

St. Roberts

Unique event for Gd. 12s

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Years from now when the class of '86 are reminiscing about those good old high school days, the first thing to come to mind will most likely be our unique grade 12 graduation which took place last weekend. Needless to say, it was an event we'll never forget.

Although the actual ceremony was scheduled for Sunday, October 19th, the students decided to start our celebrating a bit early.

On Friday, October 17th, a dinner-dance was held for all the graduating students at La Gondala Banquet Hall. Organized by Tracey Britt, Ana Cunha, Lisa Spadacini and Lisa Ugolini, the event proved to be quite a success as students partied well into the night.

Even when the music was turned off (a polite way to say the party was over), students decided to provide our own entertainment. With the help of Andrew Veltri and his acoustic guitar, the place came alive as we broke into a raunchy version of, what else, the Beatles classic "Twist and Shout".

After having a day to recover it was back to some serious business for the graduates as the following Sunday proved to be quite an eventful day.

At 9:30 a.m., the graduates and their parents assembled at the school to celebrate mass with our resident chaplain, Rev. Wilfred McAneney.

Then it was off to the Chimo Hotel where we were treated to a communion brunch.

After our relaxing meal, it was back to the school to be fitted for our "lovely" brown gowns and to prepare for the procession.

Soon after, we made our grand entrance into the gym filled with adoring parents, teachers and prominent members of the York Region R.C.S.S. Board for our formal graduation ceremony. Formal? Well almost.

After an opening welcome from our Principal, David Lennon, we were greeted by the Vice-Chairman of the School Board, Gino Rosati and the Executive Director of the Catholic High School Commission, Leo J. Dupuis.

Josie Schwarzli, the former Dean of the Art Department, was appointed to address this year's graduation class. However, her speech was temporarily interrupted by the malfunctioning microphone.

While the problem was being corrected, the graduates sought to find a way to amuse themselves during the delay. Music Director, George Placewicz seemed to find the answer to our problems as he then proceeded to lead the band in a rousing '60's medley.

Being the enthusiastic students we were, all of us then jumped to our feet and to everyone's surprise and delight, we began to dance. And how we danced! (all over the gym for that matter).

Then it was time for Peter Bahen and Allan MacKey to introduce each grad, while David Lennon presented us with our diplomas.

As the ceremony neared the end, our two valedictorians Marco Magarelli and Norma Mammone, took us on a trip down memory lane.

Thanks are extended to all the teachers and students who assisted in various ways to make this graduation such a successful and memorable event. Included in this list are: Mary Palleschi, Peter Bahen, Gerald Grimes, Catherine McDavid, Bruno Rovere, Katherine Kelly, Father McAneney, Janice Sirna, Margaret Kenny, George Placewicz, The Concert Band, Joseph Visconti, Mark Capone, Paul McCann, Bernard Harkin, Allan MacKey, Nancy Fejes, Pat Freneau, Carol Santagato, Davies, Norma Mammone and Louisa DiRienzo.



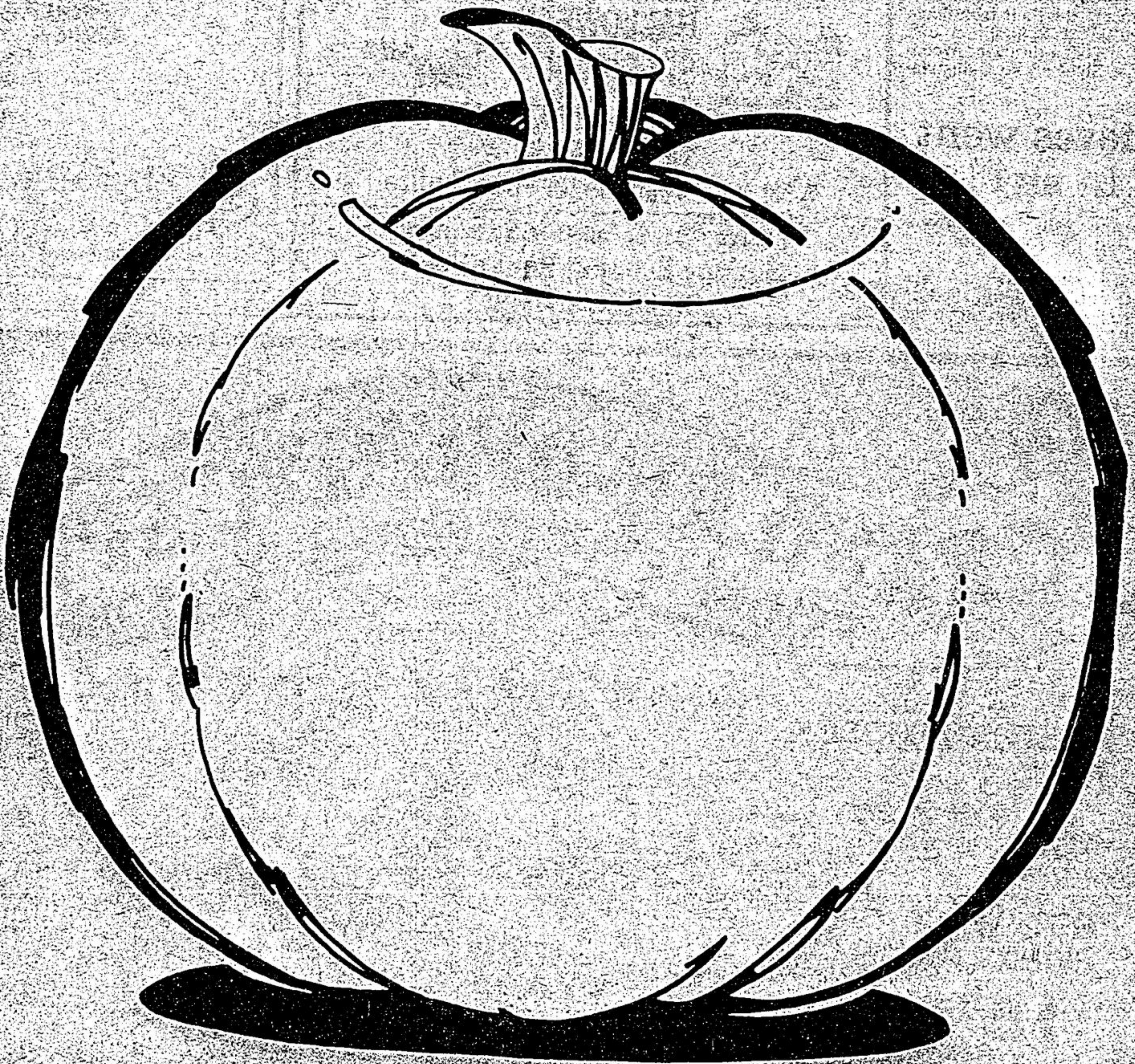
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