

# Rap Around Rap Around Rap Around Rap Around



## Winner's Circle

RapAround weekly will run a photo of a group of students taken somewhere in the diocese. One person will be circled and if that person brings the clipping to the Courier-Journal before noon of the Tuesday following publication date, he or she will receive \$5. This week's photo was taken at Our Lady of Mercy during the May Day. The person circled above should bring the clipping to Joan M. Smith, Courier-Journal, by noon, Tuesday, May 13 to receive \$5.

## Dick Buerkle: He's 'Running' to China

By JOHN DOSER

Dick Buerkle, the Aquinas and Villanova grad who now teaches Spanish at Bishop Kearney High, by now should have his feet firmly planted on the soil of the People's Republic of China.

Buerkle, who missed a four minute mile Friday at Brockport State by six-tenths of a second, is part of a 66-member American track and field team competing against Chinese teams in Canton, Shanghai and Peking during the next three weeks.

He got a chance to make the trip because of his outstanding times last summer in Amateur Athletic Union (AAU) outdoor meets where he ran the 5,000 meters in 13:23 and the 10,000 meters in 28:25.

He also ran a 3:57.8 in the mile and tried to become the first runner ever to break four minutes in the Rochester area at Brockport before he left for China Saturday. Instead he settled for a 4:00.6.

Buerkle obviously doesn't compete in university-level competition anymore, but Ed Winroe, Brockport State track coach, invited him to run during the Eagles' regularly scheduled meet against Monroe Community College.

"Ed is great that way. He's got the timers and track set up and if somebody extra wants to run, it's no big deal to him," Dick says.

Buerkle started his bid for the sub-four-minute-mile in the meet's regularly scheduled 880 run, and when it ended, he kept moving for two more laps.

"I jumped in the 880 because I knew if I'd gotten in the mile, there wouldn't have been that much pressure on me. They always run around two minutes in the 880 and that's what I should go out in if I want to break four," Buerkle explains.

Unfortunately he was also running since 6:30 a.m. that morning, preparing and typing exams, teaching five classes, posing for a Courier-Journal photographer, and arranging for a substitute to take over for him while he's away.

"It was 3:30 by the time I left school and when my wife Jean picked me up in the car I tried to sleep on the way out to Brockport. When I got there, I was dead!"

Buerkle says Bishop Kearney school officials have been just excellent to him.

"Kearney is just great this way. If something's going on that's different and exciting, and you can participate in it, well, they're all for it. They're great. It's like their band trip every year. They



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let people off if they have something really special that they're doing."

Buerkle said BK will keep his teacher's pay going (which it doesn't have to do) while he's gone, but he has to pay his substitute out of it. He says he hopes to profit a little from the trip by writing for the Philadelphia Inquirer and the Buffalo Evening News.

There will be three meets, each lasting two days, in the three Chinese cities he will visit.

It marks the first time an American track and field team has ever competed against the Chinese in China, he says. The AAU and the State Department share the cost of the trip.

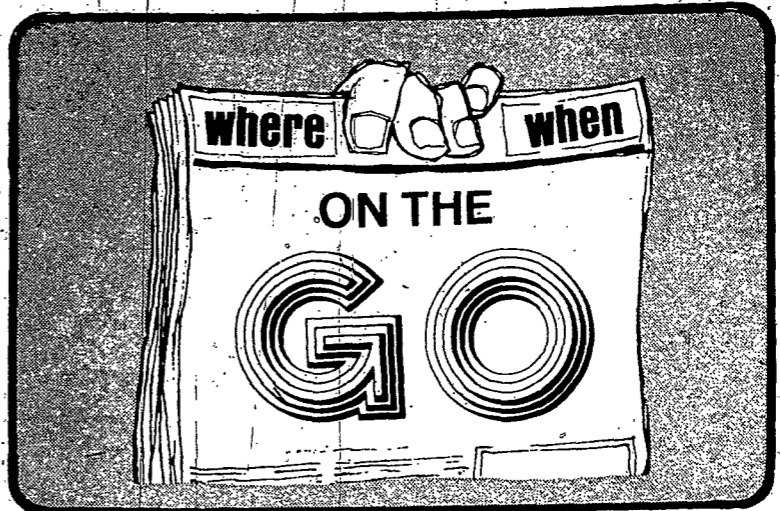
Buerkle hopes to visit the Great Wall in the North, the terraced gardens in the South, and hopefully, an English class in a Chinese high school.

He's taking several BK yearbooks along because he doesn't think there's anything like them in China.

"They'll go crazy when they see an American yearbook," he says. He hopes to bring something back for Bishop Kearney High School too.

Buerkle doesn't speak Chinese, but he's been trying to catch up on the country by reading books supplied by the State Department and his teaching colleagues.

He says learning Chinese makes learning Spanish very easy!



### AQUINAS

May 16-17—"Little Mary Sunshine" presentation; 8 p.m. Saturday, May 17—Annual invitational relays, U. of R. Fauver Stadium; 11 a.m. Monday, May 19—Parents' APACE meeting and elections; 8 p.m. auditorium. Wednesday, May 21—Student Council officer elections.

### BISHOP KEARNEY:

Thursday, May 15—Mothers' Club meeting and elections. Friday, May 16—Junior Prom, Heritage House; 8 p.m. Monday, May 19—Student-faculty board elections. Tuesday, May 20—Father-daughter dinner and dance.

### CARDINAL MOONEY:

May 15-18—School Carnival.

### DeSALES:

May 22-23—"Cheaper by the Dozen" presentation.

### NAZARETH:

Thursday, May 15—Film festival, "A Star is Born"; 8 p.m. Concert at Christ the King. Monday, May 19—Staff members of school publications visit St. Bonaventure University for press day.

### OUR LADY OF MERCY:

Friday, May 16—Father-daughter dinner and dance, Oak Hill Country Club; 7 p.m. Saturday, May 17—Garage Sale, 9:30-6 p.m.

### ST. AGNES

Saturday, May 17—Junior prom. Monday, May 19—Election assembly. May 19-23—Fine Arts Week.

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