

St. Joseph Girls Look Back

By BARBARA MOYNEHAN

"No school can give the business courses you can get here," noted Corrine Kopluski, senior class president at the doomed St. Joseph's Business High School. Hers will be the last class to graduate from the 120 Franklin St. school building since the Redeptorist Fathers decided to close it because of debts.

A group of students said that they were not surprised when it was announced to them last October that the school would close in June. They were, how-

ever, disappointed. Kathy Smith, junior, who will relocate with the rest of her class to St. Monica's, 841 Genesee St., to finish their high school business education, said that many girls planned at first on high school rather than transferring to another high school or relocating.

Kathy admitted that she was one of these, she did not want to leave the concentrated business education or the close, friendly atmosphere she knew at St. Joseph's.

Mary Jo Martin, a graduating



Shown above are: from left to right, Corrine Kopluski, senior president; Pairlee Gilbert; Kathy Smith, a junior; Mary Jo Martin and Dorothy Hetzeo.

senior, said that it was "especially too bad for the freshmen, they had no idea in September when they entered, and now they are out again and must begin all over in a new school."

Dorothy Hetzeo, a senior, pointed out that the location of the school is ideal, "being downtown the girls can go to jobs easily from here." Her fellow seniors emphasized the good job placement service they receive from their teachers and the principal, Sister Johanna, and the good reception they experience on interviews. Often companies call the school for part-time as well as fulltime help. For example, Dorothy Hetzeo has been a secretary for two years to the service-manager at an automobile dealership. Corrine Kopluski will soon be a receptionist at Strong Memorial Hospital.

Pairlee Gilbert, presently a cashier at St. Ann's Home, is an example of a St. Joseph graduate who plans to go to college after taking a few necessary college preparatory courses.

The girls, freshmen, juniors and seniors, all agreed leaving would be sad. Miss Kopluski called it "a real community." She emphasized the counseling they all receive freely and graciously from Father Paul Bryan as being a great help.

The girls claimed that St. Joseph's was the best business

education they could receive in a Rochester high school, "all you need for life" said Miss Hetzeo. She explained that since the tuition is cheaper than most high schools, a lot of inner city girls attend, "only 10 girls in the whole school are from the suburbs, the rest of us are from the city."

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Scholastic Notebook



Visitors to Rochester who happen to pick up an afternoon newspaper sports section this spring might be persuaded to believe that track and field is the only spring sport offered by area high schools.

We've nothing against track and indeed believe it to be one team sport where a maximum number of boys can compete and participate as opposed to the nine or ten regulars on a high school varsity baseball team.

We also agree that as a local schoolboy sport it has been somewhat neglected on the local sports pages but we do suggest, at least this past season, that its dominance of the afternoon high school sports section was way overdone.

ONE OF THE TRACK headline makers this season was Aquinas' Dan Ambrose, the 17-year-old junior who ran a 4:18.4 mile in the Inter-Diocesan Meet at Albany to set new Rochester Diocese and Aquinas school records.

Ambrose, who next season could be the top miler in town, bettered his best previous time by seven seconds. He turned the last leg of his mile jaunt in the excellent time of 56 seconds. The 5-10, 144-pounder had to catch Albany CBA's Jim Robinson in the last 40 yards and beat him to the wire to win.

Bishop Kearney's Darrell Youngman ran the 880 only twice all season but landed a 1:55.7 in the Inter-Dio to break another Inter-Dio mark. The old record was 1:57.3.

Other Inter-Dio winners from Rochester included Bernie Knaut (McQuaid), successfully defending his long jump title with a leap of 22-6½; Greg Tremaine (Cardinal Mooney), triple jump, 43½; and the McQuaid two mile relay team of Bob Kempf, Jeff Rosenberger, Dick Sheridan and Dan Parker who set an Inter-Dio mark in 8:14.3.

BK's Rick O'Connor ran a respectable 9:30.2 two mile but finished second behind Notre Dame of Utica's Tom Smith at 9:22.7.

Ambrose's 4:18 was the third fastest mile in the state this year according to the Times-Union's Rick Sayers. Best is a 4:17 by a Westbury sprinter named Dan Diaz.

EAST HIGH won the first annual Carter-Smith Trophy, awarded to the C-C school compiling the best overall sports record.

The trophy is in honor of the late Father Cyril Carter of

Aquinas and Barney Smith, retired coach and administrator of the Rochester City School District.

Bishop Kearney and McQuaid were fighting it out for second and Edison, Aquinas and Franklin were scrambling for third with a few tennis matches remaining.

BASKETBALLER Gardy Odenbach of McQuaid is at home whether it's on the court or in the water (in his dad's boat).

Gardy outdistanced a fleet of 23 opponents in the opening race of the Rochester Yacht Club's Spring Series at Summerville in dad's 41-foot sloop "Rampage."

He finished with a big kick on the last leg of a 12-mile tour, passed leader and ultimate runnerup "Mallard" and went on to take his first naval victory ever.

CATHOLIC LEAGUE doubles tennis championship went to BK's Dave Keller and Rick Gagliano by beating Mooney's Dan Sullivan and Lyn Van Sice, 6-1, 6-3; but the same Keller-Gagliano pair became the 29th straight victim of East High's Bill Tuffey and Steve Carr for the overall C-C doubles title.

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