

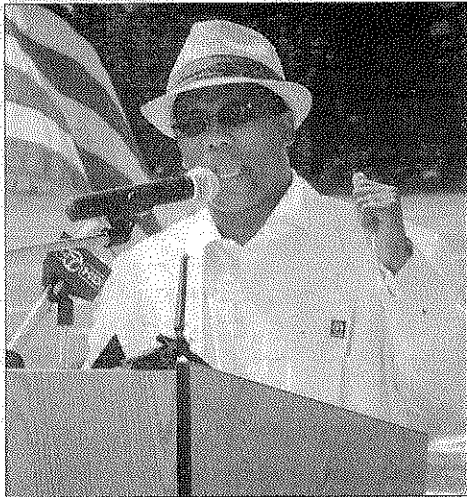
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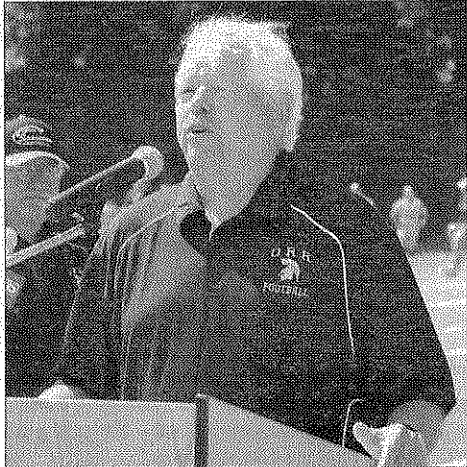
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ORR HIGH SCHOOL CHRISTENS NEW \$2.6 MILLION ATHLETIC FIELD



Ald. Walter Burnett, Jr., congratulates Orr High School and the Academy of Urban School Leadership on succeeding in obtaining the \$2.6 million to build the new Rauner Field being dedicated prior to Orr's first football game of the season. (Photo by Brad)



Mike Koldyke, founder of the Academy for Urban School Leadership, the management organization in charge of transforming Orr High School, declares the new athletic field is a symbol of the new spirit of success and pride at the West Humboldt Park school. (Photo by Brad)



The Orr High School Spartans football team smashes through a banner, officially opening the new \$2.6 million Rauner Field. (Photo by Brad)

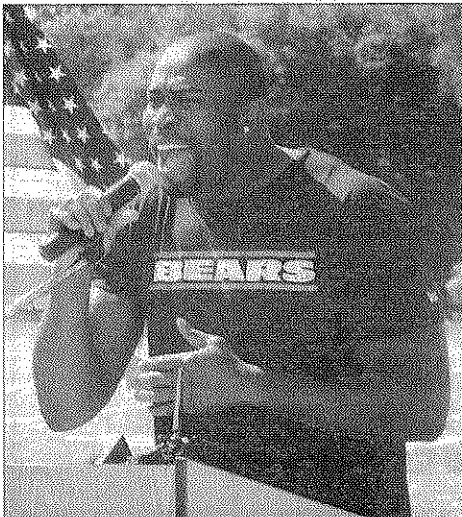
The Academy for Urban School Leadership, the not-for-profit organization working to transform Orr High School as its first turnaround school in Chicago, raised \$2.6 million in private contributions, foundation and corporate grants, and City of Chicago funding to build an all-weather athletic field adjacent to the West Humboldt Park school at 730 North Pulaski Road. The facility will host football and soccer games, plus track & field meets.

Helping dedicate the new field were 27th Ward Alderman Walter Burnett, Jr., Patrick McCaskey and Israel Idonije of the Chicago Bears, who provided the final \$200,000 needed to build the field, Mike Koldyke, founder of the Academy of Urban School Leadership, and Jammie Poole, Principal of Orr.

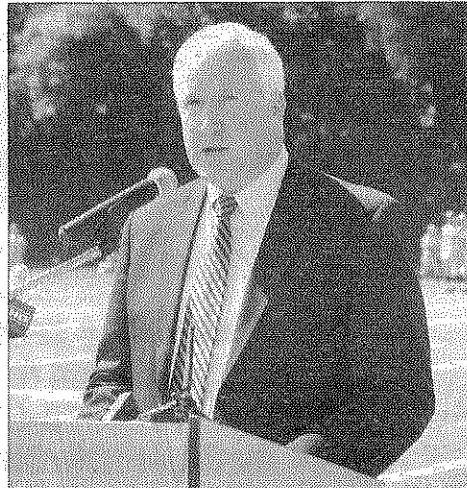
The Orr Spartans christened the field by smashing through a giant banner to start their first home football game. Orr hosted the Wauconda Bulldogs. Unfortunately, Orr lost 14-7.



Pat McCaskey & Israel Idonije of the Chicago Bears present a \$30,000 check from BEARS CARE to Mike Koldyke of the Academy for Urban School Leadership; Jammie Poole, Orr High School Principal; and 27th Ward Alderman Walter Burnett, Jr., toward the \$2.6 million price tag for the new Rauner Field at Orr Academy High School. (Photo by Brad)



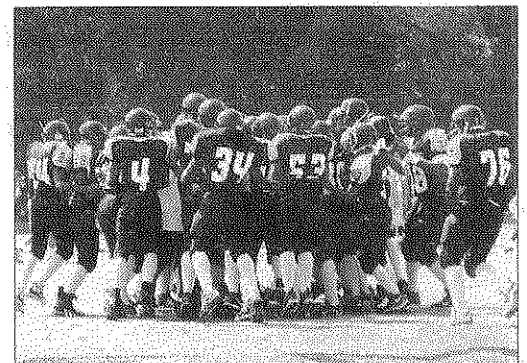
Chicago Bears star Israel Idonije participates in the dedication of Orr High School's Rauner Field. (Photo by Brad)



Pat McCaskey of the Chicago Bears says the new football field his organization helped build is as much a classroom as those in Orr High School behind it. (Photo by Brad)



The Orr Academy High School cheerleaders prepare to support their team. (Photo by Brad)



The Orr Spartans huddle in preparation for the start of their first game on their home field. (Photo by Brad)