

Area's First All-Stater Is Pride And Joy Of West High

What does the area's first all-state basketball player, who has led his team to an undefeated season, do when he isn't practicing?

The Observer sent photographer Craig Gaffield to Garden City West High to get the answers by snapping Rick Drewitz as he went through his daily routine as a student.

Rick, who was named to the Free Press All-State first team, previously won first team honors on the all-league, all-suburban of the Detroit News and the all-Metro of the Free Press.

He has been one of the principal reasons for West gaining the quarter-finals of the state 'A' tournament, sparking the Tigers to one rally after another in the district and regional tournaments.

A student with a near all-A average, Rick is the pride of West High - every student knew from the start of the year that he was the "greatest" and he proved it with his brilliant performances.

Rick is the first player from Western Wayne County to win recognition on the all-state basketball team and

could be in line for a post on the scholastic All-American which will be announced in June.

College scouts have been dogging his footsteps since mid-January and at last count he had letters and personal interviews from more than 50 colleges and universities.

He isn't expected to make his choice until long after the end of the basketball season which he hopes will continue through Saturday's championship game in East Lansing.



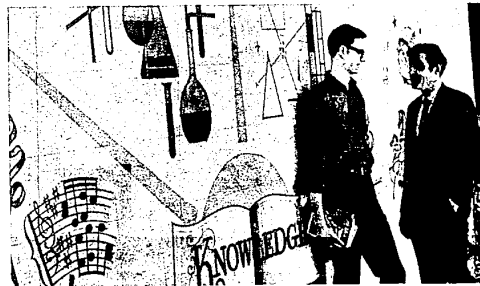
Books have the attention of Rick during study period.



Big Chris Rzonca, of Catholic Central, covers Rick as he tries to get loose for a shot.



Cheerleaders Diane Letrault (left) and Debbie Humphrey (right) eye their hero.



Principal William Riley discusses upcoming quarterfinal game with Rick.



Smiling Tiger watches as Coach Chris Bobler presents ball to his star.



His parents have nothing but smiles as they look up at the big son who has done so well.

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