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Junior Kathy Loomis, WTNT station president, signals, "You're on the air" to announcer and program director, senior Jean Hickey while member of the technical crew prepares equipment for early morning broadcasting of news items and music.



Gourmet cooks, formally dining, are ready to taste their culinary efforts — a savory, full course lasagna dinner.

St. Agnes ... a Wide Spectrum

By JOAN SMITH

Lively activity is the byword at St. Agnes High School where the students enthusiastically accept all learning challenges.

The school's goal, according to Sister Mary Margaret Merkel, principal, is to develop students' potential so they can contribute as much as possible to society. Through their desire to learn and to share their knowledge by communication the young ladies at St. Agnes do contribute.

The students boast of their own radio station - WTNT (dynamite radio!) The broadcasts provide music, news, in-school announcements, and student editorials.

This communication endeavor gives the girls experience in radio programming, directing and announcing. Director Peter McCue stated, "it is to provide a service to the school in entertainment and for people to communicate their ideas."

While students rehearse for

radio, down in the auditorium William Andia, director of drama, is usually rehearsing music students for various plays. "The thing we like to stress is that dramatics is a very big part of the school work — not just an extracurricular activity."

Students enjoy the learning experience gained from the work involved in presenting a successful production. Seventeen rehearsals in as many days is the rule rather than the exception, but the girls love it!

Creative education is also a large part of the Home Economic classes. These students think nothing of preparing and serving a full course dinner to such personages as Sister Mary Margaret, and vice principal, Sister Carol Cimino. The girls plan, cook, and serve their meals with the professionalism of an elegant restaurant.

St. Agnes is proud of its wide

spectrum of learning experiences which include college courses given in conjunction with St. John Fisher and Nazareth colleges; community service groups; student curriculum committees. Sister Mary Margaret claims, "we encourage open-mindedness and wonder by exposing students to a wide variety of disciplines and learning experiences."

It's a Loooooong Season for AQ Coach

By JOHN DOSER

It's been a long season so far for Aquinas basketball coach Bill Williams.

And Friday's 73-53 loss, to Monroe in a City-Catholic League tussle at Aquinas didn't shorten it any.

The defeat was Aquinas' seventh straight without a win in City-Catholic League action which gives Williams little to cheer about.

Only an Elmira holiday tournament victory over Elmira Southside stands between the

Little Irish and a winless season (to date).

Ironically, Aquinas' win over the Elmira quint was a victory over the team Williams coached two years ago as Southside JV coach before he came to Rochester to take over basketball head coaching chores at the Dewey Avenue campus.

"We don't have an awful lot of depth," Williams explains, "and when we lose someone like a (Rick or Mike) Ricketts on fouls, it usually kills us."

"Monroe had a lot more talent out there than we did, and we have to have our best players on

the floor in order for us to win," Williams says.

Things might have been different for the Irish says Monroe coach Joe Foster, if Aquinas had beaten Madison in its opener instead of dropping a three-point decision, 66-63.

What might have happened doesn't count in Williams' book.

"Satchel Page used to say, 'Never eat French Fries, and never look back.'

"A win over Madison might have given us the confidence we need, but you can't second-guess. We just keep trying to do the best we can."

Rick Ricketts, the 6-3 senior, led the Irish against Monroe with 19 points and 15 rebounds. Mike finished with 12 and sat out much of the second half with four personal fouls.

Mike's departure occurred when Monroe owned a 10-point lead over Irish in the fourth period and the Redjackets within minutes converted Aquinas mistakes and turnovers into a 20 point bulge.

Williams says turnovers cost the Irish many scoring chances and allowed the Redjackets to score too many easy baskets.

"When we got the ball into Rick we were able to score. We didn't lose the ball trying to get it into him; we lost it before we even got near him."

Aquinas, which trailed only by one point at halftime, entered the final period down by three.

And this too, is part of Aquinas' overall frustration, according to Williams.

"We've led in a lot of fourth quarters," he explains, not finishing the sentence.

Aquinas banks on its Rick-and-Mike offense which isn't enough to carry the entire squad. Rick is averaging about 20 points per game and Mike is scoring about 13 per game. The Irish as a whole are averaging about 50 points per game.

At times Williams sees some of the pressure on the Ricketts letting up when he gets good basketball from Bill McGee, John Montgomery, Hank Benjamin, Dave Crispino, Terry McGree and Matt Casale.

But there hasn't been enough of it to produce a second Aquinas win yet.

Aquinas, like all the other AQ teams which have worn the school's traditional Mafoen and White, still doesn't give up. They were digging hard right up until the final buzzer against Monroe.

"We're going to turn the corner one of these days," Williams says, "maybe tomorrow."



Photo by Susan McKinney

Puck Gets Away

Plenty of action near the Brighton net as Aquinas Little Irish and Barons met last week in a County Hockey League game at the RIT rink. Aquinas won, 9-3.

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