



SCHOLASTIC NOTEBOOK

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A recent Brockport State alumni publication carries an appropriate name: "Focus on Brockport."

There's plenty of focus on Brockport these days by athletes and non-athletes alike.

For the non-athlete, things on the Brockport campus are quite academic (pun intended) and the learning game is charging ahead full blast. No one can say an environment for education doesn't exist at Brockport, and prospective students, not athletically inclined, are entering a veritable hall of learning that's right up to date.

For the athlete, public or Catholic school variety, a different picture emerges.

While Focus on Brockport acknowledged that 1972 was a "vintage year" for Golden Eagle basketball, student-athletes may have second guesses about attending Brockport for the next four years because the college's athletic philosophy is bursting out in opposite directions at the same time.

High school graduates with talented athletic futures in the intercollegiate ranks, won't want to become pawns in the contrasting athletic philosophies at Brockport. They'll find another campus.

While coach Mauro Panaggio's basketball team won the State University conference title with a 20-4 record and swept past three post-season opponents to gain the NCAA eastern regional title and later finished fourth in the NCAA college division tournament at Evansville, Ind., Brockport athletic director Dick Youngberg was motivated enough to stay home.

Brockport's dean of physical education, Dr. Warren Fraleigh, finds intercollegiate athletics of the stature that the Panaggios and colleagues like Bill Hughes (soccer) and Mike Van Auker (track) have in mind, out of bounds.

Fraleigh considers programs "immoral" which require the Panaggios and the Hughes' to recruit talent.

Brockport president Dr. Albert Brown must have known exactly what he was doing when he first hired Panaggio back in the middle 60's to put a spark into Brockport basketball after years in the basement of area cage achievements.

Panaggio is doing the job Brown hired him to do.

NAZARETH FESTIVAL

A Fine Arts Festival, featuring the Art and Music Departments of Nazareth Academy, will be open to the public at 7:30 p.m. May 11, in the school on Lake Avenue. A concert, presented by the Bank, Glee Club, and Perosian Choir, will begin at 8:15 p.m. on Saturday, May 12. The Art Department will have displays, featuring the work of classes, in the front hall, in the Ceramics Room, and in Room 205. A ten-minute slide presentation, "Once Upon a Time," will be given during the festival.

Brown also hired Bill Hughes to continue the traditions in soccer established by the master soccer coach, Huntley Parker. Hughes is also doing his job.

Brockport wrestling, track, baseball etc., are all enjoying performances of spectacular proportions which must cause alumni to proudly thump their chests and, for a fleeting moment, admit they graduated from Brockport too, although their alumni contributions don't necessarily confirm this attitude.

Fraleigh and Youngberg should not be allowed to destroy what Panaggio, Hughes et. al, have created and nurtured while achieving athletic excellence in the college's name.

Brockport can produce athletic leaders as well as academic leaders and should be encouraged to do so.

Recently in area newspapers, two Brockport grads were cited for athletic achievements and both are held in the highest regard for their teaching as well as coaching talents.

Fairport High football coach Pete Logan and Pittsford High swim coach Fred Rockow were cited for their outstanding coaching and teaching records at their respective schools.

"The aspect of athletics that I like best," Logan said, "is that they teach a lot of self-discipline, self-respect, self-reliance and self-worth."

Rockow, whose swim teams at Pittsford have only lost a handful of meets in a decade, and none at home, has developed program which involves many swimmers, boys and girls, from senior high on down.

Rockow's chief, athletic director Charlie Miller, describes Pittsford's athletic program as one which provides a broad spectrum of extramural and intramural sports activities for boys and girls who choose not to give the time and dedication required of varsity athletes.

That would seem to be the direction in which Brockport should be headed.

By all means let Dr. Fraleigh experiment with his philosophy of sport, teaching its sociology and theory, but let him do it in the classroom — in a separate Brockport physical education department.

And, by all means let the college continue to demonstrate athletic excellence by allowing its coaches to perform at their level best — in a separate department of intercollegiate athletics.

The state university motto applies to coaches as well as students: "Let each become all he is capable of being."

Meanwhile, until Dr. Brown or his appointed task force on athletic excellence stops the war between the Brockport athletic factions, the prospective athletic talent from the high schools is going to go somewhere else — a definite step backward from excellence.

(Editors Note: It was learned late last week that Youngberg has resigned his position.)

Cardinal Asks Sympathy for Draft Evaders

New York [RNS] — New York's Cardinal Terence Cooke asked the government to show compassion on "sincere" young men who refused to serve in the armed forces during Vietnam and to "discover a way" for draft evaders to return home and undertake a "substitute" service for their country.

In his Easter message during high Mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral, the prelate who serves as military vicar for Catholics in the armed forces, asked:

"Is it too much to hope that our nation's leaders will be able to balance a genuine respect for the laws of our land with true compassion in the cases of those who for sincere reasons would not serve in the military?"

While giving thanks for the Vietnam truce and the limited peace it has brought in Southeast Asia, Cardinal Cooke said "we pray that they (the nation's leaders) will discover a way for those young men to offer a fitting substitute in service and return to their homes."

Speaking of the return of American POWs, the cardinal said that America rejoices that these men "who have suffered so much are reunited with family and friends."

"We remember the sacrifices of those who, at the call of duty, were separated from their families and those many thousands who will never be reunited with their families until all of us are met together in the risen Lord."

CYO WINNERS

For the fourth successive year, St. Pius X Elementary School won the CYO Parochial School Swim Meet in both boys and girls competition. Thirty-one schools participated and 430 boys and girls were entered in events.



IN THIS CORNER

George Beahon

News Item: Superfecta wagering cancelled at all tracks in New York State. Suspicious betting habits investigated.

Comment: There is no limit to stupidity in the areas governing horse racing. The brass are checking out "suspicious" gambling areas. What they are checking out is the fact that a relatively exclusive group does most of the cashing of Superfecta winnings.

This is natural for two reasons. One, that syndicate groups bet heavily on varied combinations, and therefore are more likely to be cashing tickets than scattered individuals.

Two, racing has been infested with "ten percenters" ever since exotic, or multiple-action betting was introduced with the "Twin Double" years ago.

A "ten percenter" is a person who cashes a big payoff ticket for ten percent of the total. When a bet pays off at 300 to 1 (actually 299 to 1) Uncle Sam gets into the picture. And usually, incidentally, gets cheated. Anyway, you win a Superfecta worth, \$4,500 for \$2, and you don't want to sign it into your income for that year, which the IRS demands before you can cash the ticket. So here come the "ten percenters" who usually carry phoney Social Security or other ID cards, to do the job for you, for ten per cent of the loot.

Most of these Social Security cards belong to someone whose permanent address is Forest Lawn. Some are simple forgeries. The mutual clerk who checks the ID of a person cashing isn't particularly concerned about the validity of same. The tax laws involving racing are unrealistic, to say the least, so nobody's getting unraveled about the "ten

percenters," at least around the ovals.

But now they've discovered that the same people are cashing an unlikely large amount of winners, the regulating groups are suspecting these people are fixing all the races and getting all the money. So they call in the jocks and trainers and drivers and make headlines. Tell them what it's all about. A simple ten percent.

Hopscotching the Sports Beat: The golden twenties? The fat forties? How about the super-seventies in professional sports? Never before have so many athletes had it so good. Latest figures show the following average payroll figures for the big leaguers: Football, \$27,000; baseball, \$31,000; hockey, \$40,000; basketball, \$65,000. And don't forget the post season playoff pots, and the juicy pension plans.

Doug Farrell came out of Cardinal Mooney High to Niagara University on a basketball scholarship. He made it in basketball but he's making it even bigger in baseball. In fact, the Eagle senior is so accomplished that the scouts can't decide whether he should break into pro ball as a pitcher or a player. Speaking of pitchers, ask your favorite trivia expert to name his top ten major pitchers. Then bet he's left off the name of Steve Busby, because nobody knows Steve Busby, who pitches for the Kansas City Royals, because nobody ever hears about the Kansas City Royals.

Australia is favored to win the Davis Cup, which is no shocker. But the reason is. Seems the new tennis rules permit the pros to play in the DC if they are not under contract. Best of the United States netmen are on payrolls in the rich, new pro tennis scene, and therefore won't be eligible for Cup play. Just another case of the U.S. taking the short end of the stick in international competition.

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