



# Class Notes

MAINE WEST NEWS AND EVENTS  
For and of the Great Class of 1968

March 2019



The Maine West Girls' Basketball Team captured the Illinois High School Association State 4A State Championship on Saturday, March 2. Not only did they finish the 2018-2019 season as Champions, but they also did it in a fashion that has only been duplicated a handful of times: they were undefeated. Their record of 35-0 is a high water mark for victories by any Maine West Team. Several key players will be returning next season so it looks as though the Lady Warriors will be a team with whom to be reckoned with for the foreseeable future.

At the time that we were attending Maine West, there were no competitive sports for girls. They had the GAA and played sports against each other; not against other schools. That all changed in the early '70s with Title IX which made it necessary for the high schools to provide levels of sports for Girls. It has slowly but surely grown to the level that we see today; not just at Maine West; not just in Illinois but throughout the entire country.

Go, Warriors!!!

## **DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI NOMINATION:**

If you go to the [Maine West Alumni Association website](http://MaineWestAlumni.org) (MaineWestAlumni.org), there is a link to upload and print out the Distinguished Alumni Award. Our very own Don Maruska is a past recipient of this award. It's equivalent to the Maine West Hall of Fame for Athletics. If you can think of a classmate who would be worthy of consideration for this award, please submit the form to the address shown on the form.

**EVENTS THAT HELPED TO SHAPED OUR LIVES FROM FEBRUARY/MARCH, 1965** (In order to avoid repeating historical events that we covered during our Operation 50 Editions, I've chosen to revisit our freshman year at Maine West. At this point in the school year, we were less than four months away from completing year number one at the Home of the Warriors.

February:

- 1st – Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and 700 demonstrators arrested in Selma, Alabama
- 1st –Peter Jennings,26, becomes the anchor for ABC's nightly news
- 6<sup>th</sup> – The Righteous Brothers' "You've Lost That Lovin' Feelin'" hits Number One
- 24<sup>th</sup> – The Beatles begin filming "Help" in the Bahamas

March:

- 7th – Alabama state troopers and 600 black protesters clash in Selma, Alabama
- 8<sup>th</sup> – The first U. S. Combat forces arrive in Viet Nam (3,500 Marines)
- 15th – Lyndon Baines Johnson asks Congress to ensure everybody's right to vote
- 15th – T. G. I. Fridays 1<sup>st</sup> restaurant opens in New York City
- 20<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> NCAA Men's Basketball Championship: UCLA beats Michigan 91-80
- 21st – Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. begins the march from Selma to Montgomery, Alabama
- 23rd – Gemini 3 launched, 1<sup>st</sup> U. S. two-man space flight (Grissom and Young)
- 25<sup>th</sup> – Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. led 25,000 to state capitol in Montgomery, Alabama

<p><b>FROM THE WLS SILVER DOLLAR SURVEY (March 5, 1965)</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. 8 Days a Week – The Beatles</li> <li>2. Ferry Cross the Mersey – Gerri and the Pacemakers</li> <li>3. King of the Road – Roger Miller</li> <li>4. This Diamond Ring – Gary Lewis and the Playboy</li> <li>5. Laugh Laugh – The Beau Brummels</li> <li>6. Can't You Hear My Heart Beat – Herman's Hermits</li> <li>7. Little Things – Bobby Goldsboro</li> <li>8. Downtown – Petula Clark</li> <li>9. The Birds and the Bees – Jewel Akens</li> <li>10. Goldfinger – John Barry</li> </ol>	<p><b>John Carl, Editor</b>  <a href="mailto:bikerman421@wowway.com">bikerman421@wowway.com</a></p>	
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# Susan's Musans

... Thoughts and Memories from Susan Calabrese DeMerit



Greetings!

Spring is almost here and with that, spring training and baseball! Oh, how we loved going to Wrigley Field to watch the Cubs on Opening Day.

We'd walk to town and jump on the bus that took us to Clark Street. Then we'd get on another bus to Wrigley Field. How thrilling it was seeing the big Wrigley Field sign, the crowds waiting to get in, the smell of the hot dogs. This was living!

We'd get there early to watch the Cubs practice and hope a fly ball would come our way. We sat in the grandstand, in the shade and nearly froze! But it didn't matter. It was Opening Day 1967!

There was nothing better than watching the Cubs. Seeing Ernie Banks, Ron Santo, Glenn Beckert, Billy Williams, Fergie Jenkins, pitching, and, of course, Leo Durocher on the field was worth it!

When the Cubs were on the road, WGN was the home of the Cubs. Lou Boudreau would be calling the game on our transistor radio or we were watching the one and only, Jack Brickhouse call the game on Channel 9. Jack was over-the-top with his famous "Hey-Hey"! Or, if the game was tied at the bottom of the ninth, "Any old kind of run wins it for the Cubs!" Love you, Jack!

Once a Cubs fan, always a Cubs fan ... Go Cubs!

Cheers,  
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