anthony French, both of North Avenue; and Thaddeus Zdeb, Forest Glen. Honorees who were not present for the ceremony were Patrick Brown (now retired) and Joseph Kniec, both of North Park, and Floyd Grajek, Beverly.

(CTA photo by Bert Cadney)

Suggestion Winners

Employees are continuing to reap rewards for making suggestions that improve the way things are done at CTA. Hundreds of dollars in cash prizes and merchandise certificates have been awarded to suggesters this year through the Employee Suggestion Plan.

A cash prize of \$340 was given to Gregory Babicz, an electrical worker at Skokie Shop, for recommending the use of fiberglass tape to insulate rapid transit motor armatures.

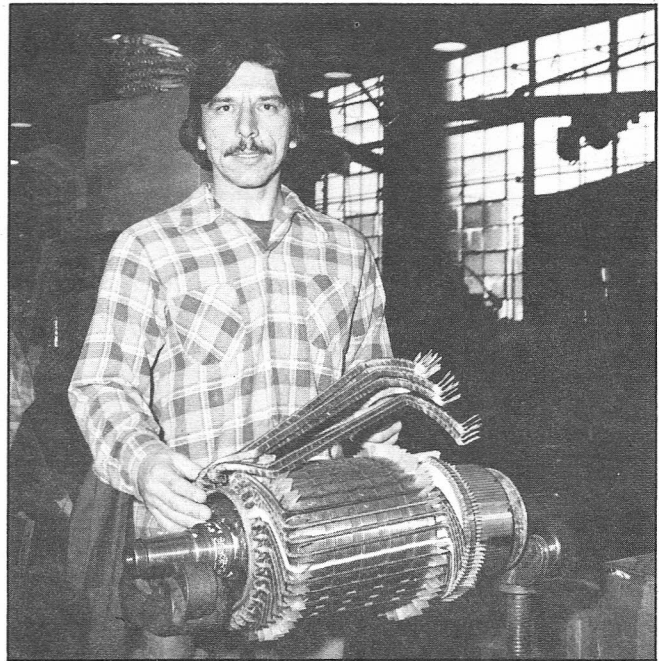
Walter Jones, bus repairer at Forest Glen garage, received \$150 for developing a new tool to use in changing bus radius rod bushings. Frank Brison, lineman in Plant Maintenance, won \$125 for suggesting the use of adjustable brackets for transfer rollers on automatic turnstiles. Brison also received an Honorable Mention merchandise certificate for another suggestion. Joan Trier, clerk in the Law Department, earned \$120 for the introduction of a special stamp that saves time in preparing claims files for storage and referral.

Cash awards of \$65 each went to Terry Bernero, electrical worker at Skokie Shop, for suggesting a new way to repair old switch mounting bars on rapid transit cars; to Joseph Citro, bus repairer at Forest Glen, for recommending the modification of jack stands for 300 series buses; and to Jeanne Ludmann, supervising cashier, Treasury, for proposing a new form in lieu of a ledger for notice of levies. Margaret Conway, claims analyst, Claims/Real Estate/Sales, won \$55 for suggesting the implementation of a new claims form for workmen's compensation, and an additional \$35 for devising a new clerical request form.

Awards of \$40 each were given to David Allen, janitor foreman, Plant Maintenance, and to Wayne Miedema, garage clerk, North Avenue, who also won \$20 for a second suggestion. Albert Samaska, electrical maintenanceman, South Shops, received cash awards of \$30, \$25, and \$10. Other \$20 winners included Edward Koscienski, retired former janitor, North Avenue, who also won \$10 for another suggestion; Gregory Marshall, machinist, Skokie Shop; and James Plomin, car repairer, Howard.

Thomas Lamb, applications designer, Datacenter, received a \$15 cash award. Two \$10 awards each were won by Kenneth Blocker, welder, and Gerard Gullery, an electrical worker, both at Skokie Shop. Other \$10 winners were Jon Eckardt, machinist, West Shops; Michael Gray, bus repairer, 77th Street; and Leon Harris, stock clerk, Materials Management.

Daniel Badon, draftsman, Engineering, received two Honorable Mention merchandise certificates and a cash prize of \$25. Other certificate winners included Mary Beth Cobleigh, driver, North Park; Leon Fields, car repairer, 61st Street; and Vincent Fiorito, steam-



Gregory Babicz, electrical worker at Skokie Shop, won \$340 from the Employee Suggestion Plan for recommending the use of fiberglass tape to insulate rapid transit motor armatures such as the one shown.

fitter, Tommy Green, laborer, and Bernhardt Nielsen, line foreman, all from Plant Maintenance.

Also awarded merchandise certificates were Keith Klein, bus repairer, Limits; Gerald Kurzydlo, car repairer, 54th Avenue; Patrick McNamara, agent, North Section; Gary Schrader, bus repairer, Forest Glen; and Leon Wellner and Stanley Warchol, both electrical workers, Skokie Shop.



Actress Marla Gibbs, who plays Florence on *The Jeffersons* TV show, and CTA Chairman Barnes were among distinguished alumni inducted into the Hall of Fame of the Wendell Phillips High School on Sunday, Oct. 21. The occasion was a celebration of the school's 75th anniversary. Miss Gibbs and Barnes were members of the class of '49.

CTA lawyers softball champs

The CTA Lawyers' softball team captured the 14th annual Lawyers' Softball Association championship for 1979. It was the second time in four years that the championship was won by the CTA lawyers.

The Lawyers' League is composed of two divisions of 12 teams each, with the top four teams from each division going into a single game elimination playoff.

The CTA and McDermott, Will and Emery teams had identical records of 8-3, tying for the 4th and final playoff spot. A game was played between the two teams to determine 4th place. CTA won, 1-0, in extra innings. The game featured the fine defensive plays of Terry Luckman and Bruce Talaga and the key hit by Greg Furda.

The quarter-final game between CTA and the first place Hubachek, Kelly, Rauch & Kirby team (10-1) saw a last inning rally produce three runs to win the game, 8-7. The game featured the deciding hits by Ron Bosco, Tom Hogan and Al Paul. The semi-finals contest was decided in the bottom of the 7th and saw the CTA team score the winning run with two out after the key hits by Bruce Talaga and Art Adler.

The championship game provided a cardiac arrest finish. The CTA lawyers were down by three runs



THE CHAMPS: Here are the proud CTA attorneys who won the 14th annual Lawyers' Softball Association championship for 1979. Seated, left to right: Tom Hogan, Robert Bosco, Terry Luckman and John Haskins. Standing, left to right: Ron Bartkowiec, Jim Burke, Al Paul, Greg Furda, John Plante, Bruce Talaga, Rod Bergin, Mike Artery and Mike Wall. Also on the team but not pictured were Art Adler and Peter Bilanzic.

in the top of the 7th, but hits by Rod Bergin, Mike Wall and Tom Hogan produced an 8-7 victory over the Seyfarth, Shaw, Fairweather and Geraldson team. It was an exciting conclusion to an unbelievable season.

Each of the four sudden death playoff games were won in the last inning and each win was the result of a key hit by a different ball player.

The CTA team members are Greg Furda, Al Paul, Terry Luckman, Rod Bergin, Mike Artery, Tom Hogan, Art Adler, Ron Bosco, Bruce Talaga, John Haskins, Jim Burke, Mike Wall, John Plante, Pete Bilanzic and Ron Bartkowiec.

(Submitted by Al Paul, staff attorney.)



Aggressive track star

"He has an aggressive, positive attitude which fires up the entire team."

That's how track coach Doug Berger at Loyola University describes Mark Kadowaki, 20, a member of Loyola's track and field and cross country teams.

Mark, who is the son of Paul Kadowaki, CTA superintendent of bus instruction, is in his junior year as a pre-med student.

He runs the mile in 4 minutes, 32 seconds. His cross-country team takes part in six mile competitions.

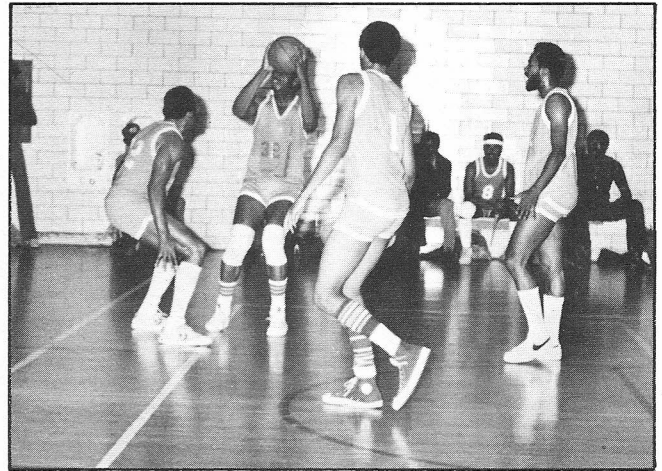
Mark also plays the trombone in a student jazz band and is a sports writer for Loyola's school newspaper, the Phoenix. He has worked as a summertime CTA conductor on west section trains.

CTA Basketball League opens 1979-80 season

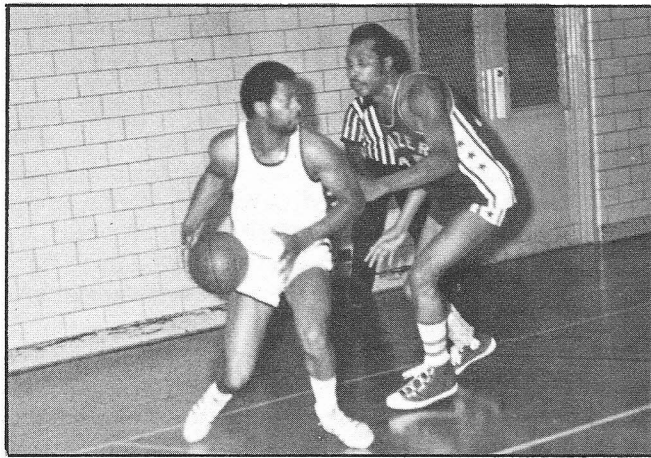
The CTA Basketball League with 17 teams participating opened its 1979-80 season on Sunday, Oct. 21, at the Washington Park Fieldhouse, 55th and King drive.

The first four games of the season started with North Park squeaking by 77th Street, 51-50; Westside 'L' edging out North Avenue, 44-43; the 308 Panthers defeating General Office, 49-44, and Forest Glen downing Northside 'L' in overtime, 58-51.

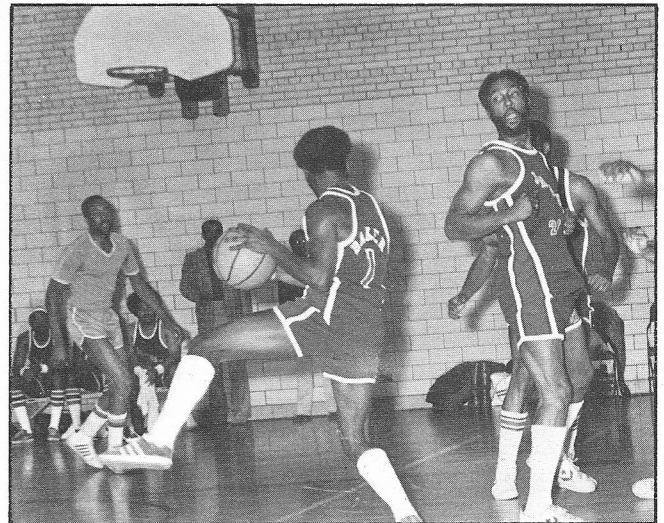
Arliss Jones, coordinator for the basketball program, is inviting everyone to come out and root for their favorite teams. Games will be played each Sunday morning beginning at 9:30 a.m., and on Tuesday and Friday evenings starting at 7:30 p.m.



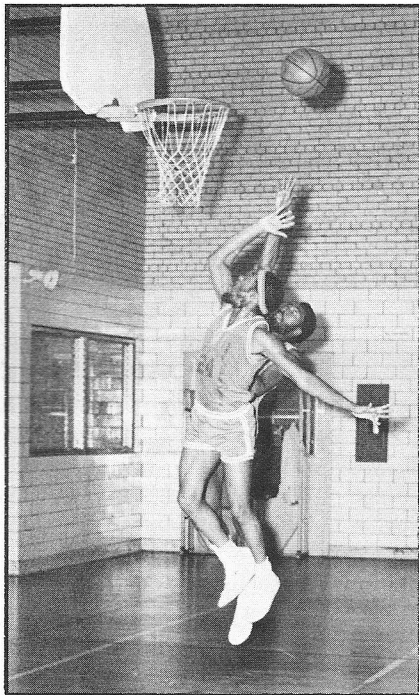
C. Gordon, North Avenue, is surrounded as he tries to get off shot.



Robert Brown, Forest Glen, is closely guarded by Robert Cowart, Northside 'L'.



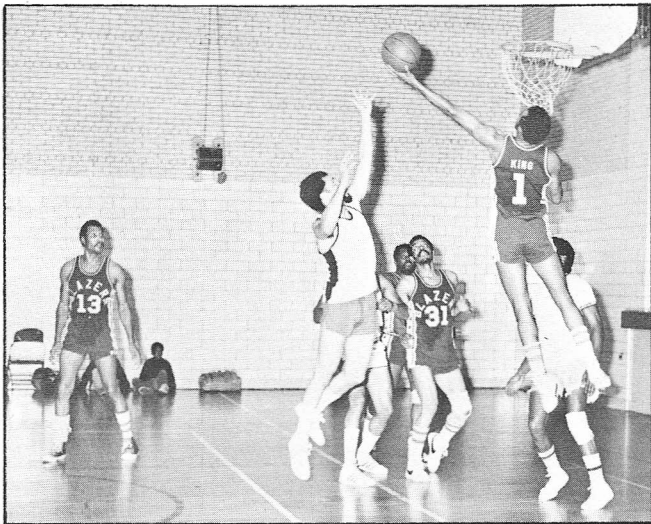
Maurice Baker, General Office, drives around his teammate, Reggie Williams, as Jesse Mamon, 308 Panthers, comes in to block.



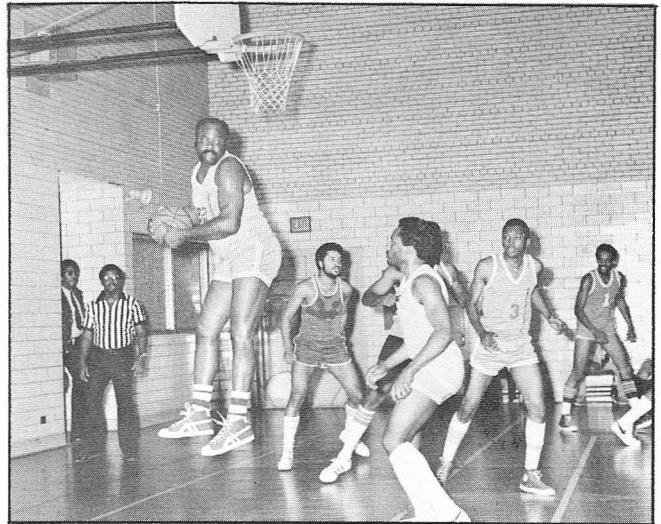
Larry Buford, Westside 'L', and Homer Hill, North Avenue, fights for loose ball.



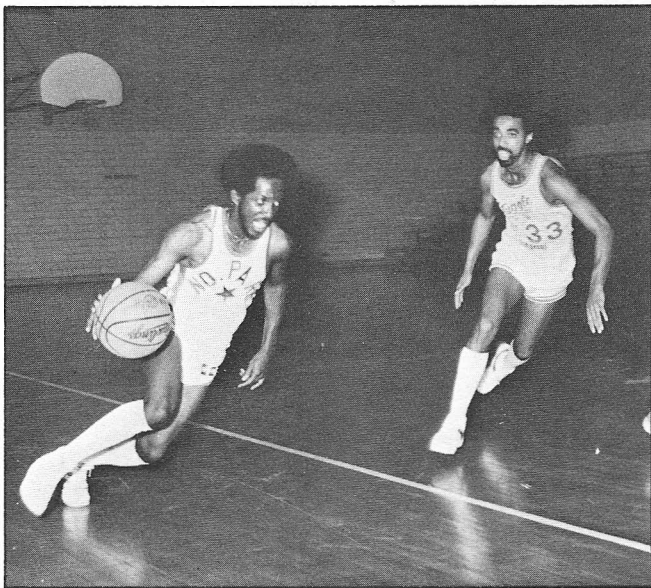
Oliver Bufkin, Northside 'L', goes high for easy layup.



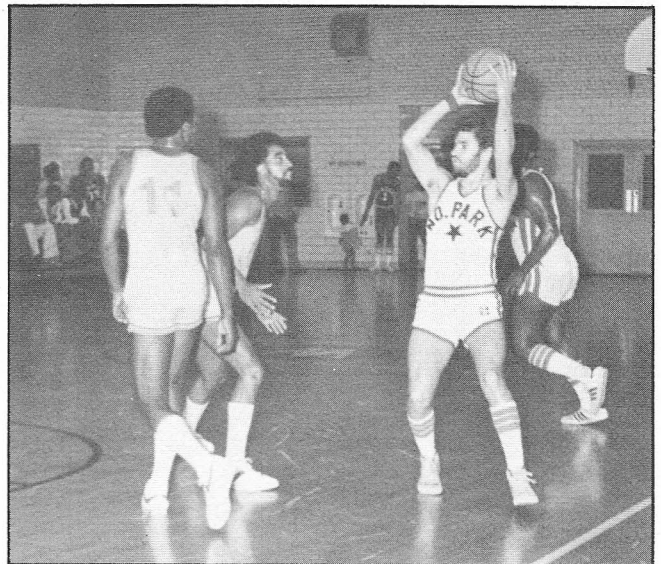
Joe King, Northside 'L', goes high for two points.



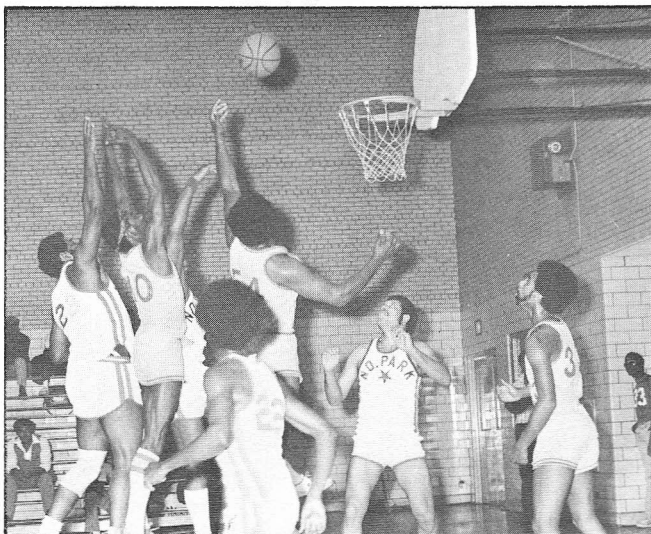
Willie Baker, North Avenue (with ball), looks for someone to pass off to.



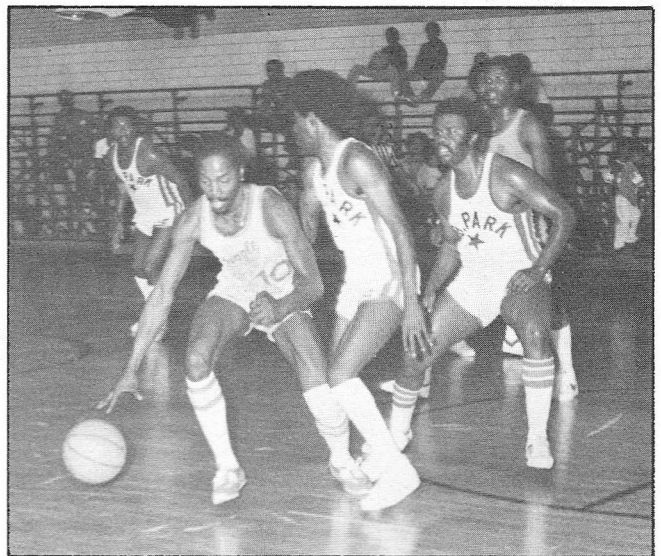
Walter Lewis, North Park, dribbles around Samuel Lambert, 77th Street.



Robert Vazquez, North Park (with ball), tries to pass off as Ulysses Crockett and Samuel Lambert of 77th Street, blocks his view.



Scrambling for rebound is Paul Phillips, David Lewis and Walter Lewis, North Park, and Samuel Lambert, U. W. Hall and Johnny Riouse of 77th Street.



U. W. Hall, 77th Street, seems to be losing the ball as he is pressed by Walter Lewis and Robert Miller, both of North Park.

CTA Retirees Dinner-dance

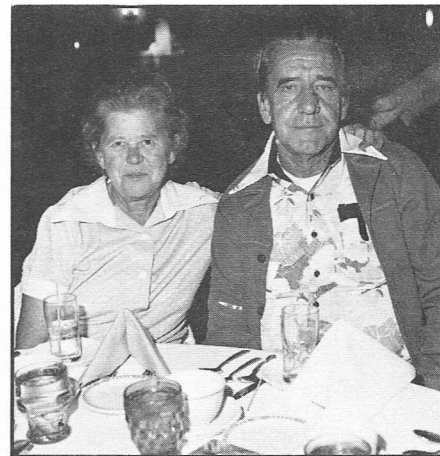
More than 300 persons attended the Sept. 26 dinner dance of the CTA Senior Citizens Retirement Organization held in the Thirteen Colonies restaurant, 8301 W. Belmont av. Music was furnished by Frankie Jay and his orchestra.

James Damico (Maint., '69) and his partner, Ms. Josephine Alaga, gave a demonstration of tango dancing following the dinner.

(CTA photos by Mike Hoffert)



Ben Goss (West Towns '73) and wife, Rosemary.



Alphonse Grezlik (North Av. '76) and wife, Elsie.



John Kostelny (Forest Glen '68) and wife, Irene.



Arthur Wike (North Av. '77) and wife, Mary.



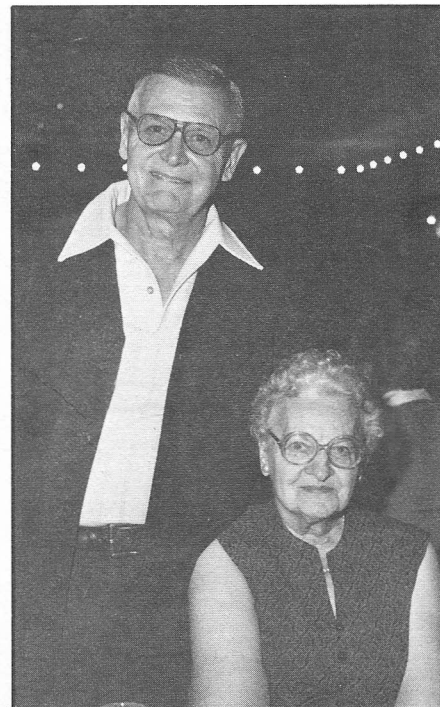
James Damico (Maint. '69) and Ms. Josephine Alaga.



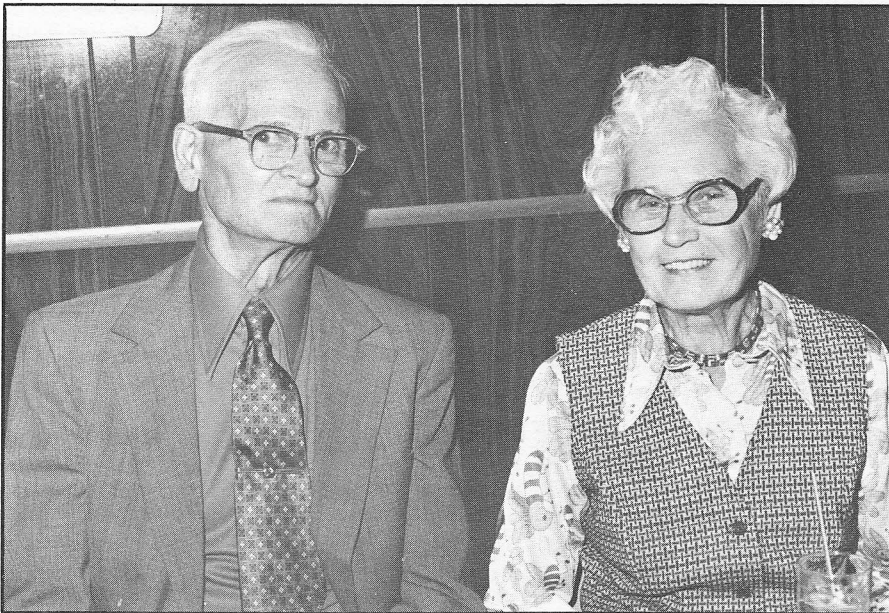
James Richardson (Kedzie '75) and wife, Kay.



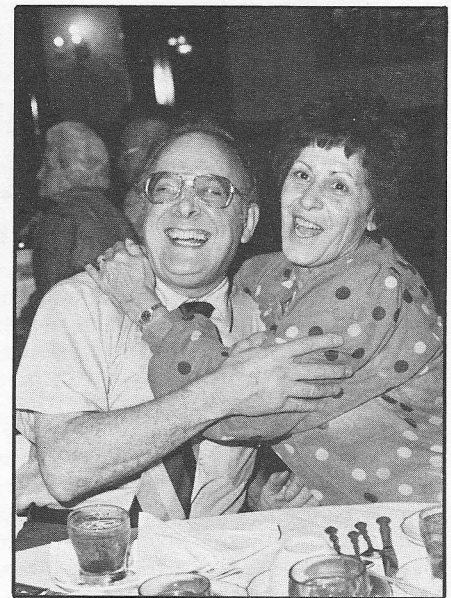
Joe Repplinger (Maint. '79) and wife, Mary.



Julius Gajewski (West Shops '72) and wife, Irene.



Michael Bawlicki (North Av. '63) and wife, Helen.



John Carol, chief clerk, (not retired) Jefferson Pk., and wife, Evelyn.



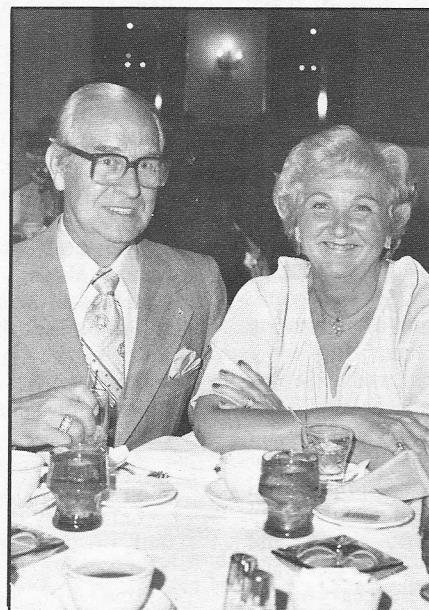
John Floyd (Limits '71) and wife, Mary.



Jesse Laskey (Forest Glen '74) and wife, Othellia.



Mr. and Mrs. John Rudy of Colorado Springs. Rudy retired from Limits in 1978.



Russ Warnstedt (Suggestion Committee '76) and wife, Ruth.



Patrick Gill (Wilson Shop '76) and wife, Grace.

Great names in sports still tops

by W. B. Wolfan

Nowadays when polls are so popular in our society that the poll takers are busy assessing opinions on everything from national politics to the feeding habits of the Australian kangaroo, we came across a very fascinating sports poll the other day. Its selections have withstood the rigorous test of time in a fast-changing sports world.

This particular poll was conducted by the Associated Press and was known as the AP's Mid Century Poll, with sports experts selecting the greatest athletes and outstanding sports events of the first 50 years of the 20th Century. The poll appeared in Frank Menke's Encyclopedia of Sports. (The late Frank Menke was a friend of this writer when he served as press relations chief of Churchill Downs and the Kentucky Derby.)

The athletes chosen in the Mid Century Poll stack up pretty well in today's climate of \$800,000 per year ball players and personal agents who negotiate million dollar contracts.

The poll selected as the greatest male athlete the legendary Jim Thorpe, Olympic hero and great football star.

No question about it, Thorpe deserves that honor despite the fact that a few insensitive people took away his Olympic medals, claiming he violated his amateur status. Runner-up to Thorpe was Babe Ruth, the mighty Bambino. Jack Dempsey ranked No. 3; Ty Cobb, the Georgia Peach, No. 4, and the outstanding amateur golfer Bobby Jones was No. 5 on the honor roll.

Babe Ruth was named as the greatest baseball player. Few people know that the Babe was also an outstanding left-handed pitcher for Boston before introducing the concept of power hitting to the major leagues. Ty Cobb ranked No. 2 behind the Babe, Lou Gehrig No. 3, Walter Johnson, the Big Train, No. 4, and Joe DiMaggio No. 5.

There were great ball players in the black baseball leagues, like Satchell Paige, Cool Papa Bell, Josh Gibson, to name only a few who should have been included high up in the baseball poll, but were not permitted to play in the majors until Jackie Robinson finally broke the color line. Josh Gibson was credited with 84 home runs in one season, playing for the famed Homestead Grays. And there was the one and only Satchell Paige, who was strictly one of a kind, ageless on the pitching mound.

During his pitching career, Paige hurled more than 300 shutouts. He is also said to have pitched as many as three games in one day. Mention that to the non-finishers pitching in the big leagues today. There is actually no official count of how many no-hit games Paige pitched. Some estimates say that total is more than 50, perhaps one hundred.

Buck Leonard, Oscar Charleston, Wade Johnson, George Scales, and Spotwood Poles were other black baseball stars who were as good and even superior to many in baseball's American and National Leagues of yesterday.

In the voting for the greatest fighter, Jack Dempsey and Joe Louis were 1-2 in the balloting. Hammerin' Henry Armstrong was ranked No. 3, Gene Tunney No. 4, and lightweight champ Benny Leonard No. 5. No one can argue with those ratings. Dempsey and Louis were heavyweight champions with the "killer instinct." For sheer fighting ability Henry Armstrong had no equals in boxing.

The greatest football player honor went to Jim Thorpe, followed by Red Grange, Bronko Nagurski, Ernie Nevers, and Sammy Baugh in that order. George Halas would agree.

Bobby Jones was named the greatest golfer, beating out Ben Hogan by a one-sided margin. Walter Hagen placed No. 3, Byron Nelson No. 4, and Sam Snead No. 5, just a notch ahead of Gene Sarazen. Few of today's golfing followers realize the greatness of Bobby Jones. He was truly the master golfer.

You can't argue with the selection of Jesse Owens as the greatest track and field performer. George Mikan was named the greatest basketball player.

In tennis, Bill Tilden was voted the greatest player, with Jack Kramer No. 2 and the old redhead, Dan Budge, No. 3.

Those tennis ratings, in our opinion, still dominate today.

In voting for the greatest female athlete, Babe Didrikson Zaharias was given No. 1 ranking, and no one can dispute that choice.

Helen Wills Moody, perhaps the greatest woman tennis player of all times, was the runner-up in the balloting to Mrs. Zaharias as top female athlete.

In horse racing, the experts gave Man O'War the No. 1 spot as the greatest thoroughbred. Calumet Farm's Citation placed No. 2 and the same stable's Whirlaway No. 3. Seabiscuit ranked No. 4 and Exterminator fifth. Trainer Ben Jones always said that Citation was racing's greatest horse. Not only did Citation win the Triple Crown, the colt also defeated older horses in his three-year-old year.

Old Tarzan himself, Johnny Weissmuller, was honored as the greatest swimmer of the first half of the 20th Century. A woman who was first to swim the English Channel, Gertrude Ederle, ranked fifth on the swimming list.

There were two interesting results in the experts' balloting on the most dramatic event.

No. 1 in the poll was the Dempsey-Firpo heavyweight title fight in 1923 chosen by a close margin over the day Babe Ruth "called the shot" on his world series homer in Wrigley Field in 1932.

Notre Dame's 18-13 football win over Ohio State in 1935 and Red Grange's five touchdowns in the first quarter against Michigan in 1924, ranked very high on the list of the most dramatic events in sports history. So did the Dempsey-Tunney "long count" title fight in Chicago in 1927 at Soldier Field.

And for the information of the many fans who listen to Lou Boudreau on Chicago Cubs' baseball broadcasts and marvel at his inside knowledge of the game, shortstop Boudreau was voted "Male Athlete of the Year" in 1948 by the nation's sports experts.

Lou, a Hall of Famer, certainly deserved that honor in his playing days.

The poll also saluted another Chicago hero, DePaul's George Mikan. The record book shows Mikan as the major college scoring leader in 1945 and 1946, before he went on to pro basketball fame.

A player who once practiced with Mikan says of him: "He was also an All-American as a person. He always helped the other guy, including me, when I was trying out for the old Chicago Gears."

All these names are legend - Thorpe, Ruth, Dempsey, Louis - names that come alive in the pages of sports history.

Later they'll be joined by other sports heroes of the last half of the century - among them Aaron, Mays, Brock, Yastrzemski, Unitas, Butkus, Palmer, Nicklaus - and in the equine world, Secretariat.

Perhaps by the year 2000, we might even have a sports hero from outer space, who will run the 100 in 8 seconds.

NEW PENSIONERS

SAMUEL BASILE, Operator,
77th Street, Emp. 1-18-45
SAMUEL J. BOYD, Operator,
Beverly, Emp. 7-23-52
MITCHELL BYSTREK, Operator,
North Avenue, Emp. 9-12-42
MAURICE CONNORS, Paymaster,
Treasury, Emp. 1-23-46
WILBURN HESTER, Box Puller,
77th Street, Emp. 3-15-51
JOSEPH JOHNSON, Operator,
Lawndale, Emp. 9-8-58
JOHN KRAJCIK, Operator,
Lawndale, Emp. 11-21-45
FAULKNER McCREA, Painter,
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North Park, Emp. 10-9-47
NICK PANTONE, Laborer A,
West Shops, Emp. 4-15-46
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Payroll, Emp. 2-25-42
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Service anniversaries in October

35 years

J. S. Kurgan, South Shops
W. D. Lewis, Travel Info. Ctr.

30 years

A. R. Deering, South Shops
J. J. Johnston, Electrical
G. M. Keating, Electrical
D. Kovalenko, Howard/Kimball
M. H. Nowaczyk, Claims
S. J. Sarna, Maintenance

25 years

R. E. Arnold, Electrical
G. E. Fels, North Park
R. J. Heffernan, Treasury
R. D. McDiarmid, Beverly

IN MEMORIAM

FREDERICK M. ANDERS, 74, North Ave.,
Emp. 4-17-43, Died 8-16-79
DAVID ARNOLD, 45, 77th Street,
Emp. 3-1-71, Died 8-15-79
ARTHUR BASEDOW, 67, North Avenue,
Emp. 12-7-43, Died 8-24-79
CHARLES BUZA, 69, South Shops,
Emp. 9-13-26, Died 8-31-79
HENRY CRESCIO, 75, North Avenue,
Emp. 8-29-40, Died 8-1-79
GEORGE P. HARPER, 68, 69th Street,
Emp. 9-28-36, Died 8-8-79
JOHN HARRINGTON, 85, Devon,
Emp. 3-29-24, Died 7-27-79
ELMON HOLLIS, 34, 69th Street,
Emp. 3-27-69, Died 9-15-79
WILLIAM JAKOUBEK, 77, Lawndale,
Emp. 9-13-23, Died 8-5-79
JOSEPH JANECKO, 59, West Shops,
Emp. 1-22-52, Died 9-18-79
CLARA KITSON, 86, North Section,
Emp. 10-24-27, Died 8-15-79
WILLIAM KLOSINSKI, 77, North Avenue,
Emp. 1-22-26, Died 8-12-79
CLARENCE KOLODZIEJ, 58, Maintenance,
Emp. 1-22-47, Died 9-2-79
LEROY LILLY, 70, Beverly,
Emp. 4-2-53, Died 8-16-79
DAVID MAGEE, 61, South Shops,
Emp. 8-19-41, Died 8-24-79

EDWARD MAZIARKA, 89, West Shops,
Emp. 11-16-22, Died 8-30-79
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Emp. 10-9-41, Died 8-13-79
JOHN MIRABELLI, 75, Engineering,
Emp. 7-21-42, Died 8-9-79
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ROY SUNDH, 47, Electrical,
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BOLTON VIND, 69, Maintenance,
Emp. 4-27-38, Died 8-27-79
HARRY WALDEN, 75, North Section,
Emp. 9-21-45, Died 8-18-79
FRANK WALSH, 99, Transportation,
Emp. 10-12-07, Died 8-31-79
CHARLES WITRY, 76, North Park,
Emp. 1-20-63, Died 8-21-79

Marcelo Reyes receives degree



Marcelo Reyes, a field auditor for the Auditing department, obtained his bachelor of science degree in business administration from Roosevelt University where he has studied since 1973.

He graduated in September and was included in the Dean's List as one of the top students with higher grades.

Reyes started working for CTA in 1969 as a bus driver, and was promoted to his present position in 1977.

A native of Santiago, Chile, he immigrated to the United States with his wife and their three children in 1965.

"It took me longer than usual to obtain my degree, mostly due to my working schedule when I was a bus driver, but it was worth it--and now I feel more confident to pursue further goals and advance in my career with the CTA when the opportunity arises."

CTA Pioneers to hold Ladies Day luncheon-dance

The CTA Pioneers retirement organization will hold their fourth anniversary and Ladies Day luncheon dance program beginning at 1:30 p.m., Dec. 11, in the Golden Flame restaurant, Higgins and Nagle avenues. The Pioneers will elect new officers in January. Tickets for the luncheon dance cost \$4 and are sold at the door. Prizes will be given to the ladies. The Pioneers now have nearly 600 members, said Pinky Moran, spokesman for the organization.

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The Art Institute of Chicago October 4 through
December 2

Toulouse-Lautrec: Paintings

Take the CTA to the Art Institute



In further celebration of its centennial year, the Art Institute of Chicago is offering a major exhibition of paintings by the celebrated 19th Century French artist Henri de Toulouse-Lautrec. This dramatic car card promoting the exhibit was designed for the Art Institute by Chicagoan Harvey Retzloff. This attractive design also appears on posters at CTA's rapid transit stations.

Toulouse-Lautrec became best known for his lithographs and posters which depicted Parisian personalities and night-life in the 1890s.

The exhibition of 109 of Toulouse-Lautrec's paintings includes 42 from the museum established at the artist's birth-place in Albi, France. The others are from public and private collections. Being held in conjunction with it is a showing of

110 prints, drawings and posters by Toulouse-Lautrec from the Art Institute's permanent collection. Made possible in part by a grant from the City of Chicago, the exhibit will be on display through December 2.

The Art Institute, on Michigan avenue at Adams street, may be reached by any of a number of bus routes that operate north and south in Michigan avenue, as well as eastbound on Jackson boulevard. Nearby also are the elevated station at Adams and Wabash and the State and Dearborn Street subways.

Exhibit hours are 10.30 a.m. to 8 p.m. Mondays and Thursdays; 10.30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays; and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays. Admission is \$2 for adults and \$1 for senior citizens, children and students. On Thursdays admission is free.

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