

Fun and Games... or Is It?

By CARMEN VIGLUCCI

Father John J. Manning used to tell his philosophy class at a Franciscan college that a child's existence is not all fun and games, regardless of what it may seem.

"Children live in a very serious world, far sharper in its value judgments, than our adult world," was the theme of much of what John J. had to offer.

At last week's unveiling of the new Xerox display, "Fun and Games," the Franciscan's thoughts came to life again, both through the words of game expert Sid Sackson and the sight

of some 50 kids cavorting at Xerox Square.

"Do games reflect society?", Sackson mused. "Of course they do, because they tell it like it is."

Which may have dire portent for Americans because among the most popular games in this country are Monopoly, Acquire, Women's Lib, Movie Moguls, Seduction, Drug Attack, War, Blacks and Whites, Pure Greed and, wouldn't you know, Godfather.

Sackson is the inventor of two games on display — Acquire, "which has the kind of relation to Monopoly that Bridge has to

Fish", and Sleuth, which is a detective game.

A licensed civil engineer turned game specialist, Sackson is a font of information of interesting facts concerning games, such as the oldest, Mancala, traced back to 1000 B.C. in Egypt.

If games are any kind of a mirror of societal values, it would be worrisome to learn that religious games have never caught on to any great degree, according to Sackson. Although "Merit", a game out of Chicago used in Catholic schools, has gained some popularity.

Sackson feels that games have been more popular in recent times as a means for people to get away from television or the stresses of the workaday world.

There are games, other than those of the intellectual variety, intended for youngsters at the Xerox display, such as bean bag, rope toss, oversize checkers. A preview group of children from the city schools' Major Achievement Program, on spring recess, put such diversions to the task.

Judging from the physical punishment meted out, it seems doubtful that all parts of the Xerox display will survive its April 20 to June 23 life expectancy.

At any rate, amid the din and tumult of some 50 youngsters letting loose, it became at least plausible that the world of "fun and games" is not much less hectic than the silly paces many of us go through in the name of making a living.



Nazareth Reunion

Mrs Kathleen McKeown chairs the Nazareth College Alumnae Reunion 1972, to be held Saturday, May 6, from 12:30 p.m. on. Scheduled activities for the day include reunions; a Mass; a clambake dinner; music theater, and movies at the Arts Center; and "Issues," a special dialogue among alumni, Dr. Alice Foley, and Sister Helen Malone.

JOHN DOSER

Scholastic Notebook



Five basketball players from Monroe County were named to the 1971-72 New York State All-Star Team selected by members of the New York State Sports Writers Association.

Rush-Henrietta's John Smith was third team choice for the second year in a row; Clark Cogan, Webster, made the seventh team; Tony Douglas, Madison, and Mitchell Jones, East, were ninth team picks; and Dan Panaggio, Cardinal Mooney, was a tenth team selection.

Mitchell is a sophomore, Panaggio a junior; all the others are seniors. Pat Dunlea, Waterloo, and Al Simmons, Lyons, made the first and fourth teams, respectively, of the All-State "Small Schools" version.

ALL CARDINAL MOONEY bowlers had to do to blow the City-Catholic pin title was to drop all three points to second place Edison on the last day of the season. And they did.

Edison topped the Cards by 14 pins in the first game and by more than 100 in the second to win the title on the last day of play.

Last year Mooney lost to East High on the last day of the season and also allowed the title to slip out of its hands.

Bart Perno and Lyle Beach finished 1-2 in league scoring. Perno averaged 191.7, Beach, 191.3. Bishop Kearney's Dave Cashion was third with 190.9.

The next three bowlers, all City public school rollers, got to compete in the sectionals. The Catholic school bowlers didn't. Catholic school students are ineligible for sectional competition in any sport.

The C-C bowler most like to

receive the most improved bowler award must be Aquinas' John Ferro. A sophomore, Ferro averaged about 181 after 153 the year before and a mere 96 four years ago.

TIM JORDAN, new head basketball coach at McQuaid, has "championship" in his coaching background. Jordan, who succeeded Ed Markey, was an assistant coach at St. Peter's, Mansfield, Ohio, which won the Ohio Class A basketball title in 1968.

Jordan's JV's were 12-6 this past season at McQuaid and the Knights' frosh team was unbeaten. After two 3-16 records in a row, the Knights may be ready to ride.

PAUL ADAMO, Bishop Kearney's fine football quarterback described by coach Don Della Vella as "underrated," is going to attend the University of Wyoming this fall.

Adamo completed 96 of 163 passes for 59 per cent, ran for 1,180 yards and scored nine TD's last season. He won't be alone at Wyoming, of course. Already there is Monroe High and MCC great Dino Page; attending for the first time also will be Clyde's Nick DerCola and Franklin's Bruce Williams.

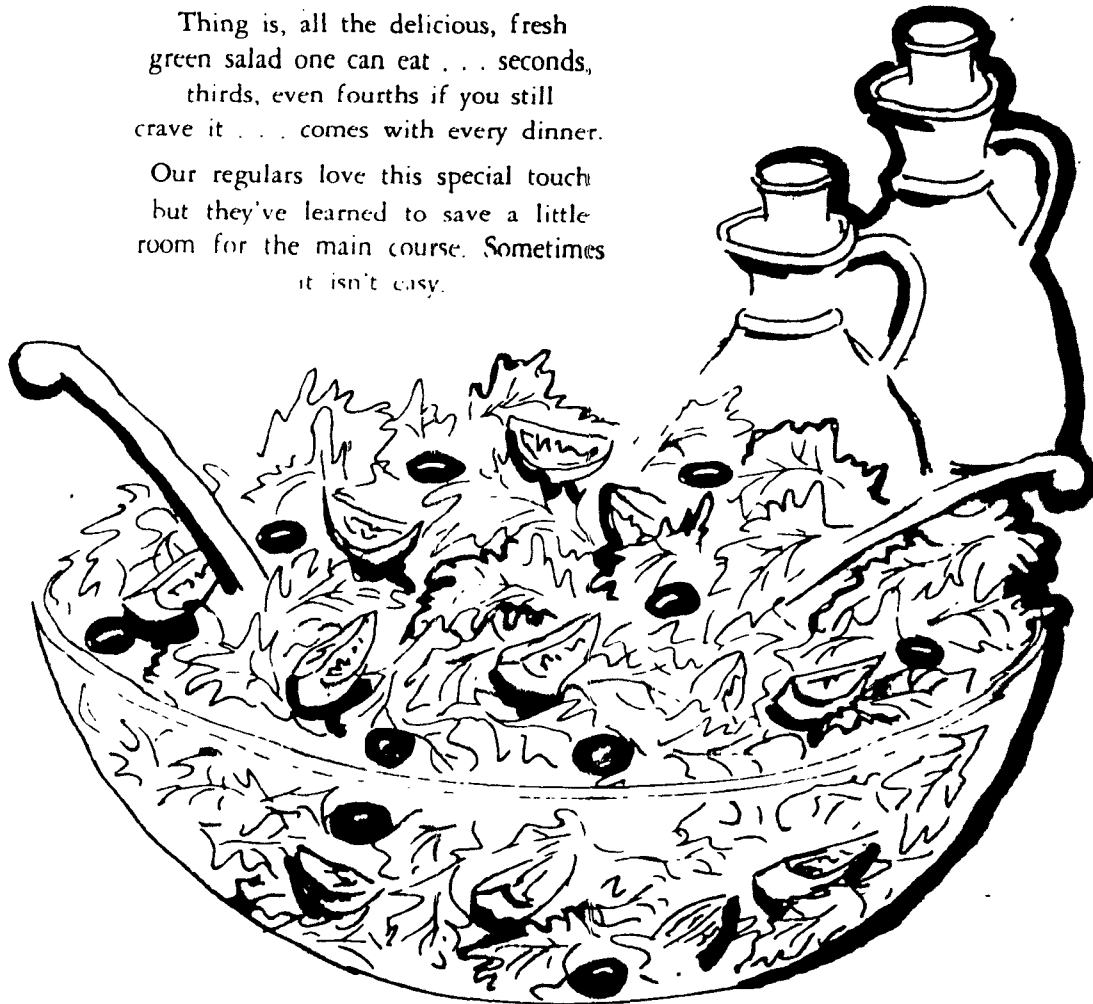
FOOTNOTES — Kearney's Paul Geitner made 1st team. All-County hockey... Geitner was second in scoring with 40 points. Teammate Kevin Arganbright and McQuaid's V.J. Stanley were second team picks... Honorable mention went to Aquinas' Mark Wiedemer, Ray Whitmore, Bob Lamb, Mike Fitzpatrick, Joe McQueen and Glen Johnson; McQuaid's Bob Meng, Art McLeod; and Kearney's Mark Williams.

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