



Above, Kenny and mother Janice spend a few minutes together before she begins her daily activities on behalf of "The Great Skate." Kenny chews on harmless ice skate blade his grandfather added to his baby shoes.

Janice Smith



A 'Great Skate'

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One gets the feeling when talking to Janice Smith that she's dedicated. It would take dedication to leave an important job for a full month and come back to your hometown. And it would take dedication to tear yourself away from a newly-adopted baby boy you're crazy in love with. All this to come back to Rochester and chair something called "The Great Skate." But that's exactly what Janice Smith is doing right now.

An event designed to raise funds to support sports activities for the handicapped, "The Great Skate" will be held at local rinks Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 28 and 29. Many local personalities will be skating, each with donors purchasing the skating time. Everyone, of course, is invited to skate, or sponsor his or her favorite skater. Sponsor cards are widely available, or more information can be had by calling 461-4404.

Janice figures it's a good investment to help the handicapped, and in case you don't think so, she points out that any of us could become handicapped at any time. "The greatest resource is human potential — and we're wasting it," Janice says.

Janice should know about human potential. Between attending St. Agnes High and her grueling skating practice sessions, Janice didn't have all that much time for fun and games. Except, of course, the Olympic Games, where she represented Rochester and the U.S. in 1964.

With the Olympics over, Janice hung up her skates for a while, and devoted herself 100 per cent to earning a degree in speech therapy from Nazareth College. Then to the University of Rochester to pick up a Masters in early childhood development. She is working on her doctorate.

Janice has been working with children since leaving Nazareth, and in September 1972, Texas Southern University hired her as a childhood development specialist. Financed through the federally-funded Head Start program, she teaches parents, teachers, and administrators how to cope with pre-schoolers and their myriad problems. Since 10

per cent or more of Head Starters are handicapped, Janice has long had an interest in helping them. So when a skating event designed to help the handicapped came along, she seemed a natural choice as chairman.

But her love of children goes deeper than her job and her volunteer work. Three days before leaving Houston, Janice, who is single, formally adopted seven-month old Kenny. She fell in love with him the minute she saw him, and it shows.

He's already standing on his own two feet, reaching for all the shiny playthings babies can't have, but somehow manage to grab anyway. Of course, his mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother will see he doesn't

create too much havoc while he's visiting Rochester.

Janice leaves Kenny with friends when she's working, but when she's not, the two are almost inseparable. She spends an hour with him before going to work, and sometimes takes him along on her longer trips. He's also been to the Astrodome, taken a tour of the LBJ ranch, sunbathed at the beach, and gone to church. Mother points out that a bottle is always at the ready, especially while in church. Kenny doesn't cry much though — he's too busy!

And speaking of youngsters, the fact that so many are helping "The Great Skate" gives Janice real hope that the future will be better for all of us.

Aware of Paterno's deep religious convictions, Rooney pointed out that Lombardi and Rooney himself were devout (what else?) Catholics.

"I have two sisters who are nuns, and a brother who's a priest," said Rooney.

Paterno responded with a story about his mother who prayed daily to St. Anthony and Jesus Christ, and felt so familiar she called them "Tony" and "The Kid."

Paterno turned down the job, and at the end of the season played Kansas in the Orange Bowl. Penn State scored late to close to within a point at 14-13, but went for the two-point conversion and failed. But the officials nabbed Kansas with 12 players on the field, and Penn State tried again and made it and won 15-14.

Paterno received a wire from Rooney, reading: "I'll trade you two sisters and a brother for your mother."

Two seasons later came that Steeler playoff game when Oakland was a winner until a last-second pass was deflected crazily and miraculously into the hands of Franco Harris, who ran it in for the winning points for Pittsburgh.

Rooney that night got a telegram from Paterno: "It's a deal."

Pope Paul Warns Of Communist Vote

Rome [RNS] — Pope Paul issued a clear warning against Roman Catholic support of the Communist party here as he told worshippers at St. John Lateran Basilica to "heed the words" of Cardinal Ugo Poletti, Rome's vicar, who has spoken against the prospect of a Communist-controlled city council in Rome.

During a ceremony marking the anniversary of the dedication of the famed Roman basilica, the Pope said that Cardinal Poletti "justifiably puts you on guard against formulas which are inadmissible for loving members of the Church community."

Observers saw in the Pope's sermon a direct reference to the cardinal's recent warnings of dangers inherent in a Communist takeover of the city administration.

Within the past few weeks, Cardinal Poletti has several times issued statements charging that a Communist-controlled city council in Rome would "inevitably" precipitate a clash between Communists and Catholics "with consequences for the Church throughout the world."

On the Day before the Pope spoke, the cardinal said in an interview with Vatican Radio that "one cannot yield to any compromise . . . with those who

speak of respecting man but of ignoring God."


In his earlier statements, Cardinal Poletti spoke of the risk of Rome falling under Communist rule in the municipal elections next Spring. Last June, the Communist party accumulated 33.4 per cent of the vote, moving within two percentage points of the dominant Christian Democratic party, which the Vatican tacitly supports.

Many political observers expect the Communists to increase their polling strength in Rome in 1976 elections, to such an extent that the city government could come under their control. Currently, Rome is administered by a coalition of Christian Democrats and Socialists.

Cardinal Poletti, in a recent speech to the priests' council in Rome, said that the Christian Gospel and Marxism are "irreconcilable," and said that the Christian bears a heavy responsibility "before God" to fulfill his duties of honesty, justice and brotherhood.

The cardinal has drawn the wrath of Italy's leftist press and left-wing parties, and Communists have accused him of mounting a "new, absurd crusade." One leftist journal charged that the responsibility for Rome's many problems is with the Christian Democrats who have administer the city for years.

IN THIS CORNER



George Beahon

John McKay of Southern California is the only big name college coach to defect to the pros. He's getting instant rich plus some miles of Florida real estate to take over the job of coaching the Tampa Buccaneers in the National Football League next year. The other new expansion club, Seattle, is looking and trying to land a name coach from the colleges. Ara Parseghian it will not be.

One guy who spurned some incredible pro offers is Penn State's Joe Paterno. A couple of seasons back when Paterno was close to being Numero Uno he was teased by Pittsburgh Steeler owner, Art Rooney.

Rooney invited Paterno to a very special dinner and played his ace card when he brought along the late great Vince Lombardi. Paterno heard the gospel of the pros according to Vincent. Then Rooney took over.



Early American Detail

Steven Philippone light-heartedly submits to the restraint of the stocks for the benefit of visitors to the Colonial Fair put on by junior high classes at St. Thomas the Apostle School.