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## "In This Corner"



Notre Dame and football. Big time and the best, right? Wrong.

Notre Dame falls into a class with such thundering names as Citadel, New Mexico State, Virginia Military Academy, William and Mary, Wake Forest and Columbia. Columbia?

The ratings game is a stupid game, at best, and a survey conducted by Grid-iron Magazine makes the ratings look even more ridiculous than usual.

The survey was a two-way deal calculated to determine which teams face the toughest and easiest major college football schedules of 1972.

The ratings were based on 1971 results of this year's respective and collective opponents. There was only one slight concession for error — mainly because of varying losses of power through graduations.

The toughest schedule in the nation

this year is stacked against Tennessee, which took on Penn State, for kicks, in the '72 opener.

The ratings went on to list the 20 most difficult schedules, including ties for 20th place, and the 20 easiest schedules, including ties for 20th.

Would you believe Notre Dame wound up in the dreaded (?) 20 easiest schedules bracket?

Not only IN the soft touch department, but rated seventh on the list in the nation. The "book" says the famed Fighting Irish play a bunch of losers this year. That is, Notre Dame opponents of 1972 delivered a cumulative 43-won, 63-lost, 2-tied record in the 1971 season.

Topping the "We play Patsies" list is Michigan, and probably the two biggest surprises other than Notre Dame on the "gimme" list are Arkansas and Penn State.

Here are the lists of top 20's, and their combined opponents' 1971 records. First, the class group, of teams playing the hardest schedules. (Won, lost, tied records in brackets.)

Tennessee (79-34-1); Auburn (69-32-0); Florida (73-36-0); Navy (75-42-1); Miss. State (75-43-2); Holy Cross (54-31-4); Tampa (68-41-4); San Jose State (72-46-2); UCLA (72-49-1); Tulane (70-49-1); Kansas State (67-48-1); Mississippi (62-45-1); Pittsburgh (67-49-2); Oklahoma State (64-47-1); Pacific (68-50-1); Rut-

gers (61-45-2); Oregon (67-50-3); Kent State (63-47-2); Temple (47-35-2); Georgia Tech (68-51-1); Kentucky (68-51-2); Pennsylvania (48-36-0).

Now for the softest schedule:

Michigan (41-76-1); Citadel (36-66-1); TCU (41-66-2); North Carolina (46-72-0); New Mexico State (46-72-2); VMI (47-79-1); Notre Dame (43-63-2); William & Mary (47-68-3); Arkansas (47-67-4); Colorado State (51-69-0); Nebraska (50-67-1); Florida State (51-68-0); San Diego State (51-68-1); Penn State (52-67-1); Louisville (47-60-0); Wake Forest (53-67-0); Arizona (52-65-3); Wisconsin (52-65-2); Columbia (37-46-0); Northwestern (53-64-1); Washington (53-64-2).

ALL ABOUT FOOTBALL: The game isn't really all that tough, to begin with. Linebacker Adrian Young of the Philadelphia Eagles was asked about the relative merits of pro football in the U. S. and the more physical Gaelic games, which he played in his native Dublin. "The Gaelic games take at least as much courage and less sense. NFL football is a roughneck game played by roughnecks." Coaching superstitions in football? Michigan State's Duffy Daugherty is an expert on same. "Bad luck in football," says Duffy, "is not having enough good players." ... With seven pre-season games and 14 regularly scheduled games, pro football has to be overdoing the exhibition stick-up.

JOHN DOSER

## Scholastic Notebook



Roger Bunce is a quiet man, but his influence and persuasive magnetism are precisely the opposite — loud and clear.

Bunce left the Rochester City School District this summer after many years as high school teacher, coach and finally assistant to Health and Physical Education Chief Consultant Nick Zona, to take the job of athletic director at Irondequoit High.

Bunce was a proponent of metropolitan athletic competition while with the city, and as far as we know he still is.

One of his first chores, according to a recent interview, is to improve the athletic competition between his new school and neighboring Bishop Kearney.

The spirit of competition and cooperation which exists in Greece among Cardinal Mooney and its three public school neighbors, Athena, Arcadia and Olympia, is embarrassingly missing in Irondequoit.

Bunce said he has always had good relationships with the BK athletic department while he was with the city system, and he said he's still interested in working with Kearney.

He's no stranger to the east-side of the town either; he's also known Eastridge athletic director Bucky Eckhardt for many years.

"I'll work very hard in a cooperative effort with the other high schools in this town," Bunce said.

While Kearney and Irondequoit have yet to meet in varsity football or basketball, to the best of our knowledge, Bunce sees no future problems providing Irondequoit can fit BK into its schedules. Of course the Monroe County League has a lot to say about its members' athletic schedules.

Inasmuch as most city-county-Catholic teams lack the ninth football game, which the state now will allow, it has already been suggested that the three divisions and the City-Courier-Journal

Catholic League could produce some sort of post season climax if they truly wanted to.

Bunce, who has the knack for dropping classic quotes, said winning a divisional title in the county is like "kissing your sister."

Another time, we recall, a county school coach contacted him to set up a lacrosse match with Roger's Jefferson High team.

"Fine," Roger replied, "We'll come out to your place first and when do you want to come here and play?" Roger asked.

The other coach hemmed and hawed on the other end of the line and finally admitted he didn't have any thought of coming in to play Jeff at Jeff.

Roger, mustering up the strongest language he knew, told the guy (he's still in the business) to "go jump in the river."

There's no question that the city schools lost a really big man when Bunce took the job at Irondequoit. We're confident he'll continue to do the same kind of excellent work there too.

DOSER'S TOP TEN — Ratings for this week's Rochester area football games and predicted winners:

(Note: favorite in caps;) 1. MADISON (2-0) vs. Edison (0-2), 11 a.m., Saturday, at Franklin; 2. AQUINAS (1-1) vs. Bishop Kearney (0-2), 2 p.m., Sunday, at Aquinas Stadium; 3. FRANKLIN (2-0) vs. Jefferson (1-0-1), 2 p.m., Saturday, at Franklin; 4. BATAVIA (1-0-1) vs. Pittsford (1-0-1), 3 p.m., Friday, at Batavia; 5. WEBSTER (2-0) vs. Brockport (0-2), 3 p.m., Friday, at Brockport; 6. GATES-CHILLI (2-0) vs. Penfield (0-2), 2 p.m., Saturday, at Penfield; 7. GREECE-ATHENA (2-0) vs. 8. Rush-Henrietta (0-0-1), 2 p.m., Saturday, at Athena; 9. East Rochester (1-0-1), bye; 10. Pittsford (1-0-1) vs. BATAVIA (1-0-1), 3 p.m., Friday, at Batavia.

## Ecumenical Groups Set Lecture Series

The Spirit Leads, a series of four lectures, will be presented by the Rochester School of Lay Theology and the October Lecture Series at Colgate Rochester/Bexley Hall/Crozer Seminary. The lectures are scheduled for the first four Tuesdays in October, at 10 a.m. and at 8 p.m.

On Oct. 3, Naomi H. Chamberlain, assistant professor of Preventive Medicine and Commu-

nity Health at the University of Rochester, will speak on the Role of the Black Church in Community Health.

On Oct. 10, the Role of the Christian in People Liberation will be discussed by Violet S. Lindbeck, assistant professor of Philosophy at Southern Connecticut State College in New Haven.

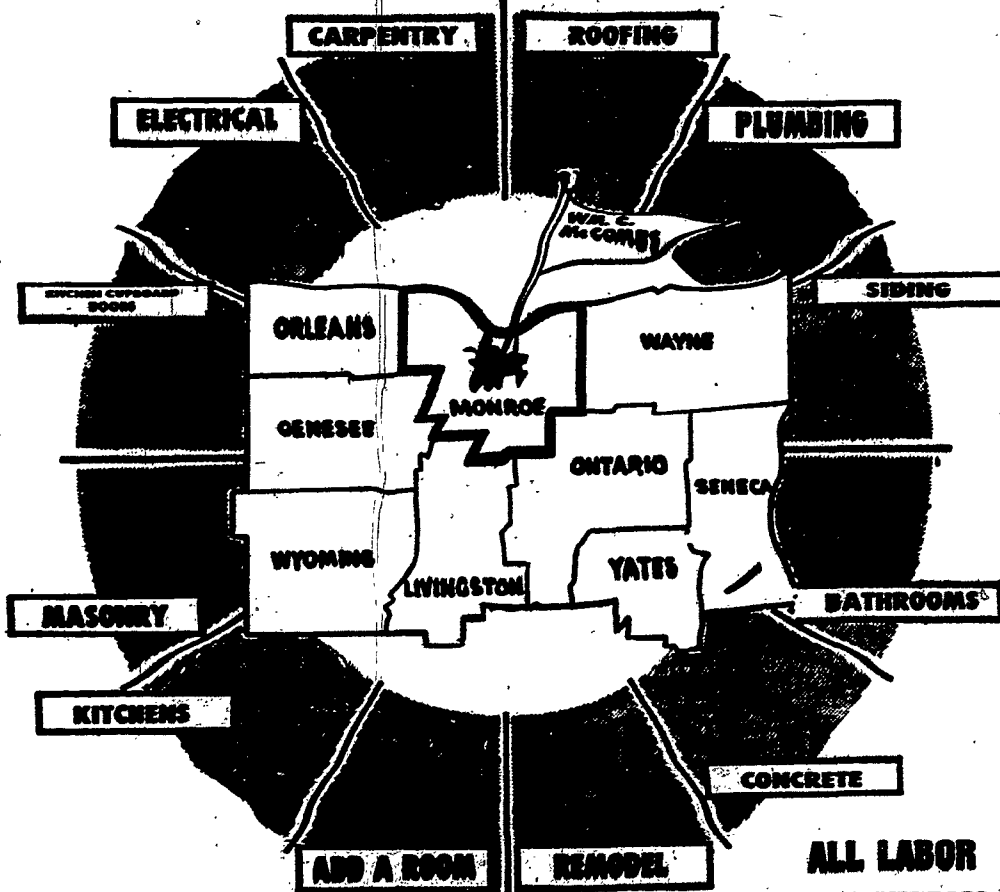
On Oct. 17, William H. Hervey,

minister of church and community for the Four Downtown Churches, will explain the Role of Enabler in Church and Community.

On Oct. 24, the Role of the Educator in the Development of Values will be presented by Marjorie H. Likins, Visiting Professor of Education at Colgate Rochester/Bexley Hall/Crozer Seminary.

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