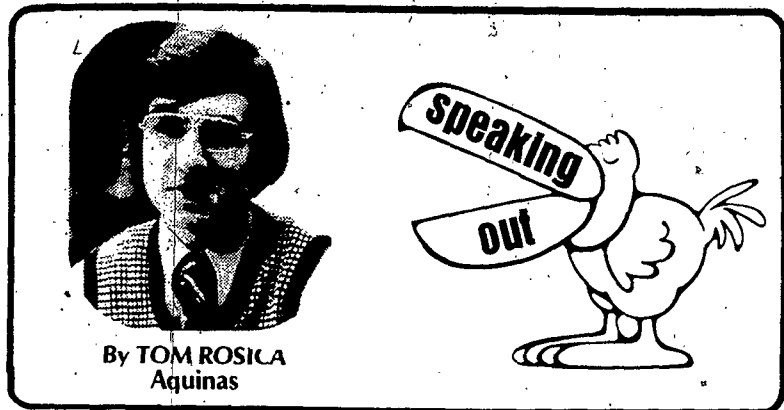


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By TOM ROSICA Aquinas

There is said to be a big gold sale on in the United States. Most people see gold as shiny blocks that are a symbol of wealth, a place in today's society; a society where people are becoming less important. The sad part of the story is that people are missing the boat. Because our real wealth as a people and as a nation lies in older people. Too often, old people are put in a stereotype of reaching a certain age then comes nothing. Our society today lets old people die long before their physical bodies die on earth. We seem to have no use for old ideas and old words. We try to be modern . . . but instead we are really going backwards.

All of our riches lie in the elderly, because their many years of experiencing life's trials have taught them so much. Old people can be very lonely people — because the rest of us see no use in listening to that repeated story or senseless sentence. All of us have failed in a way that only God knows.

I think listening is the most important act of kindness one can do. Listening is an art for the elderly. They seem to be so calm and not worried about tomorrow. They are too busy living today. It would be nice if all of us could be like that.

Many old people who are lonely need an open ear, or an extended hand. To them, this is the richest gift they could have.

As young people, our job must be to share our wealth of abundant "gold" with the elderly. In them lies our heritage. In them lies the hearts of gold that are given out to all men.

The next time you read about the nation's gold, don't feel bad if you don't own any. Gold isn't real, people are. So we are all rich. Our gold is patient, kind, loving and all sorts of other things. Our golden people are the ones who say — "I am not afraid of tomorrow, for I have seen yesterday and love today."

If only we could be like them!



AQUINAS

Friday, Feb. 14—All day frosh/soph retreat, no school for juniors and seniors.

BISHOP KEARNEY

Friday, Feb. 14—Observing Lincoln's birthday — no classes.
 February 14-17—Winter weekend, ski trip and dance.
 Tuesday, Feb. 18—Freshman and sophomore parents' meeting.
 Wednesday, Feb. 19—Magazine drive begins.

CARDINAL MOONEY

Friday, Feb. 14—Faculty enrichment day; Action for People Association's party at Monroe County Hospital.
 Monday, Feb. 17—No classes.
 Tuesday, Feb. 18—Senior appreciation day sponsored by the junior class.

DeSALES

Saturday, Feb. 15—Junior Prom at Club 86; 8-12 p.m., admission \$15 per couple.
 Sunday, Feb. 16—Senior Dance (at DeSales) admission \$2 per couple, playing Mother Freedom.

McQUAID

February 10-14—Educational experience — special schedules.
 Friday, Feb. 14—No classes.
 Monday, Feb. 17—Junior Magis (community service group) will visit various community facilities.

NAZARETH

Tuesday, Feb. 18—Guidance counselors begin interviewing students concerning next year's schedules.
 Wednesday, Feb. 19—Senior Day at convent.

NOTRE DAME

Monday, Feb. 17—Washington's birthday — no school.

OUR LADY OF MERCY

February 13-14—Freshman registration 6-9 p.m. Mercy gym.

ST. AGNES

Sunday, Feb. 16—Parents' enrichment day.
 February 17-18—Holidays.
 Wednesday, Feb. 19—Department chairman meeting.

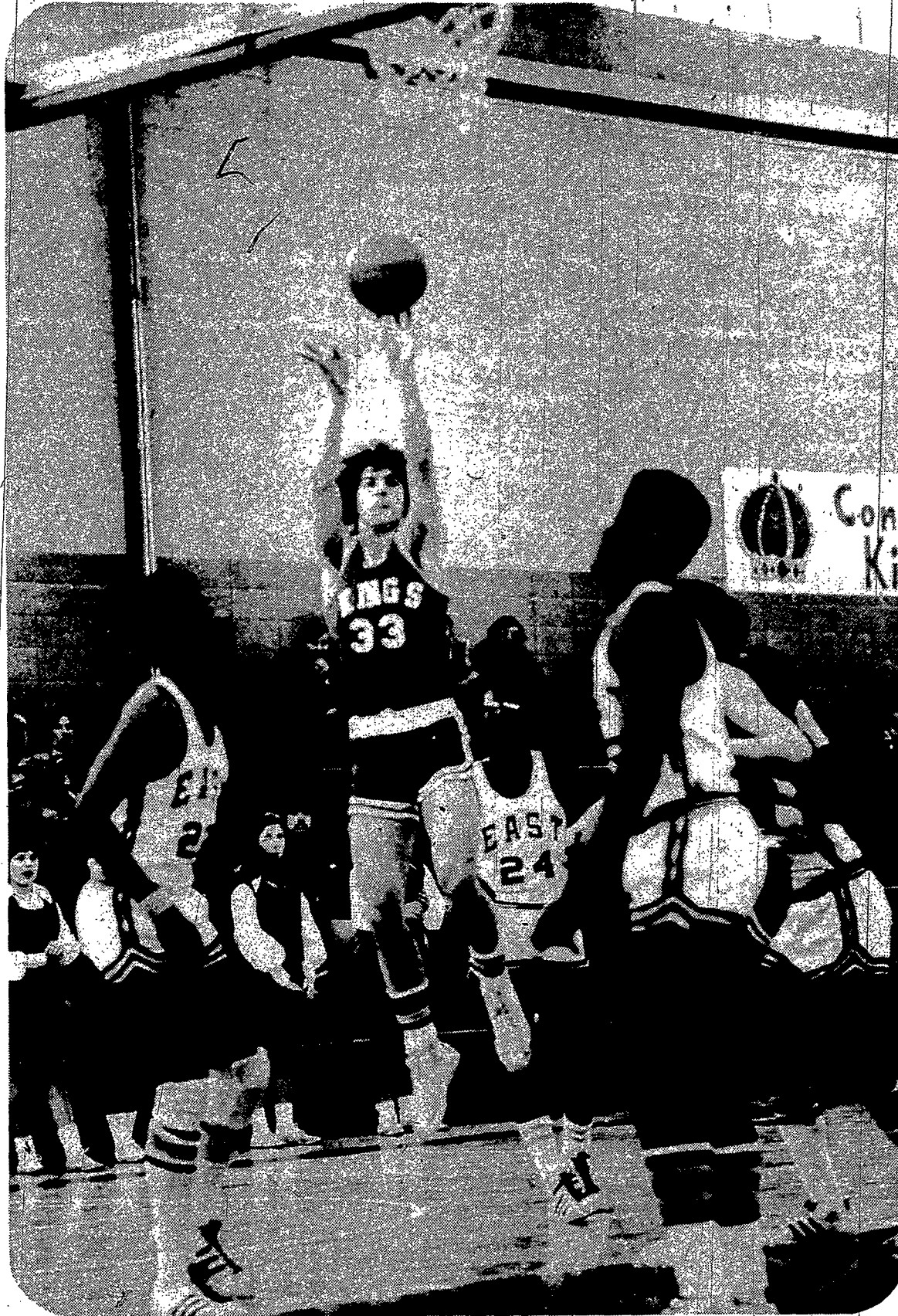


Photo by Susan McKinney

Nick Urzetta (33) adds to the Bishop Kearney effort during game at East High. East won, 71-55.

McQuaid Mermen Win Title

By JOHN DOSER

Every time the daily newspapers run John Tobin's photo, the McQuaid swimming coach takes an awful lot of kidding because the photo is six years old and he's changed a little bit since then.

And so have McQuaid swimming fortunes changed since then — from a team which usually lost more meets than it won, announced a new coach every year, and was down to a mere eight swimmers when Tobin took over in 1969.

Tobin's Knights won their fifth straight City-Catholic League swimming championship last Thursday with a 50-33 victory over Marshall, in a battle between the two unbeaten teams in the Jurists' pool.

The only thing on Tobin's mind now is whether the Knights can come back and grab a sixth straight title next year.

"I don't think so," says Marshall coach John Hink, whose team finished 9-1 to McQuaid's 10-0 for runnerup honors in the C-C league.

"We lose only two seniors and John loses eight; I think we'll be strong again in the city next year," Hink predicts.

Tobin agrees the loss of eight

seniors will hurt, and explains he actually loses more than that.

"We had 15 seniors on the swimming team at the start of the season and for a variety of reasons we lost seven during the season:

"I don't see any way we can regroup, but I've been saying that for years," he adds.

Thursday's title match had an ironic twist — Marshall won more than a dozen straight city championships and rolled up a phenomenal winning streak of 114 consecutive dual meets under coach Tony Gerace, now retired, in the late 1940's and early '50s.

"We haven't had a swimming crowd like this in many years," recalled Marshall athletic director Tony Merlino.

In all, the victory added up to McQuaid's 39th straight win overall and 37th in C-C league action.

Marshall took a 6-4 lead by winning the opening 200 medley relay in 1:54.7, with Sid Webster, Ned Nicosia, Russ Kuitens and Ed Bunce taking second (1:55.6), and Jerry Lauth, Marty MacDonald, Ed Schifino and Dave Root finishing third (1:58.8).

McQuaid's Jeff Libutti won the 200 freestyle (2:00.2), a new Marshall pool record, but Marshall took second and third to retain a 9-8 lead.

The Jurists hiked their lead to 14-10 after the 200 individual medley where the Knights' John Maxwell managed only a second (2:24.3), and Marshall grabbed a 20-11 edge by taking 1-2 in the 50 freestyle.

McQuaid's George Boyle won diving (148.15 points) and teammate Dave Root was third (131.30) to help the Knights close the gap to 22-16.

Terry Holly (1:04.7) and Kuitens (1:05.8) finished 1-2 in the 100 butterfly to cut the Marshall advantage to 23-22, and John Bader (:55.3) won the 100 freestyle and Ed Bunce (:57.4) took third to give the Knights the lead for the first time in the meet at 27-25.

LiButti (5:34.2) set his second Marshall pool record in the 500 free for the Knights and Kevin Cronin's third gave McQuaid a 32-27 edge.

Maxwell (1:06.9) and Lauth (1:10.2) were first and third in the 100 backstroke for McQuaid and the Knights won the meet when MacDonald (1:13) took the 100 breaststroke and teammate Nicosia (1:13.8) finished second.

Holly, Bader, Maxwell and LiButti teamed to win the 400 freestyle relay (3:46.5) to set another Marshall pool record.