



Thurston's Harding
Wanted A Winner

Sometimes decisions just aren't meant to appear
sweat on the outside.
And usually nobody but the person making the
decision really knows of the inside.
Thurston High School junior Dave Harding made
a decision and now has to live with it.

THURSTON HIGH SCHOOL made a decision
and away went one of the finest athletes in the area.
The 6-2, 200 pound junior who lettered in varsity
football, basketball and baseball his sophomore year,
and who was voted All-Northwest Suburban linebacker
and Lineman of the Year this past season as well as
winning All-Oregonian honors, is no longer a
Thurston student.

The day after football season ended, Harding
obtained his transfer to Catholic Central High School,
and was in the CC gym the following day in basketball
drills for the upcoming season.

Thurston High School really scored one against
itself and prep sports this time.

Section Nine in the handbook of the Michigan
High School Athletic Association for junior and senior
high schools states: "A student who transfers from
one high school to another is ineligible to participate
in an interscholastic athletic contest for one full
semester in the school to which he transfers."

Now, like any rule, there are exceptions, 12 in
this case.

No. 9 says that if a student transfers for educational
reasons and if the principal of each of the two
schools involved certifies that there was no undue
influence for athletic purposes, then the student is
eligible to participate immediately.

Such was the case with Dave Harding.
Catholic Central's principal and Thurston's Jack

Harms signed the paper
stating Dave was transferring
only for educational
reasons, but try to tell that
to any coach in the area.

Dave was a 3.14
student at Thurston,
a member of the varsity and
in the eyes of Athletic
Director Don Reel, just an
outstanding student in
every aspect.

The "waiver" was
signed and sealed by the
two principals, then director
Reel was notified and
then the football and
baseball coach at Thurston,
Emil Majeski, not to
mention basketball coach
Dan Bennett.

"What can I say?" asked Reel. "Disappointment
is about the only fitting word."

DISAPPOINTMENT is now the word in almost
every sport at Thurston.

An All-State candidate in two sports has now
slipped away.

"I thought about this move for a long time,"
said Harding. "I gave it a try at Thurston but things
just didn't work out."

"Catholic Central takes better care of its
athletes and has better records," added Harding. "I
don't feel any regret about the move."

"Catholic Central is a tougher school and my
chances of getting a scholarship are better there,"
added Dave. "Thurston has no winning tradition and
more people look at you and see you play at a better
school like Catholic Central."

"I didn't feel like sticking it out with a loser,"
concluded the now Catholic Central basketball player.
"In no way was I recruited," added Harding. "I
made the decision on my own with my parents' help."

Just try to convince me that the transfer was for
educational reasons.

How Did Your
Team Finish?

'71-'72 Cage Results

	OVERALL MARK	AVG. PER GAME PP PA
REDFORD UNION	17-4	74 64
GC EAST	17-5	78 64
CLARENCEVILLE	13-5	72 68
BENTLEY	15-6	61 56
FRANKLIN	12-6	62 57
CHURCHILL	12-6	61 55
GC WEST	11-6	69 57
JOHN GLENN	10-6	65 59
SOUTHFIELD LATHRUP	10-8	67 63
STEVENSON	10-8	61 57
SOUTHFIELD	9-9	70 71
ST. AGATHA	9-10	56 64
PLYMOUTH	8-11	65 66
N. FARMINGTON	8-11	61 66
HARRISON	7-9	59 60
BISHOP BORGESS	5-11	63 68
FARMINGTON	5-13	61 71
THURSTON	4-13	62 72

LETTERS
TO THE
SPORTS EDITOR

Bulldog Caper
Still Has Bite

EDITOR:

We are writing to you in
regard to your sports article in
the Nov. 15 paper. In your
article, you wrote on how
some Franklin students
walked into Bentley High
School, supposedly disguised
as Bentley students, and lied
to the janitors about needing
the statue and then walking
out with it.

We say Franklin, go ahead
and feel proud for doing this,
but ask yourself this question:
Does this make you a better
high school?

You stated that we students
of Bentley didn't even notice
the statue was gone, but for
your information, we did. And
if Franklin thinks they're big
now for doing this, they're all
wrong; we think they're in
pretty bad shape.

The Bentley Bulldog statue
was given to the school by the
graduating class of 1958 and
was put in the senior lobby and
has been there ever since.
What makes you think we
didn't miss it?

May we ask where you get
your information from? How
would you know anything
about what the Bentley
students did or had to say
about the statue being taken
when you're not there to see?
We might be mistaken, but
we thought when people write
up articles like that on school
activities, you're supposed to
be neutral and not side with
one school.

Feel as you like about
Bentley, because we students
of Bentley know Bentley High
School will always be the
greatest of all senior high
schools.

Go Bentley!
Concerned Bentley Students
SHARI SOHDE
LORI MYERS

West Defends
Halftime Show

EDITOR:

Regarding your article
about the Garden City East-
West football game in the Nov.
15 Observer: I feel that the

entire article was extremely
one sided, prejudiced, and
opinionated.

So West High School
couldn't put on a good half-
time show?

You watched the second half
of the halftime show with your
eyes closed and your ears
plugged. I know that you did
this because of the following
reasons:

1. West's show was original
and had much hard work put
into it.

2. Our band is a marching
band, not a walking band like
East's, and we looked 100 per
cent better than East's band
for that reason.

3. Our sound output just
sounded better than East's.

4. Our show was performed
with more spirit.

The majorettes aren't the
whole show, and just because
one dropped a football, that
doesn't automatically make
the other band better than us.
Aren't majorettes supposed to
be more proficient in handling
batons than footballs?

We might not have had the
best football team out there on
the field (no one would doubt
that after the treatment you
gave our team in your article)
but we surely had the best
marching band. If you don't
believe me, would you believe
the rest of the West band? If
that still isn't enough, East
High members agree with us.

Do us all a favor in the
future, and leave the music
criticism to your music
critics. That's what they are
paid for, and learn to do your
job better.

SUE WELDON and
82 other West Students

Go, West, Go!
A Pox On East

EDITOR:

In regard to your article
covering the Garden City
East-West football game, as a
part of a West High player, I
would say it was indeed a
disaster. It is a shame that
there has to be two schools in
Garden City, one treated like
"True Champions" since the
beginning of the season and
the other treated like "Poor
Cousins." Your coverage
during this season and in the

past has been anything but
equal and fair.

I think the West team should
be commended for accepting
their loss as gentlemen. Has
anyone questioned the con-
dition of the school buses used
to transport the "True
Champions" home after this
game? A rather expensive
trip, I'd say.

I think your reporting of the
game was very pretty and if
you were not properly en-
tertained I don't think you
have too much to complain
about since you probably
didn't purchase a ticket.

If you felt you were being
humorous when you chose to
criticize Miss Linda Wolf for her
performance during halftime,
you have a very warped sense
of humor. The best of us
can make mistakes. If you can
find it within yourself, I feel
you owe at least Miss Wolf a
public apology.

I personally will no longer
have your Observer delivered
to my home. Your kind of
reporting is not needed in high
school sports.

MRS. NORMAN BOSTON

Falcons Liked
This Attention

EDITOR:

It's very common for a
journalist to receive a large
quantity of criticism about his
work and receive very little
praise for it.

Throughout the years that
you (Sports Editor Tom
Donoghue) have been with the
Observer, we have taken a
close look at the work of you
and your colleagues. And, as
you probably know, we have
not always been happy with
the coverage of our (Farm-
ington) athletic teams.

But, the page one, Nov. 15,
story was a noticeable ex-
ception. For the first time this
season, the Falcons were on
the front page. But more
importantly, the story itself
was excellent.

Your alma - reader salutes
you for a job well done. (We
hope that your coverage will
be just as good during
basketball season).

JIM MASCOV
Blue & White Staff

MSU Memoir--
Duffy Daugherty

EAST LANSING
Legends usually are rooted
in solid fact, but passage of
time and tricky memory
eventually make them bigger
than life.

So it surely will be with
Duffy Daugherty. Ten years
from now even Duffy or wife
Francie will have trouble
sorting out the truth from the
sentimental hyperbole about
the man and his career.

In such circumstance, the
course of reason is to go back
to the record. For Duffy, it
speaks as loudly and eloquently
as the most ex-
travagant alumni bull session
tales in 1962 possibly could do.

Some of the diamond-hard
and shining facts are these:
He worked his way from a
Pennsylvania coal mine to the
pinnacle of national fame as a
coach, a wit, a beloved per-
sonality and a public relations
ambassador for Michigan
State.

He suffered a broken neck
playing college football at
Syracuse but came back to
captain his team as a senior.
He went into military ser-
vice in World War II as a
private and came out a major.
He devoted eight years, one
at Syracuse and seven at
MSU, as a lightly regarded
assistant to Head Coach
Biggie Munn, despite the fact
he coached some lines that
became known as "Duffy's
Toughies."

He took over the seemingly
thankless chore of succeeding
Munn as State's head coach
and not only didn't fumble the
ball but carried it into new en-
zones.

He won two outright Big Ten
titles, and placed second four
times. Seven times his teams
finished in the national top 10
in wire service balloting. His
1965 team was No. 1, his 1955
and 1966 teams No. 2.

He developed 23 major first
team All-Americans and 51
first team All-Big Ten players.

Must games for State
always are those with
Michigan and Notre Dame,
and Duffy came out 10-7-2
(wins, losses and ties) with the
Wolverines and 10-7-1 with the
Irish. Notre Dame thought so
much of him he had first shot
at the head coaching job there
but elected to stay at State,
thereby opening the door to
Ara Parseghian. Along the
way, there were countless

other big head coaching
positions tossed into his lap.
He battled the serious
business attitude of many of
the people associated with the
game and sought to make
football fun for players and
coaches as well as fans. As an
exemplar of this philosophy,
he became known for his
"Duffyisms," spontaneous
witticisms which have had the
whole nation chuckling.

He averred that he wasn't at
all superstitious except that he
thought it was bad luck to be
behind at the end of a game.

He was the first man ever to
be named "Coach of the
Year" twice by the Football
Writers of America. He has
coached in 11 All-Star bowl
games, and won a big
majority of them. He wrote a
column for the Associated
Press for three years.

And that's just the top of it.
In Duffy's case the legend will
have a hard time outgrowing
the facts.

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