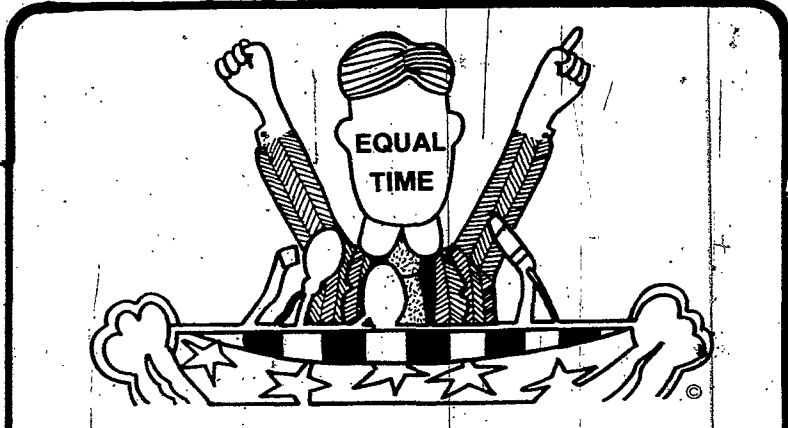


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At What Age do you think Marriage a Good Idea?

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Sonia Pascoe, freshman "At 20 years old. That is the best time. You are old enough, and you are out of college. You get more preparation for marriage today. You have more courses on marriage about today's life, and seminars on families.



Donna Senger, senior "I think about 20. I think that is a good age for a girl. Most guys don't seem settled till about 21. If you find the right person and are sure of yourself 20 is a good age. Women today are more prepared for marriage because there are school courses concerning marriage, and people talk about it more so women are more aware of the responsibilities."



Nancy Lockwood, junior "I don't know really. It depends on the person. If they are mature at 18 and can handle the responsibilities it is up to the person to decide. Although the person getting married should sit down and talk things over and get everything settled about what will happen after marriage; the woman's working outside the home, and family raising."



Tina Walters, freshman "You should wait until a time when you are sure of yourself, and when you have decided whether you want a career or not. Before marriage you should sit down with your partner and iron out the life style after marriage; there should be no leader or follower, whether the woman is going to work... where they're going to live. Personally, I think the late 20s or early 30s is a good time for marriage."



Carmel Guido, senior "Between the ages of 20 and 25 because after high school you want to do things like go to college, and also at that age you are ready to settle down. In most cases you are ready for marriage at that age, but then there are cases when people aren't ready for marriage even when they are 30 years old. You can tell by all the divorces that people going into marriage are still unprepared."



Sue Sloan, senior "At 20 or 25 years of age. A girl should live a little first before committing herself to marriage. The reason marriages entered into by 18 and 19-year-olds are failing is because they haven't given themselves enough time to mature. Preparation for marriage is a combination of everything — school, home, work. Through these facilities you become aware of the responsibilities needed for marriage."



Debbie McTurk, junior "Any age is okay because if they are capable of the responsibility of taking care of a family then they're quite capable of marriage at this particular age. If they realize the responsibilities and decide they can handle them it is up to them at what age to get married. They are better prepared for marriage today. They learn more in school. They have more courses to help them figure things out, and to realize what a commitment marriage is. If a man feels he's responsible enough, then any age is fine."



Melanie Bowe, senior "Around 20 or 21. I think people mature faster today, and at 21 they know what they want in life. I don't think it's possible to select a life-style before marriage because you never know what married life will bring. I think today's young adult is much better prepared for marriage than 5 or 10 years ago. There is more opportunity for the young adults to find out what is expected of them in marriage."



Talks to Note Anniversary

Father William Graf, professor of homiletics at St. Bernard's Seminary, is speaking on three consecutive evenings, Sept. 23, 24, 25 at 8 p.m. in St. Charles Borromeo's Church as part of the parish's 50th anniversary celebration.

On Tuesday, Father Graf will launch his talks with, "And then Came Banjos, Balloons and Banthers..." He will speak on changes in the Church today, and

show how they still relate to a Church which has remained fundamentally the same throughout the years, despite the outward appearance of discord.

The next night, the audience will hear, "Where Have All the People Gone?"

Thursday night, the final talk, "Will the Real Jesus Please Stand Up?" will cover the different movements throughout the Church today.

McQuaid

Quiet, Steady Defender

Football Series
By JOHN DOSER

Tom Seymour starts his 13th year as head coach at McQuaid Jesuit, enough to suggest steady, reliable winning play from his South Clinton Avenue Knights.

McQuaid, defending City-Catholic League champion, has quietly won two league titles in a row.

The Knights dropped their first game last year and then won all the rest when they weren't expected to, because of alleged heavy losses via graduation.

Same situation this year. While Aquinas is practically conceded the title, McQuaid expects to go out and play its steady brand of basic football and "just let's see who is where when the season ends" is the attitude which exists this season at McQuaid.

The Knights lost Greater Rochester grizzer Chuck Schott — he's now at West Point — and Seymour says it's taking five players to replace him.

"Chuck was an offensive end, a defensive linebacker, a punter, our kickoff boater, our extra point man and our field goal kicker," Seymour explains.

Another big loss by graduation was the departure of All City-Catholic offensive tackle and defensive end Paul Rokos, now a freshman at St. Bonaventure.

Since everybody letters at McQuaid, the number of returning lettermen doesn't provide any clues regarding relative strength and experience.

"We do have 18 seniors back," Seymour says, "but only six started on last year's team," he adds.

The six veterans are offensive guard/defensive tackle Craig Kennedy; offensive/defensive tackle Mark Sertl; linebacker Kevin Barney; defensive halfback Tony Quercia; split end Mike Wiese; and quarterback Pete Stone.

Others who Seymour says will play a lot include senior center Greg Johnson, senior tackle Jim Makowiec, senior flankerback Bob Demmerle, junior fullback Mark Lyons, and junior tailback Rich Przysinda.

Defensively, Seymour is

counting on senior end Jim Klee, junior nose guard Tim DeMaria, junior end Tom Wiese, junior monster back Tracy Williams, junior linebacker John Marrs, senior right halfback Pete Springer, and sophomore safety Jim Crockford.

His assistant coaches include Frank Noce and Tom Sprague.

Noce, with Seymour for 12 years, handles the Knights' line while Sprague, a recent Ithaca College graduate, takes care of the backs and the ends.

In summary, Seymour says McQuaid has good spirit, needs improvement, and is inexperienced. Who will believe him?

Parents Ask Regents For 'Voucher' Program

The president of the State Federation of Catholic School Parents has asked the Board of Regents to sponsor a pilot program "implementing the voucher concept."

William A. Schauer, a Brooklyn lawyer, told the regents at a recent legislative conference in Albany that he represented the parents of nearly 550,000 children attending parochial schools and Catholic high schools in this state. He referred to voucher experiments in California, New Hampshire and Connecticut that involve the use of some tax money to enable parents to choose schools other than the district public schools. The pilot programs so far have not been concerned with parochial schools.

"Every parent knows intuitively," he said, "... that his is the primary responsibility for the education of his child and the choice of school that child is to attend." The choice of school, he added, "is perhaps the most important and the most far-reaching decision a parent must make for his child," and in many cases "he has only one shot at it."

The parents' organization sees in the voucher system, he said, "a way to improve the quality of education, to instilling in schools and teachers motivation to excel, and a correspondingly gradual demise of mediocrity and non-responsive uniformity wherever it may exist."

The Catholic School Parents are represented in this diocese by Dr. Thomas R. Curran of Elmira.

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