

JOHN DOSER
Scholastic
Notebook



Things sure are mixed up.

While Catholic schools in Section 5 (Rochester) of the New York State Public High School Athletic Association are scrambling to join the section, their Catholic cousins in Section 3 (Syracuse) and Section 4 (Southern Tier) have already received permission by those sections to join — in a two year experimental program which entitles them to full participation in all post season sectional tournaments.

Meanwhile Catholic schools in Section 6 (Buffalo) have decided not to participate in the 1972 Section 6 basketball tournament playoffs.

While Section 5 finds the Catholics knocking at its door for membership, the Msgr. Martin Catholic High School Athletic Association (the Buffalo Catholic league) turned down a presentation made to them by Section 6 president Daniel P. Hagen whereby it was proposed that the 18-team Catholic circuit join the 88-member public school group.

The feeling of the Catholic League in Buffalo isn't as complicated as the situation in Section 5. The Buffalo Catholics thought it was too late to rearrange the already completed basketball schedule in order to insert its league into the Section 6 playoffs.

Whether an agreement can be reached for spring sports is now being studied by the Buffalo Catholic League.

Section 5 members vote on the Catholic question through the mail and the results should be known on or about Friday, Dec. 3.

DEFENDING CHAMPION McQuaid took runnerup honors in the team event but won individual honors for the first time in the annual Jesuit School Cross Country Championships over Van Cortlandt Park's 2.5 mile course in New York City.

Cheverus Prep of Portland, Maine, was the winner with 21 points while coach Bob Bradley's Knights totalled 49. Individual winner was the Knights' Chris Horton, a junior, who toured the route in 13:09.0, finishing some 100 yards ahead of his nearest rival, John Hurley and Dave Lane took eighth and tenth, respectively for McQuaid.

The Knights' freshmen won their event with Tim Lawrence posting a second place finish.

AQUINA'S Claudio Battisti, who scored 11 goals for the

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Irish, was a first team choice on the All-Scholastic Soccer team from the City-Catholic League.

Battisti, only a junior, was the only Catholic school athlete to make the first team. Second team picks included Bob Cupello and Bob Wilkins of Aquinas; Franco Porco and Chuck D'Agostino of Bishop Kearney; Bill Dougherty and Mike Mira of Cardinal Mooney; and Ron Ashenburg of McQuaid.

FOOTNOTES — Dan Dwyer and Dennis Damaschke of Aquinas were among outstanding linemen and backs from the City schools at the annual VFW Downtown Post's dinner at the Chamber of Commerce... Vestal, which was No. 1 in football in New York State, lost to Ithaca, 8-0, which was No. 8; Vestal dropped to 7th, Ithaca climbed to 4th; Madison rated 3rd behind No. 1 Farmingdale and No. 2 White Plains... Aquinas dropped to 13th

Elmira Area
Notes

Elmira — St. Cecelia's altar and Rosary Society will host a Christmas dinner for all women of the parish Dec. 7 at 6:30 p.m. in the church hall.

Corning — The Knights of Columbus will sponsor a dance Dec. 4 for the benefit of Corning Catholic School South. The John Buckley Orchestra will provide music for round and square dancing. Tickets for the event are \$5 per couple.

Apalachin — The Rosary Society of ST. MARGARET MARY CHURCH will hold its third annual Christmas covered dish dinner at the church hall on New Street Dec. 5 at 6:30 p.m. All women of the parish are invited.

Elmira — ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST Rosary Guild will give a Christmas dinner for all parish members on Dec. 9 at 6 p.m. in the church hall. Reservations must be made by Dec. 5.

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Missionary to China
Slates Talks in Area

Elmira — The founder of the Legion of Mary in the People's Republic of China, Father Aedan McGrath, will spend the weekend in Elmira, Hornell and Waverly, speaking on his work in China. Open and closed Legion of Mary meetings at three different parishes are planned.

The Irish Columban priest was held in solitary confinement in China for almost three years. He had arrived in the country in 1948, charged with the responsibility of forming Legion groups.

The priest's arrival in the Far East occurred just as the Communists were launching their full scale takeover of the country. Father McGrath was one of a few Catholic Church leaders to survive this upheaval.

For the last few years he has

College Extension
Courses Proposed

Elmira — Southern Tier people who would like to broaden their knowledge of theology will get the opportunity in February if sufficient interest is generated locally to hold extension courses under the auspices of St. Bernard's Seminary and Nazareth College, both located in Rochester.

Details of the program are still being worked out. The current plans call for courses in Scripture, moral theology, church history, the sacraments and religious education.

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been traveling around the world trying to get more individuals interested in joining the Legion of Mary.

His schedule this weekend includes speaking at the 5:30 p.m. Mass at St. Ann's Church in Hornell followed by a talk at an open meeting at 8 p.m. in the church hall.

Saturday, Father McGrath will speak at a special luncheon-meeting at St. Mary Our Mother Church in Horseheads. The luncheon is open to area parish priests. In the evening

Father McGrath will speak at the 7:30 p.m. Mass at St. James Church in Waverly and attend a special meeting in the Waverly church's school hall.

On Sunday the missionary priest will speak in Elmira at the 9:30 Mass at St. Patrick's Church and at the 11 a.m. Mass at St. Mary's Southside.

Father McGrath will end his visit to the Southern Tier at the Legion of Mary Curia meeting at St. Mary Our Mother, Horseheads, at 3 p.m. The final meeting is open to everyone.

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