

# News, notes and nonsense

It might have surprised a few outsiders at Northwestern's football banquet when linebacker Tom Kaukialo was selected the Wildcats' MVP over quarterback Mike Greenfield, but the small-town (Peotone, Ill.) senior is regarded as a quiet leader by teammates who did the voting. Greenfield, who should get a Blue Cross award for the hits he took this season, received the George Ballentine Memorial Award for spirit and character. . . . Loyola's return to the International Amphitheatre Saturday for its opener with Illinois-Chicago will mark the Ramblers' first game in the South Side facility since Feb. 7, 1980, when they lost to Marquette 90-84. Loyola was 3-3 in the Amphitheatre. . . . The Bears' Willie Gault will speak at Northeastern Illinois University next Tuesday as part of the Chicago school's substance-abuse program. . . . Look for former Northwestern coach Rich Falk to be named coach of the Chicago franchise in the International Basketball Association at a Wednesday press conference here.

Early line on Tuesday's big hockey trade: It should benefit Pittsburgh and Edmonton. In Paul Coffey and Dave Hunter, the Penguins get experienced players who should end the team's playoff drought. In Craig Simpson and Chris Joseph, the Oilers get talented youngsters who should keep the dynasty flame burning. . . . It's been 50 years since Austin beat Leo in the Prep Bowl football in front of 120,000 fans in Soldier Field; and the teams will hold a reunion Dec. 3 in Riverside Country Club. . . . Aurora's Jimmy Panagopoulos is the No. 2 seed in the USTA Boys' 14 National Indoor Tennis Championships, which open Wednesday and run through Monday in the Mid-Town Tennis Club. . . . Gerald Lofthouse, a physician from Hinsdale, has been named to the Sports Medicine Advisory Committee for the U.S. Cycling Federation.

And finally, WGN's Chuck Swirsky says he had nothing to do with the great Max Headroom caper Sunday night. Swirsky's name was among the few discernable words heard from the air pirate who interrupted Channels 9 and 11, but Chuck claims it was not a publicity gimmick on his part. "I swear, I was at church at the time," said Chuck.