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'... United by experience and memories, ...'

*'We learned trust and understanding, ...'
'After today, we stand alone.'*

by Pat DiMaggio
Rahway's Class of 1989 gathered for the last time Monday night to take part in graduation ceremonies at Veterans Field. The class was honored by a fly-by of geese in V-formation, soaring amidst the red and black balloons to honor the graduating seniors.

Out of a total of 204 students, representing the entire City of Rahway, 25 of them received over 48 scholarship awards for a total of \$129,000. 58 will at-

tend a four-year college, 30 will attend a two-year college, 27 will go on to vocational-technical training, 27 will enter the military, 16 will attend business school, two will enter nursing school, 19 will go immediately to work, and 25 students are keeping their plans secret.

Suzanne Hilyard, president of the Class of '89, gave the welcoming address. "Tonight is special because we are gathered together one last time," said Hilyard. "We have been united by the

experiences and memories we've shared over the past four years."

"Tonight, we begin to fulfill our goals and expectations," said Valedictorian Brian Deeds. "We now face the freedom of making choices on our own. After today, we stand alone. We must face the future no matter what lies ahead. Our great expectations must now come from ourselves."

"Myths were destroyed here," said Salutatorian Cheryl Butler. "We learned

trust and understanding and how important it is to give a man and a woman a chance regardless of where they come from."

Also honored were the top ten students including Valedictorian Brian Keith Deeds, Salutatorian Cheryl A. Butler, Timothy Randolph Brophy, Jennifer Anne Martin, Gerardo Ortiz, Samson David Steinman, Dana Lynn Evans, Anthony Hsu, Charles Alexander Brainard and Jessica K. Hulnik.



BRIGHT FUTURE... Valedictorian Brian Deeds and Salutatorian Cheryl Butler, Rahway High School Class of '89.



TIME TO SMILE... Happy graduates Guillermo E. Moran, Jose Amilcar Soza, John DiMaggio.



MANY FOND MEMORIES... Members of the Class of '89 awaiting graduation ceremony. Included are class officers Jennifer Powell, Secretary; Janice Hall, Treasurer; Denis Williams, Vice-President; and Suzanne Hilyard, President.



HURRY UP AND WAIT... Group of '89ers awaiting graduation.



NOW FOR THE REAL WORLD... Mixed emotions mark the faces of these graduates.

Public apathy marks council meetings Residents are conspicuous by their absence

Restricted parking considered for portions of Irving, Campbell, Bond and Cora Streets

Arts Center to be granted fire exit easement

By Pat DiMaggio
City government entered the "summer doldrums" when only two residents and this reporter attended last week's meeting of Rahway's Municipal Council.

A decided lack of interest in local legislative affairs has plagued Rahway in recent years. Most meetings, other than those dealing with introduction and adoption of the City budget, are attended by only a handful of residents.

In addition to resolutions refunding overpayment of water bills and taxes paid in error, the council approved for first reading an ordinance which would prohibit parking at all times on portions of Irving Street and Campbell Street, designated a portion of Campbell Street as a loading zone, and designated portions of Bond Street and Cora Street as handicapped parking zones.

The ordinance would prohibit parking at all times on the east side of Irving Street from Central Avenue to a point 100 feet south and on the east side of Campbell Street from a point 83 feet south of Elm Avenue and for a distance of 100 feet.

A section of Campbell Street on the west side would be designated as a loading zone starting at a point 225 feet south of Elm Avenue and extending a distance of 60 feet.

The west side of Bond Street would be marked for handicapped parking starting 160 feet south of the intersection of Monroe Street and extending for a distance of 22 feet and on the south side of Cora Place starting at 30 feet east of Audrey Drive and extending for 22 feet.

A public hearing and possible final adoption of this ordinance will be held at the July 5 meeting of the council.

The council also approved

Crowell completes combat training

Marine Pvt. James R. Crowell, son of Sara and James R. Crowell Sr. of Price St., Rahway has completed the School of Infantry at Marine Corps Base, Camp Lejeune, N.C.

During the six-week course, Crowell received classroom instruction and participated in field exercises involving infantry tactics; the construction and camouflage of fighting positions; and the use of mines, demolitions, and intra-company communications equipment. He is a 1988 graduate of Rahway High School.

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a resolution granting an easement to the Union County Arts Center for an emergency fire exit structure encroaching in the right-of-

way of Central Avenue. The easement may not restrict the public or the City from its right to use the right-of-way of Central Avenue.



LOOKS LIKE FUN, BUT... Students from the Employee Center for Young Children enjoyed learning about Thomas Crawford's mobility cart when they visited one of the Rahway Housing Authority's Senior Citizen sites. The children and seniors also did a craft project together, and danced with each other under the direction of Marge DeVaney, from the DeVaney School of Dance & Performing Arts.

Rahway P.D. to participate in Olympic torch run Fund raiser for handicapped youth 'Adopt-A-Cop'

by Pat DiMaggio
Rahway's Police Department will join in the New Jersey Law Enforcement Run for Special Olympics on Tuesday, June 27, when they participate in a relay along St. Georges Avenue.

The Torch Run will involve over 1,000 law enforcement officers from throughout New Jersey who will relay the Special Olympics torch to Princeton University, the site of the 1989 Special Olympics Summer Games.

Members of Rahway's Police Department will be trying to raise funds to help

pay the expenses of handicapped youngsters and their families so they will be able to participate in the Special Olympics, according to Police Officer Robert Post. Residents may "adopt-a-cop" for the run by collecting donations to be used by the New Jersey Special Olympics.

The idea for the Torch Run began in New Jersey in 1984 with a relay from Liberty State Park to Rutgers Stadium for the opening ceremonies of the 1984 Special Olympic Summer Games. Since its inception, the event has become larger each year. Today, over 1,000 law enforcement officers cover nearly 1,000 miles across the state. To date, \$500,000 in donations has been raised.

New Jersey Special Olympics is a non-profit organization providing sports training and athletic competition for children and adults with mental retardation. Thanks to the support of thousands of law enforcement officials, companies and organizations, the New Jersey Law Enforcement Torch Run has become a major promotional and fund-raising event to support the Summer Games.

Last year, over 500 law enforcement officers participated in the Torch Run, raising over \$108,000. This year, organizers hope to raise over \$150,000.

Members of Rahway's Police Department will be relaying the Special Olympics torch from the Linden line to the Woodbridge line along St. Georges Avenue beginning at 1:51 p.m. on Tuesday.

N.J. Summer Festival 1989

The Garden State is the site of a summer-long celebration of the state's rich cultural heritage. The "New Jersey Summer Festival 1989" is a week-long event from June 17 through September 17, 1989. Through the festival, a variety of cultural activities will be presented. Each county will have a booth. For more information, call the N.J. State Office of Cultural Affairs, 100 State Street, Trenton, N.J. 08646.

ENHANCED SPECIES... 140 children from Grover Cleveland School on a field trip to the Museum of Arts & Sciences in Trenton. William Moran, Terrence...