## S round Rap Around Rap



Stella Màris cooks Jim Gramkee and Joe Porcari both from Aquinas begin the "clean-up" duties after serving meals.

## Camp Ingredient: Comradeship

By JOAN M. SMITH

An essayist once wrote become capable of genuine comradeship, the foundation must be laid in youth," and that's what it was all about this Summer at Camp Stella Maris on Conesus Lake comradeship.

Young high school adults from Aquinas, Bishop Kearney, Cardinal Mooney, Mercy, Nazareth, Mercy., McQuaid, Fairport, Spencerport, and Mt. Morris all worked together making camp a memorable experience for the young people who attended Stella Maris.

Rain or shine, these young counselors by their energy, creativity, and enthusiasm kept the camp a beehive of activity.

Mercy junior Mimi Keirsbilik stated her favorite experience as

counselor was "getting to know the

Anne Wall, a Cardinal Mooney senior, claimed that "just the being here" was enough for her to tackle the counseling duties of swim in-

schoolmate Eileen Fellow Krasavage, sophomore, said she had enjoyed herself so much during the years she had been a camper that it was wonderful to be a part of the camp as a counselor. In fact, most of the counselors had become acquainted with Stella Maris, as vacationers, and were only too willing to return and help other campers benefit from their ex-

Over in the kitchen where three meals a day are prepared for 170 people, Aquinas cooks John Porcari

and ended at 8 p.m. with a few breaks away from the stove during the day.

While he and John supervised their latest culinary accomplishment southern fried chicken complete with french fries, corn, and a fruit dessert — Jim Burkhardt, Livonia Central; Joe Rodco, Fairport High School; Pete Curtis, Shenendahowa High; and Greg Donohue, from Avon Central, began their dishwashing chores.

A typical day at Stella Maris included morning activities at the waterfront (swim, canoe and water-ski lessons), craft lodge (ceramics, boondoggling), and the ballfield (gymnastics, baseball).

After lunch there was a rest period referred to as the "horizontal club" followed by a general swim, free-

All counselors had their specified tasks. Nicki D'Angelo a Mercy freshman, was stationed at the ballfield where she taught gymnastics.

Janine Erb, Nazareth senior, was involved with the camp spiritual program "Harvest Time," while Eileen Hannan of Newark High School, and Kathy Curtis, a Cardinal Mooney sophomore, were lat the waterfront for boating and swimming lessons.

It was share and share alike not only in the work, but in the fun. Last week the young counselors along with their camp proteges packed up and left for home with many pleasant memories. Both their counseling and camping experiences resulted in friendship, accomplishment and a new maturity.



Camp counselor Barbara Schiefen, Bishop Kearney senior, allong with campers Lorraine Woerner, Nazareth freshman; Stacey Reed, Horseheads Junior High East, and counselor Janine Erb, Nazareth Asenior concentrate on flower dipping.

## Penfield's Fred Cohen: The Cheers Remain

By JOHN DOSER

Fred Cohen, former Penfield High varsity basketball coach, apparently won't spend the basketball season in the stands with the paying patrons.

Cohen, fired from his basketball ob by the Penfield Board of Education last spring, is hearing from other high schools and some colleges with offers to keep his sneakers warm with some attractive assistant coaching jobs.

conducted his summer basketball camp for six weeks at St. John Fisher College and attracted the usual array of Southeast Monroe County cage talent, including, ironically, a large turnout of former players from Penfield.

Since his ouster, many ex-players, fellow coaches, and fans have kept Cohen in the news by writing letters to editors of area daily and weekly newspapers.

Former players defend him, other . coaches admire him, and all these reactions to his dismissal motivated Cohen to pen a letter to the editor

The simplest explanation of what caused Cohen's dismissal came from former players' Walt Stugis and Paul

Parents are great fans, fund raisers and booster club organizers, "but they are lousy basketball coaches.'

Strangely enough the parties

responsible for maneuvering the board into firing Cohen, haven't been heard from.

"A man of Fred Cohen's caliber being consulted by his superiors, but no coach should suffer at the hands of meddlesome parents who have no business interfering with a coach's work," Stugis and Tubinis explain.

The pair, both of whom played four years under Cohen, admit they were not his personal friends, but added they always respected Cohen, and not because of his alleged intimidation tactics.

"If anyone has been subjected to intimidation, it has been Fred Cohen," they say.

The possible heart of the matter, explain Stugis and Tubinis, is that several influential Penfield parents with sons on Cohen's team, did not like Cohen's off-the-court habits, not to mention bench time their sons accumulated.

Cohen over the years acquired a basketball coaching image which is a far cry from Casper Milketoast.

The firing shocked Dave Story, another former Penfield cager, whose father is a member of the Penfield Board of Education.

"It's hard to believe the Board of Education would fire a man who has done so much for basketball in

Penfield, and who turned the team from a consistent loser to a consistent winner," Story says.

Story also referred to some parents objecting to Cohen's "inmidation" of team members

"What does intimidation mean?" asks Story. "Does it mean a good yelling at? Granted, Mr. Cohen can be explicit at times, but this is only meant to motivate and criticize constructively.

"For a player to take this personally and go home and tell Mommy and Daddy is outrageous. It proves to me this person is spineless and shouldn't even be participating in athletics, Story says.

Story, who admits he enjoyed playing under Cohen and credits him with teaching him a lot about the sport, recommends the Penfield parents responsible for Cohen's dismissal, be charged with the responsibility of finding his successor.

"The parents seem to be experts on the subject," Story concludes.

· Former Franklin High teammate Paul Mueller, who is presently basketball coach at Pittsford Sutherland, also got into the letterwriting bit.

"I have known Fred for many years and have heard nothing but praise from his players and fellow coaches," Mueller says.

Mueller says he's never seen Cohen embarrass his Penfield players, on or off the court, in any of the many confrontations between the two schools in the past eight

Cohen's letter acknowledged the many letters written on his behalf by former 'players.

He directed several questions to the Penfield Board of Education.

Cohen wants to know why, assuming he did intimidate players. he was never put on the carpet for it why, after eight years of successful coaching, not a single player ever quit his teams, why most of next year's team (which Cohen won't be coaching) attended his basketball camp a few weeks ago at Fisher; and why so many of his players, present and former, came to his defense - if he weren't doing something right.

Cohen says Penfield, under his coaching, is only one of four Monroe County schools not to have a losing season in the past six years.

"We have gone to the sectionals five of those years. Prior to that, Penfield hadn't gone to the sectionals since 1951," Cohen points

"If my record is not acceptable, then many coaches in the area who do not win regularly had better worry about their jobs," concluded.