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has really fired up this team and could be just what Chicago needs to put them over the top.

For Houston to become the next world champs, the offensive load has to be

carried by the Killer Bs: Jeff Bagwell, Craig Biggio and Lance Berkman.

Bagwell and Biggio have stuck around through thick and thin during the past 15 years as Astros; they'll be raring to go in their first World Series.

Meanwhile, Chicago finished among the league leaders in home runs this year and they'll have to go back to the well again to defeat Houston. This one's going down to the wire folks.

Prediction: White Sox in 7

World Series MVP: Aaron Rowand, CF

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Hazing, on the other hand, is characterized by humiliation and

degradation. It usually involves nudity and/or severe discomfort. Hazing can scar a young man for life, both emotionally and physically, yet it is advocated by some as being a part of the game. How does being anally raped by a broomstick make a rookie feel at home? It simply widens the gulf between the first-year players and the veterans.

The reactions of OHL commissioner David Branch and McGill officials indicate a positive step, but the effort has to be sustained in order to eradicate hazing. The issue must be kept in the public eye for any headway to be made, and people like Mantha must be made an example of. The Windsor incident may not have happened if Mantha had just taken a stand from the beginning. Instead, the coach turned a blind eye and allowed the humiliation to continue. Coaches, especially those at the junior level, have to be held responsible for their player's actions if there is anything they can do to stop them. What kind of a message is Mantha sending to his own teenaged players and young children everywhere by allowing such degradation to take place?

Hazing is a huge black mark on sporting culture that has to be dealt with, not only because of negative effects on victims, but because it is driving away kids who love to play.

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Ron Artest: We all remember this one! While playing for the Indiana Pacers, Artest became involved in an altercation with the Detroit Pistons. When the referees broke up the incident, Artest went for a breather on the sidelines. A well-meaning fan obviously mistook Artest's exhaustion for dehydration, and tried to quench the star's thirst with a beer carefully thrown from several rows up. Artest took exception to this, climbed into the stands, and proceeded to beat women and children at random. After everything was over, Artest punched a lost-looking, chunky man in the face as he walked on the court for good measure. Artest received a 73-game suspension.

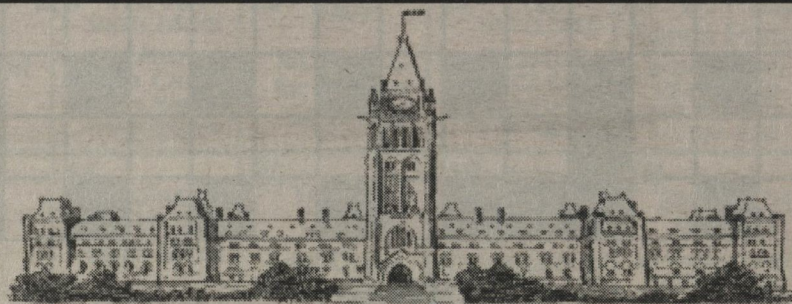
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to be some parents out there that absolutely freak the fuck out over this. And the student has no idea it was even sent out until they get that phone call.

It just doesn't seem very fair to me, that's all.

Rob Walker

PS: I absolutely cannot believe that the second half of the letter is a spiel to buy care packages from our beloved food service provider, Chartwells. I mean what was the thinking there? "Your son or daughter has been getting hammered illegally! Now buy them some cookies!"



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