

# Rap Around Rap Around Rap Around Rap

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Two local groups, Operation Wake-Up and Citizens For A Decent Community, employed scare tactics in their campaign against the Equal Rights Amendment.

Their literature and spokespersons claimed that ERA would require exactly the same treatment of men and women, without regard for biological differences. Public rest rooms supposedly would be common to both sexes. Under the amendment, women could be drafted into all branches of the armed services. Women would be forced to pay alimony to their ex-husbands. Court action would repeal the rape statutes. One person even claimed that the passage of the ERA could possibly result in the ultimate breakdown of the Christian family structure.

The Constitution guarantees to all citizens the right to privacy. ERA will not nullify this right. Rest rooms, locker rooms, hospitals, and other public facilities would retain separate areas.

The government must declare a state of national emergency before any branch of the service can draft either men or women. Since 1973, the service has operated on a strictly voluntary basis. However, ERA will lift the present non-combatant regulation imposed on women.

ERA will not force women to pay either alimony or child support. Rather, it will lift the obligation from men in some cases. In custody and child

support cases, the courts will decide who is the more able to provide for any children involved and award custody accordingly.

Rape is a felony that only men can commit. Therefore, courts can prosecute only men. The fact that men only can be prosecuted for this crime is not based on sex discrimination.

ERA will not break down any family structures, Christian or otherwise. ERA will permit men and women to assume suitable roles, rather than sex-assigned roles.

If there are to be children, women still must bear them. However, motherhood and fatherhood might be one role — parenthood. Children might reasonably assume the surnames of both parents. Women would more easily preserve their own names and their own identities after marriage. Husband and wife are not one. They remain two people who function as a unit.

ERA is not a plot designed, by the National Organization of Women, with the express purpose of destroying the family unit. Nor does it threaten to eradicate sex distinctions. Rather, ERA merely will help allow each person a free choice of lifestyle.

To fear or try to discredit something that states: "Equality of rights under the law shall not be abridged or denied by the State or any subdivision thereof on account of sex" is to deny the equality, freedom, and dignity of both men and women.

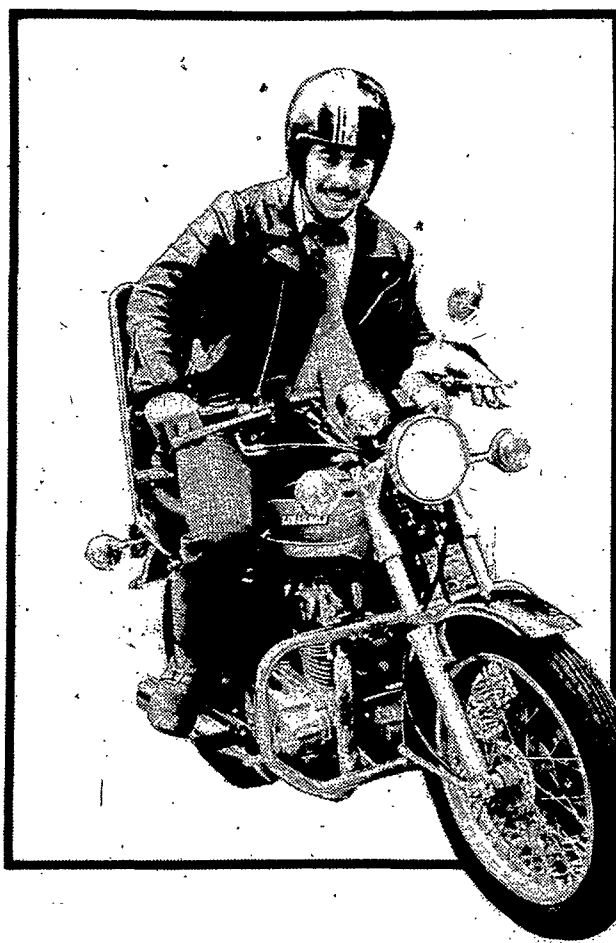


Photo by Susan McKinney

Tony Midiri revs up his motorcycle for the daily ride to school. He puts the machine up for the winter months.

## Cycles and Chess

By JOAN M. SMITH

The coming of winter signals the end of many fair weather activities, family pools are covered, tennis courts are vacated and Anthony Midiri puts away his Kawasaki "400" motorcycle.

Though Tony, a senior at Geneva DeSales High School, explained his interest in cycling as "sort of a pastime," there was a time when he was an ardent motorcycle racer who competed in both cross country and flat track contests.

He recalled his racing times at the speedways as 42 m.p.h. on the turns and 67 m.p.h. on the straightaways.

"It's like life," declared Tony, "you run into many competitive things and there's the spirit to win and you want to win... it's a real deep want."

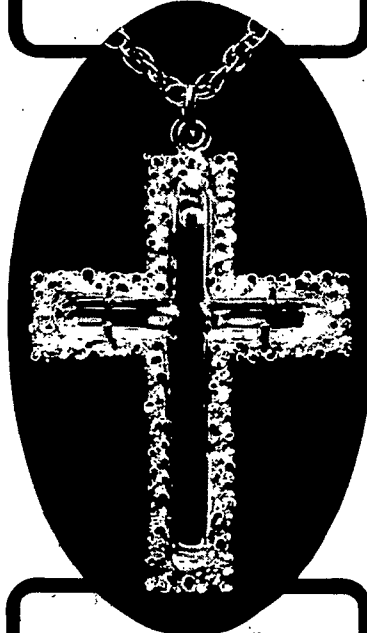
But a few years ago after he was hurt a priest friend of his asked him to stop racing, and after some thought Tony decided it was the wise thing to do. He, however, insisted, "I'll always own a motorcycle."

Today, Tony confines his motorcycle driving to the highways which he indicated are more hazardous than the race tracks. He finds traffic heavy and motorists taking advantage of the motorcycle riders.

### AQUINAS PARENTS

The Aquinas Parents Association will assemble at 8 p.m. Monday, Nov. 24, for a general meeting in the school auditorium. A session on college will follow for parents of juniors and seniors while the parents of freshmen and sophomores consider the curriculum guide, quality point system and related school matters. Among the speakers will be Dennis Crowley, financial aid officer at St. John Fisher College, and Father Richard Ranalletti, CBS, counselor for the underclassmen.

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His advice to anyone who rides a cycle is "to treat it with respect."

It's quite a change from the roar of a fast moving cycle to the quiet seriousness of chess, but Tony is equally at home either sitting on his motorcycle or over a chess game. He has played the game since he was eight years old, and now spends much of his time organizing chess and bridge clubs while also entering amateur chess competitions. He views Bobby Fischer as the greatest of chess masters.

At the moment, Tony is contemplating the priesthood with his eyes on the Holy Cross Order.

"I like people and if I can, I try to help them." Presently he is advising a person who has a drinking problem. So, along with all his other interests Tony has also committed himself to people involvement.

## ON THE GO

### AQUINAS:

Monday, Nov. 24—General faculty meeting; Aquinas Parents Association general meeting, auditorium, 8 p.m.

### BISHOP KEARNEY:

Thursday, Nov. 20—Yearbook pictures.  
Nov. 21, 22—School presentation of "A Hole in the Head", auditorium, 8 p.m.  
Monday, Nov. 24—Faculty Advisory Board-Administrative meeting, 3 p.m. New Year's Eve kickoff meeting, 7:30 p.m.

### CARDINAL MOONEY:

Nov. 21, 22—School presentation of "The Contrast" 8:15 p.m.  
Monday, Nov. 24—Women's Guild Meeting.  
Tuesday, Nov. 25—Parent-Teachers meeting, 7:30 p.m.

### DeSALES

Monday, Nov. 24—Open House, 7:30 to 9 p.m.

### McQUAID:

Wednesday, Nov. 26—Faculty Conference Day, 9-12:30.

### NAZARETH:

Monday, Nov. 21—Registration cards due from 8th graders.  
Sunday, Nov. 23—Athletic Association Spaghetti Dinner.

### ST. AGNES:

Thursday, Nov. 20—Business Club Contest Day.  
Nov. 21, 22, 23—School play "Bye, Bye Birdie"; Friday and Saturday performances, 8 p.m.; Sunday matinee, 3 p.m.  
Wednesday, Nov. 26—Morning of Recollection - faculty.

### OUR LADY OF MERCY:

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