

Ode to Duane

by Dave Crawley

In Westinghouse Park, you began your career.
The seasons that followed gave reason to cheer.
From Riverview Soccer, to Special Events,
The impact you've made here is simply immense.

The Schenley Park Sportsplex. The Mellon Park Bubble.
Get the 5K going? Done! It's no trouble.
From cutting a ribbon to plowing through snow,
Leave it to Duane. He's a man on the go.

With passion for fashion, you're always dressed fine,
Which helps you look good as you're "dancing the line."
But jazz is the ticket (you got the job done)
When it came to producing those summers of fun.

Now we have entered an era of spray parks
(Cooling-off places, and hot summer day parks).
Five spray parks so far, if you're keeping the score,
And Burgwin groundbreaking has added one more.

Though mayors came and went, you always stayed true.
But now – what is this? You say that you're through?
Though you'll miss your friends, in year thirty-seven,
Mike Radley would tell you, "Retirement is Heaven."

Those who are left here can follow your plans,
For you've earned the right to watch from the stands.