



Frank Vadas and grandson Dave.

Grandpa's His Coach

BY WHIT JOHNSON

When Aquinas sophomore Dave Vadas goes out for junior varsity football practice each day, there's one thing certain. He'll be coached by a man of experience. But to Dave, his coach is something extra; he's his grandfather.

Frank (Hunk) Vadas, the envy of any grandfather at a solid 190 pounds, began his 21st year on the Aquinas football staff this fall. One of his running backs is grandson Dave, the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Vadas of 207 Shipbuilders Creek Road, Webster.

Hunk arrived at the Dewey Avenue school in 1949 as an assistant to Harry (Mickey) Connolly and has been inspiring boys ever since. For years he played with and against some of the country's better known professionals and is perhaps the best know player in Rochester football history.

In Rochester Vadas played with the Oxfords, Russers and Arpeakos — names that will awaken memories in oldtime football buffs.

An interview with Vadas nets a reporter little in the way of information about himself, but he is a storehouse of information about his family. Son John is a 1948 Aquinas graduate and an engineering alumnus of Assumption College. Daughter Peggy Ann is teaching school in Connecticut. There's a storehouse of information, too, about Mrs. Vadas, a former Nazareth girl and about his all-American brother, George (Quo) Vadas, who quarterbacked Andy Kerry's famous undefeated, untied and unscored upon Colgate team.

Friends of Vadas have found that he has that mysterious something called "class." He is the sort of coach you think you'd like to have your son play for. Football is not just a lot of rah-rah stuff to him but a sport where fun and character-building go hand in hand. No one has ever heard any of his players speak with anything but effecton and respect for

BK Harriers Beat McQuaid

Bishop Kearney cross country runners won their second dual meet of the season on Tuesday, Oct. 13, beating McQuaid 26-30 on the BK course. The Kings are now 2-0 in Catholic League competition.

Kevin Hanna came in first with a course record time of 12:00. Darrell Youngman was second with 12:10, also under the record formerly held by Kearney's Mike D'Errico.

The JV harriers beat McQuaid 23-34.

The varsity came in fourth in the Baldwinsville Invitational Oct. 10 behind CBA of Syracuse (1), Aquinas (2), and Lockport of Buffalo (3).

CYO Sponsors NFL Outings

Two excursions to Buffalo for National Football League games are scheduled under the sponsorship of the Rochester Catholic Youth (CYO) Organization.

The contests are between the Buffalo Bills and the Cincinnati Bengals on Sunday, Nov. 8, and the Bills and the Baltimore Colts on Sunday, Dec. 13.

Buses will leave the CYO at 10:30 a.m. and return about 9 p.m. Fee is \$15. Information may be obtained by calling the CYO at 454-2030.

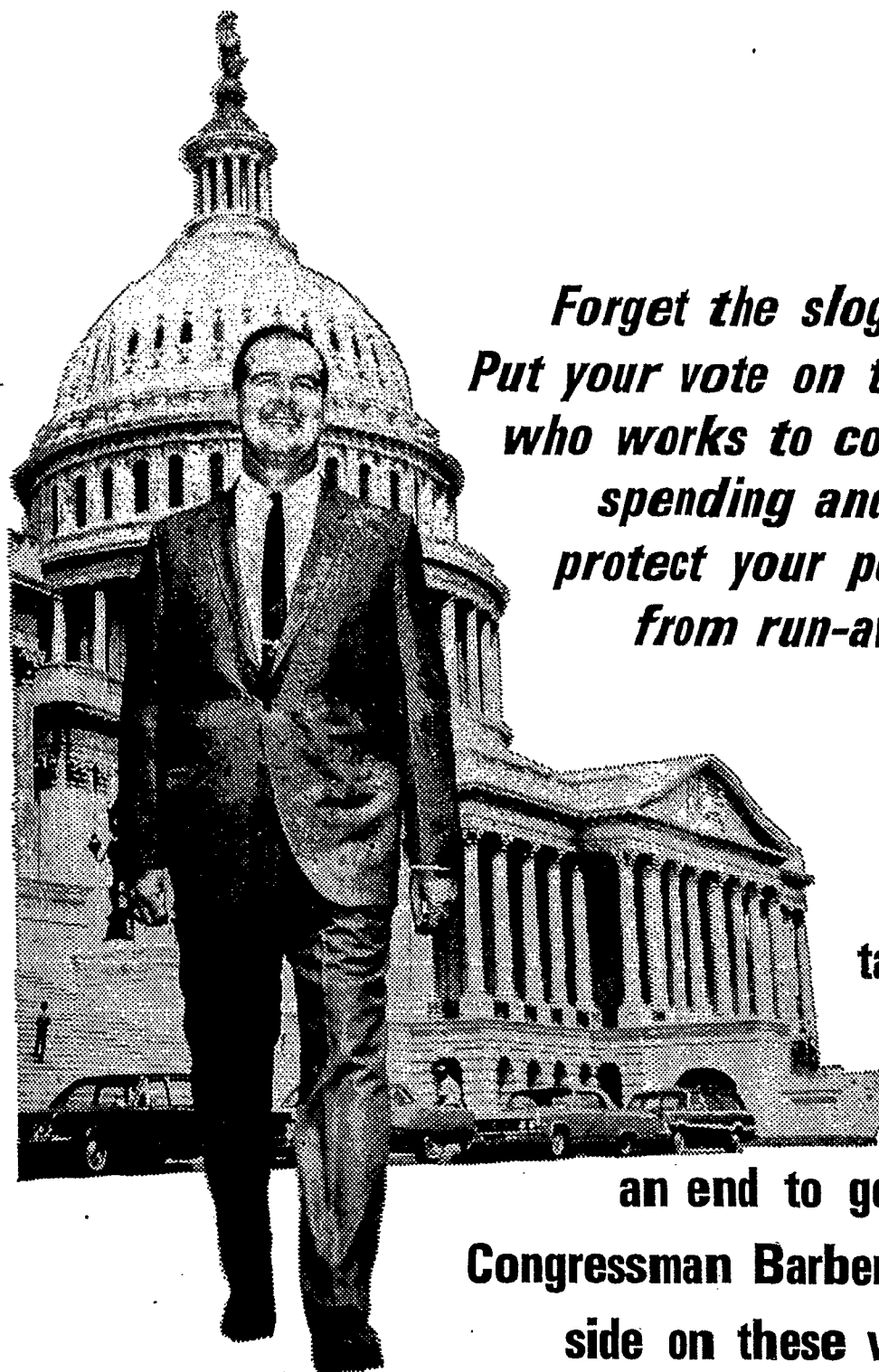
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