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# LATE EDITION



# DELAY YEARBOOK

## “SUSPENDED”



## KUREK RETIRES AS LITERARY ADVISOR

The retirement of English teacher George Kurek as the Literary Advisor to the CULMEN® yearbook was announced at the end of the current school year. Mr. Kurek had assumed this position during the summer of 1969 and, for a time during the past two decades, had shared the Head Advisorship with Mr. David Evans of the Guidance Department, the Business Advisor.



Mr. David Multer, currently a History teacher at SPFHS, but in 1969 a Senior at SPFHS and the Literary Editor to the 1970 CULMEN®, recalled the events which led to the beginning of Mr. Kurek's long tenure as an advisor.

"The 1970 staff had been chosen the previous spring by Barbara Adams, a Biology teacher who was then the Chief Advisor. Mr. Patterson, my 11th grade English teacher, was the Literary Advisor while Mr. Evans served as the Business Advisor. Sometime in mid-summer (1969), my mother, who was a secretary in the Main Office, telephoned home to tell me that Miss Adams had resigned as a teacher, leaving us without an Advisor shortly before the beginning of our Senior year. I telephoned Karen Lehr, the Editor-in-Chief, and several others, with the news and we mutually agreed that Mr. Patterson would make a great replacement for Miss Adams."

"Several of us caught up with Mr. Patterson sometime later and told him how we felt. For whatever reason, though desperate adolescents are difficult to ignore, he soon applied for and was appointed to the Chief Advisor position. Of course, the problem now was that there was no Literary Advisor."

"Karen and I remembered that Mr. Patterson and Mr. Kurek got along pretty well and had taught several units together in Honors English (the infamous *Our Town* and *Death of a Salesman*), so I suggested Mr. Kurek as a replacement for Mr. Patterson as Literary Advisor. The rest, to beat a dead cliché to death, is history."

And turnout is still fair play. In the spring of 1985, Mr. Kurek was the first to approach Mr. Multer about the prospect of assuming the Chief Advisorship from He and Mr. Evans. Desperate colleagues are also hard to ignore, and Mr. Multer accepted. Mr. Kurek, who retired to spend more time with his lovely wife and children, will be sorely missed for his expertise, his professionalism, and his very pun-ishing wit.

Noted Head Softball Coach Jim Mason, whose Varsity squad of 15 included 8 Seniors, "I've had to go to my bench more often than I'd like this season."

The Athletic Administration maintains that most of the contests will be made up. Recent rumors concerned the possibility of swapping underclass athletes here for Seniors from other high schools. One rumor had Junior runner John Lee-Tin, Jr. traded to Roselle Park for a hurdler.

The disappearance of the Seniors caused a real problem with the scheduling of officials for contests which were never played.

Jack Sharkbait, a grizzled veteran softball umpire, was found on the Varsity Girls' Softball field wandering aimlessly in an agitated state. "Grrr . . . I've been waitin' out here fer two weeks for a game to start. That's alot to ask of a guy for \$32.50. Do ya know where I can find a bathroom? Grrr . . ."