

IN THIS CORNER

Youth Ministry Program Reaching Church Teens

By PAT PETRASKE

By the time you get to feast your eyes on this Fearless Football Forecasting, Notre Dame will have blown Georgia Tech all the way down Peachtree Street in Atlanta. And TV football addicts who've been stuck with Fred Williamson as a losing sub for Don Meredith may have begun to appreciate the best play-by-play reporter on the nets today. I give you Keith Jackson of ABC.

Last time this Practically Peerless Prognosticator stuck his nose into Las Vegas business, 24 major league ballclubs were getting ready to start eliminations for what the ball-journalists call the October Classic. Well, make that 22 teams, because they would not buy 24 in San Diego or in Anaheim.

It is only fair to report on that April venture. Division defenders were the Mets, Reds, A's and Orioles, and all but the Mets were favored to repeat.

This punter went for a quartet of outsiders, on the theory that if even one clicked at minimal 3-1 odds, the house would be defeated. The selections were the Dodgers at 3-1, the Cardinals at 5-1, the KC Royals at 8-1 and the Red Sox at 6-1.

That should be enough advance learning for anyone loose enough to take this handicapping with any degree of seriousness.

From research started in the press box for the All America Coaches game last June in Lubbock, Texas, the following guaranteed happenings in college football in '74:

Texas Tech and Arkansas will raise some kind of white heat in the Southwest Conference, but when it's all over they'll be playing the same old number, "The Eyes of Texas" music and lyrics by Darrell Royal.

There's another old song that goes, "The tears would fill the rivers 'til the rivers flooded the sea." When the Eastern Independents wind up their brawling this Fall, Penn State's Joe Paterno should be forced to sing that solo from the roof of the press box. He wails that his people are untried, but his rejects would help Army, Rutgers, Holy Cross, Villanova, Navy and some of the others. Pittsburgh's sophomore Tony Dorsett will offer some excitement. Syracuse has a brave new program under brave new Frank Maloney. But no shot.

The Big Eight actually is the Big Three — Oklahoma, Nebraska and Missouri. That whole season will be decided on Nov. 23 in Lincoln, Neb., home of the loser.

And guess who else plays on Nov. 23rd? How about another Big Crunch, Ohio State versus Michigan? Woody Hayes is the dean of them all, and he has Champ Henson back from knee surgery. Henson is bigger and better than the law allows. Hayes has been visited by the new skipper in the White House, but

AAU BOXING

Pablo DeJesus, a recent Golden Glove winner, will be featured on an AAU boxing card at the South Avenue Recreation Center at 8 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 21. Co-sponsor with the center is the St. Martin Boxing Club. There will be about 10 bouts, with clubs expected from Ithaca, Elmira Correctional Facility, Buffalo, Geneva and Syracuse.

whose side do you think Gerry Ford will be on when his Alma Mater drops in on Columbus, Ohio, for the biggie? Ford's track record, o-for-o going in, can't be worse than R.M. Nixon's. But Woody refuses to lose, and won't.

In the Southlands there are three leagues, but the Big Apple is the Southeastern Conference, where Bear Bryant's guys will win by default at Alabama. Out West Southern Cal only has to forget the wrong end of that 21-42 Rose Bowl loss to Ohio State to pop up again on the lantern on New Year's Day.

That brings up last season's Numero Uno from South Bend, Ind. Notre Dame lost its favorite's rating when it lost a car load of talent via suspensions.

Irish haters will be hopeful every weekend. The Irish can't repeat, but they'll beat up at least 8 of 11, which a few hundred other outfits would find quite tasty.

The nation's press has chosen Oklahoma as Number 1 for the 1974 season. I can't go for a team that fattens its average early against stuff like Baylor, Utah State and Wake Forest. Give me Ohio State over the world, and college ball over the pros. No unions, no agents, no mediators, no refunds and no strikes.

SCHOLASTIC NOTEBOOK

The appearance of the Rochester Area Sports News last week, a 16-page sports tabloid newspaper covering area amateur (and some pro) sports, is a labor of love by young publisher Terry Justice, who works fulltime as an interim editor for the Irondequoit Press.

Justice's newspaper, which he says is devoted to complete coverage of local athletics in the Rochester area, hits the goal in his first issue.

He even managed to scoop the entire Rochester sportswriter fraternity — he casually announced the marriage of Danny Panaggio, ex-Cardinal Mooney basketball star, who is about to enter his sophomore year at Brockport State, to the former Miss Ellen Fisher, who attended Mooney with Panaggio.

Justice's headline cleverly stated: "Dan the (married) man talks about basketball."

Ironically, Justice's maiden issue (8,000 copies) and No. 2 (out last weekend) may be all that he can afford to produce.

He saved \$1,000 from his Press job and a brief one year fling with an English teaching spot at Eastridge High until the latter eliminated a number of teaching positions — Justice's included.

"I had an itch to put out this newspaper and I did it, even though everybody says it won't go. I received a lot of help from a few people, particularly Jerry O'Conor, publisher and editor of the Irondequoit Press."

Justice's initial 16-page edition is noticeably lacking in advertisements. "I don't have any because I don't have anybody to sell them for me. I hope to increase the number of subscriptions and get some ads over the telephone," Justice said.

A newspaper without ads, as everybody in the business knows, won't survive. We think it's dreadful that Justice's sports sheet, well-written and well put

The teenagers of St. Monica's Parish put Jesus on trial. In the biblical simulation session, each character involved in the trial was portrayed after careful research into his feelings, attitudes and role in biblical history.

The simulation session is only one way that the year-old diocesan youth ministry program is reaching the Church's teenagers.

"The feelings of the kids in the diocese can be put on a continuum from strong avoidance of religion to enthusiasm. Most of them, however, fall into the middle area of apathetic," said Martin Palumbos, consultant for youth ministry.

Sister Joan McAteer, consultant for high school religious education programs, explained that "religious education goes beyond the CCD concept of classroom teaching."

Youth ministry works on a consultative basis with any parish that has a successful CCD program, and offers training for adult parishioners who want to develop a religious education program. Sister Joan explained that the philosophy for youth ministry is taken from To Teach as Jesus Did, by the National Conference of Catholic Bishops,

together, will have to fold after a few issues. There's no way, without ads or a giant guardian angel with a fistful of dollars, this really good newspaper which fills an obvious need, can succeed.

For those who want to help extend its life, send a fiver with your name and address to Terry, Rochester Area Sports News, P.O. Box 7666, Rochester, N.Y. 14622.

The Rochester Press-Radio Club's second annual Kodak Celebrity Golf Classic is up to 32 celebrity guests, possibly including Buddy Ebsen, better known among TV detective addicts as Bamaby Jones (and Uncle Jed, for older, Beverly Hillbilly fans).

Leading the local celebrity faction Saturday, Sept. 28, at Oak Hill, Rochester broadcasters at various public address spots along the fairways: Ed Meath, Channel 10; Jack Palvino, WBBF; Chuck Stevens, Channel 10; Jack Slattery, WHAM; Ron DeFrance and George Beahon, Channel 13; and Don Fisher, Channel 8.

There are about 20 amateur openings left for \$250 tax deductible dollars each. For more information call John MacDonald at WAXC, 546-2325.

The final three of our five free tickets to the tournament (worth \$5 each, purchased by us) went to John P. Powell, 190 Daley Blvd., Rochester, 14617; Stanley Letkauskas, 348 Orland Road, Rochester, 14622; and Richard Curtis, 10 Charing Road, Rochester, 14617.

Remember Eastridge basketball coach Dave Incardona who rattled the Eastridge Board of Education with his colorful remarks about the cracks in the gymnasium wall and other things? After he was removed as coach, Inky crossed town boundaries and went over to West Irondequoit. He's now an assistant JV football coach for the Indians along with ex-Yankee farm team baseballer Ken Slater,

which stresses the "idea of an adult community with the parents as primary-teachers."

Still a little wary of standing in front of a classroom, more parents and young adults have taken an interest in the eight options available through youth ministry. Once a program is established in a parish, the adults may find themselves manning a drop-in center or discussing other Christian religions.

Last year Palumbos and Sister Joan took their training program to 11 parishes in the diocese. They plan to reach an additional 20 this year. Two volunteers have been trained to teach the training course. Four two-hour sessions will complete the training offered to groups of ten adults.

In the first session the generation gap and the needs of youth are discussed. In the second and third sessions religious experience and its relation to the types of available programs are discussed and the research project is explained.

"We continually emphasize the need for a balance between content (theology) and experience," Palumbos said. "In the research project the adults, in conjunction with the youth, determine what program is best. For example, if a teenager is rebelling against authority, you shouldn't put him in a classroom. He needs something like a rap session which features more experience than content."

St. Charles Borromeo has its youth converging in "The Loft." The coffeehouse upstairs in the parish recreation center has a membership of approximately 216 and is booked up until December with a hayride, dances and folk music performances.

Many of the youth programs, such as St. Charles Borromeo's Loft and Youth Encounter programs, serve as models for parishes that want to set up a program for their teenagers.

St. Alphonsus and St. Thomas More will conduct "rap sessions" on a monthly basis this Fall featuring an all-day session with speakers and a sharing supper. Teenagers can also become "youth ministers" and perform service projects patterned after the model program at St. Mary Our Mother in Horseheads. The parish operates "Search in Service" to help with area needs.

Another option can be developed around topical issues such as race, faith and consciousness. Resources such as the Infinity Series by Winston Press can be obtained from the diocesan youth ministry office. For teenagers who are more interested in content, programs on various Christian religions, Bible study and doctrine can be established.

"Every program depends on where the kids of the parish are. In the past we could tell them what to believe but now they can relate it to life," Palumbos said.

FACULTY RETURNS

Homell — St. Ann's School faculty returns with one change in the teaching staff. Miss Rosemary Hogan will take the place of Mrs. Ruth Bishop who is retiring. Faculty consists of Sister Mary Ambrose, principal; sister Denise, first grade; Betty Rahmlow, second grade; Rita Appel, third grade; Eleanor Murphy, fourth grade; Rosemary Hogan, fifth grade; Sister Patrice, music. Junior High Staff includes Sister Jude, Sister Ambrose, Mary Frances Dunning, James Robey and Mitzie Murphy. An open house for parents and friends will be held tonight, Sept. 11, with special invitation extended to the fathers. After the 7 to 8 p.m. open house, refreshments will be offered by the St. Ann's Mother Club.

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