

## IN THIS CORNER

George Beaton

Most critics of horse racing insist the first letter in the word "Sentiment" is spelled with a \$ sign, not an S.

Only a week or so ago one of my favorite horsemen, Boston auto dealer Peter Fuller, threw a retirement party for an 11-year-old gelding called Road To Rock. Fuller, who lost a Kentucky Derby over a controversial state ruling over the use of a controversial medication, had bred Road To Rock and named him for the route from his farm to Rockingham Park Race Track.

Road To Rock had done a lot of running in high class company for Fuller before he was lost in an expensive claiming race the year before.

Fuller had his people keep an eye on Road To Rock's fortunes, and when the old gelding got down into cheap company he made a decision.

Deciding old age had caught up to "Roady," they put in a claim for him when he was dropped into a \$3,000 race. So did two other horsemen. When this happens, there is a draw for the right to purchase the horse. Fuller lost the draw, so he promptly offered the new owner \$1,000 profit to give up the animal.

Fuller took him to Rockingham for a farewell appearance where he was way over his head and in no danger of being claimed. He ran and lost badly, because the Hollywood script writers were loafing. Right after the race the

### Lack of Money Stalls Ambitious Knights Project

Webster's Trinity Council, Knights of Columbus, which for the past several years has won state wide recognition for its programs is trying to raise \$10,000 this year, the most ambitious endeavor in its 15-year history.

The council is staging a ball in November to raise funds for children at the School of the Holy Childhood, the Infant Development Program for the Cerebral Palsied, and for the Kidney Foundation of Genesee Valley.

But, according to Stan Zawacki, who is heading up the preparations, the group may not be able to reach its goal. The reason, he says, "nobody has any money."

Seems the council sent out a mailing of more than 2,000 pieces, requesting donations for the charities some time ago. "But the response just isn't there. We're getting maybe \$50, \$60, a day in returns."

The council's Charity Ball program isn't the only thing slowing down, he says. Other K of C councils are feeling the pinch. The state Knights annually stage a Charitable and Benevolent program which is also falling behind.

Zawacki recently asked a neighboring council to run an advertisement in the Charity Ball program only to receive an apologetic no. The reason: no money.

Nevertheless, enthusiasm's running high for the charity ball in Trinity Council. They've reserved space for the expected 300 couples and are planning on serving filets mignon and featuring an open bar, all for \$30 a couple. The event will be Nov. 2 and all proceeds will go to help folks who need help.

gelding and a party of 35 of Fuller's friends made the trip from Rockingham to Fuller's posh Runnymede Farm, Road To Rock, with no breeding value, but given good health, now will spend perhaps another 10 years in luxurious retirement at the same farm that contains the million-dollar stallion, Dancer's Image, the guy who was knocked out of that Kentucky Derby.

"Road To Rock still could race and win in cheap company," explained Fuller. "But he ran his heart out for me and I've got strong feelings for him. I don't want him knocking around cheap."

Perhaps there's not much point to this story. Except that racing gets its full share of knocks. And there are a lot of little people in racing, around the bush tracks, who are equally sentimental, if not as affluent, as Peter Fuller. Only their stories don't get reported.

## SCHOLASTIC NOTEBOOK

John Dover

Orders have been issued by Democrat & Chronicle Sports Editor Larry Greybill that the D&C is no longer accepting details on high school and college cross country and other minor fall sports.

What Fairport High cross country coach Paul Beike can't understand, is why D&C sportswriters still spend from five to fifteen minutes on the phone asking all sorts of questions about the meet, and then only the score is published in the next morning's newspaper, if there's sufficient space.

Greece Arcadia cross country coach Dick Kishlar, whose Titans will probably win both the Monroe County League and Section 5 championships this year, simply says D&C coverage of cross country is disgusting.

We suggest coaches who feel their kids are being short-changed by the D&C, call the afternoon Times-Union (Sports Editor Frank Cardon) before 8 a.m. the following morning, to pass along any genuine news items resulting from meets such as winning streaks and distance records.

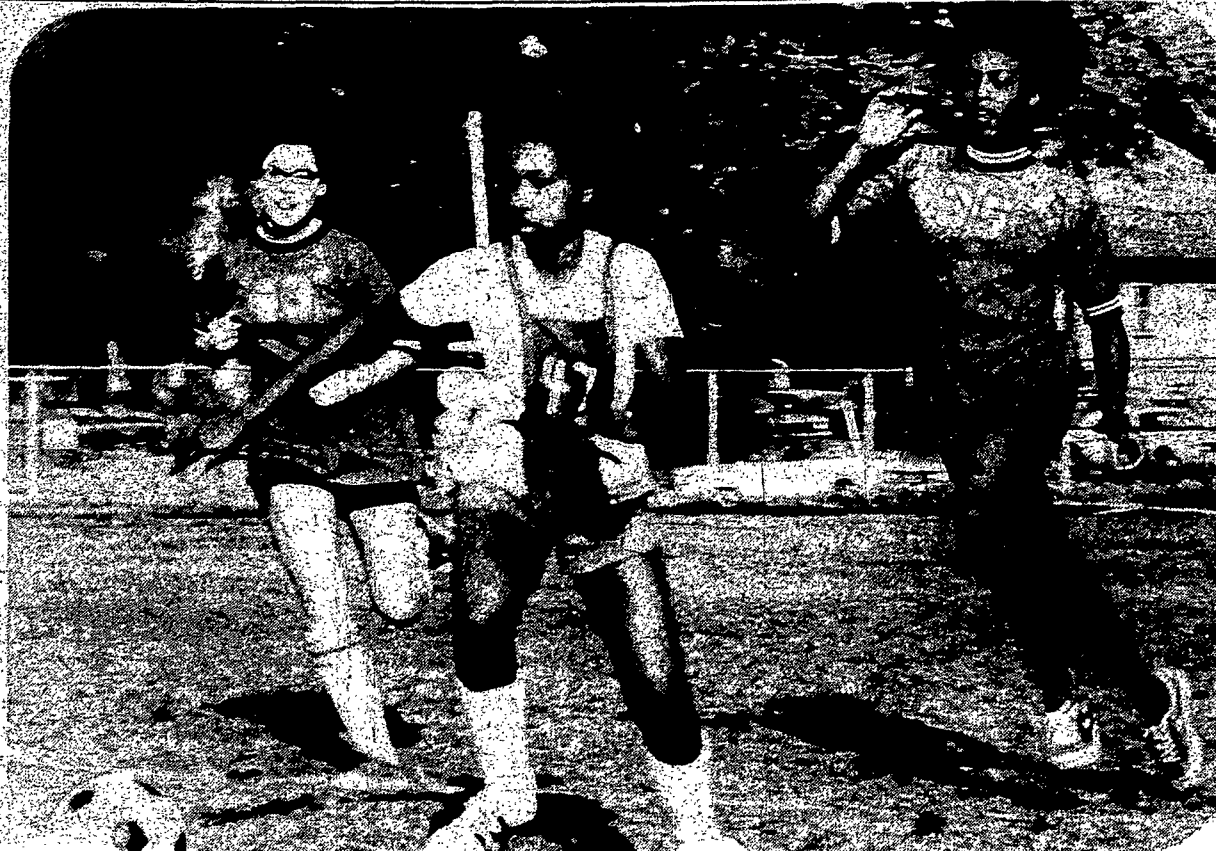
One other way, which we happen to think is the best way, is to call your own weekly community or speciality newspaper (like this one) on a regular reporting basis.

Claude Tribastone, former Aquinas' Monroe Community College and Brockport State soccer performer, has made great strides in City-Catholic League soccer with his current Edison Tech team which shocked its way to an early 6-1 record in the C-C circuit.

Tribastone, who took over a team which finished 3-9-1 last year, and gave up 40 goals for an 11th place finish among 12 teams, has displayed some sharp maneuvering, not the least of which was switching Mel Myricks from forward to goalie. Myricks responded with four shutouts in his first seven starts.

Tech's big 2-0 win over Bishop Kearney tied the Inventors with the Kings for first place and Aquinas' later win over BK paved the way for Edison to go all the way.

FOOTNOTES — Leo Pickney, brother of former D&C Sports



Chase!

Photo by Susan McKinney

St. Agnes High School student Wendy Boyle, number 47, moves the ball down the field followed in close pursuit by members of Monroe High School's soccer team, Melanie Norton, number 43, and Karen Wiginton, number 35. The Monroe team, playing on their home field Oct. 8, won the game 4-0.

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Editor Paul Pinckney, is the Christopher Columbus Commemorative Committee's Man of the Year in Auburn. Leo, sports editor of the Auburn Citizen-Advertiser, won the honor for his contributions in sports, civic and political affairs in Cayuga County.

The Tom Stenner Memorial Fund has been established by students at Brockport High to further athletics at the school.

Stenner, a letterman in soccer, basketball and baseball who was popular with Brockport students and coaches, died Sept. 23.

Rick Guido, Rush-Henrietta cross country coach, believes McQuaid might be the best high school cross country team in the East. McQuaid, coached by Bob Bradley, recently won its third invitational meet in a row at Baldwinsville. The others were Whitesboro, and its own, McQuaid.

Dick Kishlar, whose Greece Arcadia runners have finished several invitationals behind McQuaid as runners up, says "We'll get McQuaid one of these days."

Monroe Community College baseball coach Dave Chamberlain is proud of his MCC nine which led the nation in junior college hitting last spring with a .361 average.

MCC's Scott Delgatti, ex-Cardinal Mooney pitcher, and teammate Randy Law, won junior college All-American recognition for finishing among the top five junior college pitchers and hitters, respectively.

Delgatti finished 7-0 with an earned run average of 0.66, and Law hit an even .500.

### CYO BASKETBALL

An informational meeting for elementary and high school basketball coaches will be held 10 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 19 at the CYO, 50 Chestnut St. The CYO parish basketball league begins its 25th year Sunday, Nov. 24. The girls' basketball season begins Dec. 8.

### TUREEN SUPPER

The Catholic Women's Club will host a tureen supper, Tuesday, Oct. 22, 6-15 p.m. in Our Lady of Lourdes school hall, 165 Rhinecliff Dr. Members are asked to bring a casserole and \$1 donation. For reservations, call 275-9173.