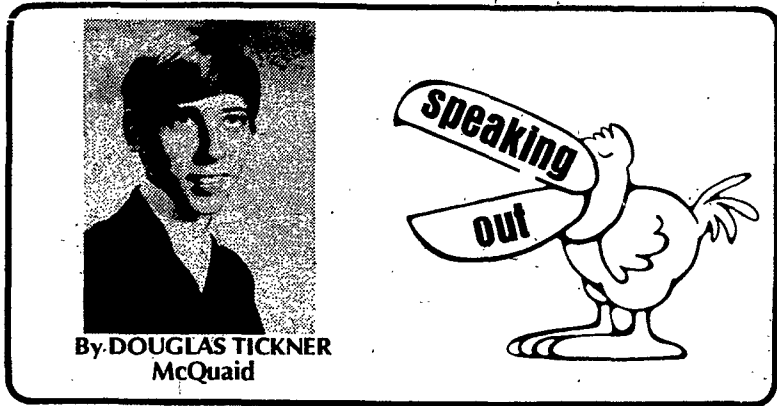


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By DOUGLAS TICKNER McQuaid

On Nov. 4, the citizens of New York State voted against the Equal Rights Amendment. Had the amendment passed, a Pandora's box would have been opened and the results would not help women, but be detrimental to their protection under law!

In the Nov. 19 issue of the Courier-Journal a student, disappointed that ERA had not been passed, wrote in the Speaking Out column how Operation Wake-up "employed scare tactics in their campaign against the ERA."

Operation Wake-Up was merely concerned with the truth and not in scare tactics. It had as its source the Yale Law Journal, widely accepted in the legal field and by some women leaders as an accurate portrayal of the facts.

The writer in the Courier-Journal admitted that ERA would have lifted the present non-combatant regulation imposed on women. During wartime men and women could be drafted; should a married person be drafted though, the spouse could be deferred from military activity.

The Constitution guarantees all citizens the right of privacy. This is true, but only to a certain extent. ERA would have made all restrooms, locker rooms, etc., liable to be legally entered by anyone. In the eyes of the law, sex would no longer exist; just citizenship. The Constitution guarantees "the right of the people to be secure in their persons, houses, papers and effects . . . against search and

seizure." That is the extent of privacy; see Amendment 4 of the Constitution.

The ERA is analogous to the 14th, 15th and 19th amendments. ERA would add **nothing** to rights and privileges already given to women. These, and the Civil Rights Act already provide for the legal protection of both men and women.

Concerning divorce, and alimony a man could use as grounds for divorce failure of the wife to provide adequate support. This would largely depend on the abilities of either spouse to support the family and not on sex.

These are the major arguments around ERA. There are many others. Arguments for ERA are weak and irrational. It **will not** "help allow each person a free choice of lifestyle." That such an amendment which is contrary to the best interests of women would help each person find a free choice of lifestyle is totally incongruous and unconnected.

ERA **will** "eradicate sex distinctions." In the eyes of the law, only citizenship will remain. ERA **will not** destroy the family structure, Christian or otherwise. It will only weaken an already fragile framework.

What can be said, in conclusion, about the Equal Rights Amendment? A phrase that perfectly describes it from the Latin: "Vox et praeterea nihil" — a voice and nothing more; a sound but no sense.



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 St. Agnes High School during an assembly. The person circled above should bring the clipping to Joan M. Smith, Courier-Journal, by noon, Tuesday, Dec. 23 to receive \$5.

Aquinas Memories

Aquinas Institute concluded its 50th Anniversary celebrations with a Winter Concert on Sunday, Dec. 14, in the school auditorium.

Under the direction of Mr. John S. Lyon, the Concert Band played selections reminiscent of the past 50 years.

Music began at Aquinas with an orchestra in 1927, under the direction of Frederick Melville. In 1928 John Cummings became the first director of the Aquinas Band.

In 1932, Ray Hasenauer took over direction and retained that position for 22 years. During this time the "Alma Mater" was written and the "March on Aquinas" which was composed by Hasenauer.

Glee clubs and liturgical choirs also were part of his contribution to the Music Department.

Under Father Cy Udall, the Band went into parade marching and competition which began a new era for the Aquinas music program.

Nazareth News

Nazareth Academy sophomores in Sister Patricia Frisk's European Cultures Class enjoyed the visit of a special guest last week as a follow-up to their study of the Middle Ages.

Sister Eileen Conheady, SSJ, whose educational background includes a Ph.D. in Medieval History, spoke to the girls on "Medieval World — Alive and Well and living in Rochester." Sister Eileen noted traces of the medieval world still evident in our times — and taught students to sing a Gregorian Chant, "Ave Maria."

Students in both Sister Patricia's and Sister Ann Marie's tenth grade classes who were interested in observing monasticism as it is lived today, visited the Trappist Monastery at Piffard on Sunday, Dec. 14.

The Abbot explained Trappist life to the students and showed them slides on monastic

tradition. The girls were also able to observe monks celebrating the Eucharist and chanting the Divine Office.

CLUB AWARDS

Each month the Future Secretaries Club honors four members of their staff in recognition of their special service to the club.

Honored for their work in November were FSC president Lisa DeLooze, JFSC president Mary Mykins and staff members Diane Appolonia and Anna Maria Cruz.

SURPRISE DAY

Recently freshmen found a delightful surprise waiting for them when they came into school.

Faculty members decorated their homerooms and "Frosh Hall" with bright signs and posters, made special name tags for each girl, and treated the students to donuts and orange drink.

Mercy Students In Business

Our Lady of Mercy High School announced the recent election of students as officers in their respective Junior Achievement Companies.

They are: Lisa McKeown, secretary, Alpha Omega; Jodi Dovan, secretary, BeeHive 95; Kim Cagle, treasurer, Biztek; Christy Laws, vice president of manufacturing, Yiboc; Sue Han, secretary, Yiboc; Jayne Mott, vice president of personnel, Boda; Mary Anne Reitze, secretary, Simplicity Products.

BK Singers Plan Concert

The Kearney Singers of Bishop Kearney High School will present their holiday concert, "Home for Christmas" at 8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 18.

Tickets may be purchased through the school office at 342-4000, or at the door. Senior citizens and children under 12 will be admitted to the concert, free of charge, and general admission will be \$1.



Mooney Wrestlers

In a wrestling practice session at Cardinal Mooney, Dave Ciavarrri demonstrates one method of pinning an opponent. This was obviously a put-up job. Mike Agostinelli almost never gets pinned, as he is quick to point out.

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