

IN THIS CORNER



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Headline: Marvin Barnes, 6-foot-9-inch former All American from Providence College, jumps from the St. Louis Spirits of the American Basketball Assn.

Marvin has a new agent, and Marvin says he "was had" by a bad contract. By the time you get to this, Barnes probably will be back in St. Louis. If, that is, they can convince him he's not getting cheated at \$300,000 a season.

Inflation is doing some remarkable things, other than getting basketball and hockey players, in particular, lots more money than they are worth.

Why hockey and basketball, and not football and baseball? Because the latter two are monopolies, but hockey, with its NHL and WHA, must compete for the prime cuts, as does basketball with the ABA and NBA. (The World Football League no longer is competitive.)

Now numbers can be foolers but some funny numbers are showing up in league offices.

It was traditional that if you wanted tickets for hockey in the Montreal Forum, you had to inherit, or visit the funeral parlor and make a quick deal with the

survivors of the season ticket holder. (Ex.)

Now the Canadiens have actually bought newspaper space advertising available tickets in Boston Garden, another traditional hotbed, non-sellouts have been recorded. Ditto, Los Angeles.

Pro football is off about 3,000 bodies per game, but many of these are sold, and no comparison is fair. Because the NFL is living with a congressional ruling that blacked out areas not sold out 72 hours in advance. All kinds of tricks are done, net result producing distorted figures.

Baseball had a fantastic year, despite a disaster area like San Francisco where the Giants play more games but can't even double the attendance of a minor league club like the Rochester Red Wings. Would you believe 500,000 paid in San Francisco for a National League schedule?

Back to pro basketball. The Los Angeles Lakers are off 10 per cent. Milwaukee is up because the club lost 13 of 14 without Kareem Abdul Jabbar, and people like to see U.S. Steel and AT & T get their lumps from the underdogs. The Portland Trail Blazers are packing them in on the road and doing about 6,000 per game at home which is not instant success, not when you weigh up the cost of signing and paying Bill Walton, who hasn't been that good as yet.

The St. Louis Spirits are in the losers league, dollar-wise, but with some help from the league (like the WFL owners all chipping in to sign three Miami Dolphins) they did bring in Marvin Barnes. That was a real public relations "score" for the junior basketball league. Topped only by Marvin's decision to take a walk, once he discovered he was being cheated in his paycheck.

describing a fight which broke out among fans after the McQuaid-Madison football game at Madison in October. We'd like to point out that in Scholastic Notebook, 11/16/74, we suggested the troublemakers, based on past observations, were NOT Madison students, but instead "often graduates of one school or the other." We applaud and encourage the student exchanges between the schools reader Seifert mentioned in his letter.

Brave Coach — Vestal High grid coach Dick Hoover, whose team will probably finish No. 4 in the state big-school football rankings, will play Brockton, Mass., High School in a non-league show-down next fall. Brockton is reportedly the biggest high school in New England and an extremely formidable opponent. Vestal is 25-0-1 for the past three years in N.Y. State. Vestal's record under Hoover is 153-23-6.

Early Also-Rans! — Hartwick is the top pick this season among N.Y. State college basketball coaches according to the state coaches poll. Among Rochester area schools listed are Brockport (3), Geneseo, St. John Fisher and the U of R, all of whom received some votes. Fisher and the U of R will meet in the War Memorial, Saturday, Feb. 15, the first time two local colleges will do so outside of tournaments. Fisher coach Bob Wanzer says the game will help Fisher's basketball recruitment program.

Need Games? — Any Section 5 schools needing more basketball games might contact Niagara Falls' Bishop Duffy coach Dick Condino (716/283-8771) who is looking for three more games or participation in a holiday tournament.

Correction — While McQuaid kicker Chuck Schott deserves much of the credit for helping the Knights win the City-Catholic League football title, we don't want to over do it. While we credited him recently with the Section 5 field goal record with a boot of 46 yards this season, the record is held by Waterloo's Larry French with a kick of 47 yards last season.

Dr. Brusselmans Speaks To Regional Workshop

Dr. Christiane Brusselmans, of the faculty of the Harvard Divinity School, spoke recently at Mercy High School, to a gathering of area religious educators sponsored by the Religious Education Coordinators of the Northeast Region.

Starting with the premise that one is not born moral or religious, but rather with the potential to become morally mature, Dr. Brusselmans stated that being made in God's image provides the dynamics for growth, while one's own ego and weakness can cause stagnation along the way.

Referring frequently to her nephew Nicholas, she spoke of a baby's need to have "mothering" or nurturing to fulfill his physical wants so that he begins to sense his own worth and to trust the world around him.

By his fourth birthday, "fathering" becomes important in breaking the symbiotic relationship between mother and child. A father does this by his role as husband. Society furthers it by forcing separations, such as that which happens on entering kindergarten. It is typical of this age child to actively court or woo his mother.

Nicholas, she said, was no exception, but his advanced verbal development got him in trouble. Instead of just playing the role of helpful "little husband," he was able to tell Mama what he was doing. He unfortunately suggested that it would be nice if the absent Papa, brothers, and sisters might meet with an accident, leaving Mama to him exclusively. Needless to say, he faced a good deal of reality in Mama's indignation and was packed off immediately to his room.

Parents of eight or nine-year-olds have a vital task in helping them sort out motivation from action and alleviating guilt for wrongs committed unintentionally or for events over which the child has no control. His explanations for his actions and reasons why he does not

deserve punishment should be considered, she noted.

A parent's help is needed, she said, between age nine and 12 years in evaluating the values and attitudes of the child's peers. By adolescence, the child will turn this new skill to evaluating the parents "God bless the parents who can take it," says Dr. Brusselmans because in doing this the child is developing his own value system, leaving him eventually independent.

Moral development is simultaneously occurring. Outside pressure decided morality for Nicholas at three or four. Things are "do's" or "don'ts" right or wrong, his parents' word was absolute law, he saw everything in terms of his own feelings, punishment meant exclusion forever, and he expects imminent justice. Nicholas was sure that Tante Christiane (Dr. Brusselmans) broke her leg because of an incident where part of the clan misses Mass because of misinformation on the time of the service. She was driving — they missed Mass — mortal sin — broken leg — eternal damnation, of the child figured.

His nine-year-old cousin Phillip was capable of seeing a more realistic picture. His willing attempt to get to Mass was important, not the fact that he missed it. He could make a judgement on his responsibility relative to the circumstances. He understands relative values: for example, although stealing is wrong, stealing food to sustain

life is moral because of the greater value of human life.

Phillip was sympathetic to Nicholas's situation and accepted his responsibility to reconcile the younger child with the group. Finally, he sees punishment in terms of rehabilitating a wrong-doer.

In terms of adult moral development, Dr. Brusselmans showed six stages where one could stagnate or continue to grow. Blind obedience yields to an egocentric, instrumental orientation. Delinquents are those stuck at this second level. A third, conventional level, the good girl-good boy mentality, finds one conforming to social mores and blending with the crowd. This she calls the "suburban morality." The law and order mentality is fixed on rules. We do our duty and reject change, holding fast to the social order we were raised under.

Later, though usually going along with the the crowd, we begin to recognize individual rights which might alter what is moral in a given situation. Finally, we become aware of universal ethical principles which must guide our actions.

Martin Luther King demonstrates this desirable degree of morality in breaking existing laws to call attention to universal rights she said. He accepted the consequences of his actions, knowing his suffering would eventually move the community.

SCHOLASTIC NOTEBOOK



John Doser

Double Star — Aquinas' Glenn Williams, coach Nick Teta's biggest player at 6-3, 235 pounds, was the only high school football player in the Rochester area to make both the offensive and defensive first teams of the Greater Rochester All-Star Team. Williams, who runs a "slow" 4.8 second 40 yards, has impressed coaches from Notre Dame, Ohio State, Purdue and Syracuse, and Teta believes he's not only equal to ex-Mooney griddy Jeff Weston (now at ND), but faster. Williams also won first team offensive and defensive sports on the City-Catholic League All-Star squad. He is an offensive tackle and a defensive end. Other Catholic school gridgers named to the Greater Rochester All-Stars' first team were Paul Young, Bishop Kearney, offensive guard; Virgil Cotton, Cardinal Mooney, offensive running back; and Chuck Schott, McQuaid, kicker.

Most Valuable — The MVP at Mercy High has to be Sister Cathy Pfleger, who coaches ALL varsity sports at the Blossom Road school. Sister Cathy, who led Mercy to the City-Catholic Girls League soccer championship and into the Section 5 finals before losing to Pal-Mac, does have the coaching credentials. She's a phys ed graduate of Ithaca College prior to joining the Sisters of Mercy.

Unfair Press — Michale C. Seifert, president, McQuaid Student Government, complained in a recent letter to the Courier-Journal that Madison High received bad publicity in the local press regarding stories

Bishops to Meet Twice a Year

Washington, D.C. [RNS] — The U. S. Roman Catholic bishops approved a motion here to return to the practice of holding two general meetings a year, Fall and Spring, probably beginning in 1976.

Nearing the close of the five-day meeting of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops and U.S. Catholic Conference, the bishops also approved the establishment of a special committee to revise the format of the meetings to allow more opportunities for prelates to express their views and take action on pressing national and Church concerns.

The new committee, which will be set up immediately by the incoming president of the NCCB-USCC, Archbishop Joseph L. Bernardin of Cincinnati, will study the possibility of changing the site of the meetings from Washington to other U.S. cities; it will also consider non-commercial settings for the hierarchy's deliberations.

In voting to restore the practice of two general meetings, "when feasible," the bishops were informed by outgoing President Cardinal John Krol of Philadelphia, that regional meetings of bishops — which had replaced the general Spring meetings — could still be convened at the discretion of the regions.

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