### U.S. college bound Milton athletes peer into future

It's a dumb question, but we all ask it anyway this time of year:
"Looking forward to going back to school?"

Yeah, right, and I can't wait to go to the dentist, either.

For some Milton students, however, going back to the classroom also means returning to the playing fields. That makes it a little easier to take.

Here's a rundown on four of them attending U.S. universities this year on athletic scholarships.

#### Damien Dubien, **Duquesne University**

This is the fourth and final year for Dubien at Duquesne University in Pittsburgh. The talented pitcher went, only 4-5 last season, but that was almost a third of the team's victories in a poor season.

Dubien says the education has been great and he plans to graduate with a marketing degree. As for the team, there were problems. They didn't have a field at the university because it's right in the heart of the city, so they had to travel to diamonds in the area just to practice and play their home games.

That made life difficult at times, but things are looking up. They're planning to build their own park, and this year they'll have a new coach, which Dubien thinks will help the team tremendously.

"I wish I was starting in the program all over again," he said last week just before heading back.

Perhaps a better indication of

Murray Townsend

### ON THE LOOSE

Dubien's talents is that he has been with Canada's national team for three years now. This summer, they finished third in an international tournament in Tennessee as a tuneup for the world championships in Nicaragua.

Canada only won one game, at the worlds, handing Japan their only loss in the round-robin part of the tournament. "The competition was unbelievable," said Dubien. "Cuba had six or seven guys that could play in the majors right now."

Dubien had a 3.97 earned run average at the world championships. "Pretty good for that level of competition." He also pitched the third most innings on the team.

The biggest opponent down there wasn't other teams but the environment. "It was a struggle just trying to stay healthy. We bought a lot of food in Tennessee just to survive. You have to struggle with the heat and then you don't have any food. Theirs makes you sick."

Cans of ravioli were their main diet ready for that." and Dubien felt the players weren't at full strength because of it.

Now, it's back to the college season. Dubien hopes to play well enough this year to be drafted by a

major league team. Beyond that, he's looking forward to a tournament in Edmonton next summer, in which Canada can qualify for the 1996 Olympics in Atlanta.

#### David Edgar, Niagara University

Edgar's first year on a baseball scholarship at the Division I Niagara University wasn't as good as he hoped. "It was a disappointing season. Guys that we needed to come through for us. Senior players didn't have as good a year as planned."

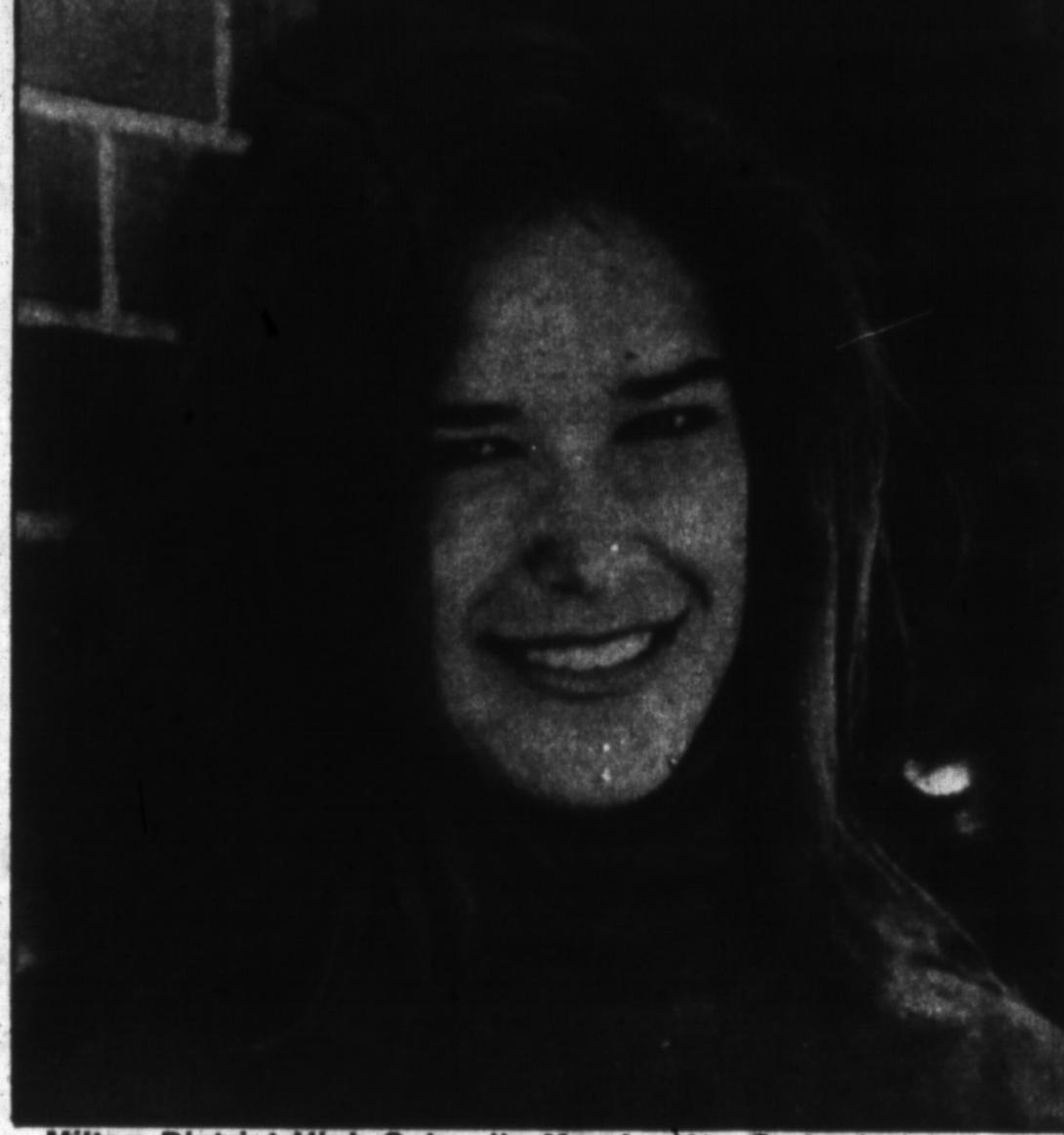
Edgar had a record of 2-5, which was one of the best among the pitchers. One of his losses was a one-hitter, and his two victories were against Harvard and Florida.

"It was kind of up and down. Pitch well one game, down the next. But, it was like that way for everybody."

Away from the baseball diamond, however, Edgar says "School, people, classes, everything else was just fantastic."

During the summer, Edgar played a couple of games with the Hamilton Cardinals of the Inter-County League, but gave it up. "I found the demand from baseball last season kind of wore me out and stopped playing to be ready for the school season. I felt it was more important. I need to be

The Niagara baseball season starts now, instead of in the spring, so they have enough good weather to play their games. Three quarters of their 24 players this year are sophomores



Milton District High School's Marsha Van Cedar is headed to Wichita, Kansas on a volleyball scholarship.

more consistent.

Marsha Van Cedar, Wichita State University

The talented Milton District High

or freshmen. That will take the pres- School grad who earned a volleyball sure off the team to win, but with all scholarship to Wichita State (Kansas) those young players Edgar feels he has already been down there for a needs to step up a notch and become couple weeks. Her classes have begun and she's preparing for the volleyball'season, which starts almost immediately.

Van Cedar visited Michigan and see GOLF on page 19

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