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George Bender, 35928 Johnston, Farmington, has been appointed sales manager of the Allstate Insurance Companies regional office, Detroit. He will be responsible for multiple line insurance sales throughout Michigan.

Outstanding Athlete, Outstanding Scholar

BY MICHAEL PLATH

Kerry Rifkin just might be a name worth remembering, for, as some say, the past can serve as an indicator of the future.

For this graduate of Clarenceville High School, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Martin Rifkin, 20076 Maplewood, Livonia, has established an academic and athletic career during his four years at Clarenceville as astounding as it is lengthy.

"Kerry is an outstanding scholar and a good all-around person," Don Meier, assistant principal at Clarenceville said. To substantiate that look at the record.

RIFKIN HAS not only maintained a 4.00 (all - A) average in his classwork but has also played in three sports -- football in the fall; basketball in the winter and baseball in spring. He lettered in all three in his sophomore, junior and senior years.

At last week's Athletic Boosters Club banquet, Rifkin won two trophies -- as the most valuable baseball player and the outstanding athlete in the entire school.

"Kerry was never really in the limelight -- he wasn't the star, halfback personality," Chuck Thompson, Clarenceville's athletic director, said. Yet, though Rifkin is quiet and doesn't seek the spotlight,



KERRY RIFKIN holds the trophies he won as Clarenceville High's star athlete, awarded last week by athletic director Chuck Thompson. (Observer photo)

his standard of excellence hardly keeps him in the shadows.

IN HIS SOPHOMORE year he was named Wayne -- Oakland's all -- league center in football. The next year he was moved to guard -- not exactly the glamorous positions. In Rifkin's junior year, he was named the outstanding underclassman, and this year he was named outstanding school citizen. He is a former class president. The faculty voted him as one of this year's outstanding students in math, science, English and band.

Next year he will be attending Harvard University, which awarded him a scholarship of an undisclosed amount.

Meier provided the natural conclusion by saying that Rifkin will more than likely continue in athletics and has given some indication of an interest in studying law.

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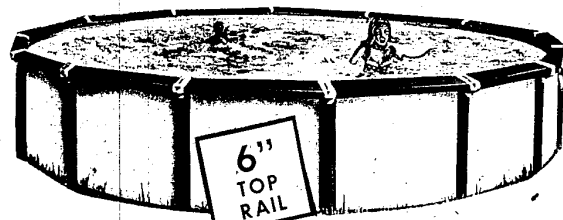
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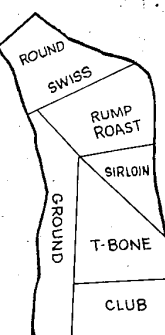
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