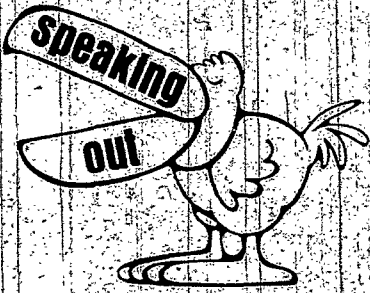


Around Rap Around Rap Around Rap Around

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Now that the barrage of news coverage about the presidential campaigns has begun with the Massachusetts, Vermont, New Hampshire and Florida primaries behind us, I feel we should think about why the American people vote for the candidate they do, especially since many of us will be new voters.

When a poll was taken during the Massachusetts primary questioning people for whom they would vote, many had no idea who their choice would be. Also, many said that none of the candidates had impressed them or had said anything that would prompt them into voting for that candidate. The logical conclusion to draw is that many people are swaying back and forth, undecided about their candidate. This means that they still can be persuaded into voting for almost anyone, by almost any means.

I am referring to mass publicity. Two measures have been taken to offset this saturation: one of the major networks has refused to cover President Ford's news conferences, and television stations have also refused to show any of Ronald Reagan's movies. Both

measures were taken for the same reason, to eliminate giving the other candidates equal time.

According to one reporter during the television coverage of the New Hampshire primary, the People of Massachusetts were oversaturated with publicity because every other commercial break was "advertising" a candidate. Since New Hampshire has only one television station, the candidates bought time on the Massachusetts stations hoping to reach the New Hampshire voters. Is all this publicity necessary? Or beneficial?

I think there will be many voters in this coming November's elections and future elections that will be voting purely on the basis, "he has an honest face." Granted this is an exaggeration but many will vote for someone for an equally strange reason, not considering what that candidate stands for. When that candidate acts on what he believes, people will wonder where he got his ideas.

If people would only read more about the candidates, they would be better prepared to pull the lever down at the primaries and in November. It would do us all good to be more responsible voters.



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 Mercy during Glee Club rehearsal. The person circled above should bring the clipping to Joan M. Smith, Courier-Journal, by noon, Tuesday March 16 to receive \$5.

AQ Basketball on Rebound

By JOHN DOSER

Basketball is on the rebound at Aquinas Institute.

While the little Irish varsity finished 4-15 (a slight improvement over a year ago) and the JVs 9-9 (a modest improvement), Coach Rich Pillitter's Aquinas freshman team won all 13 of its games (a definite improvement).

Pillitter, now in his fourth year as Aquinas freshman basketball coach, was 8-6 in his first year, 1-12 the second year, and 5-11 last year.

Why the improvement? "One of the biggest factors," Pillitter explains, "is that all the freshmen stayed together this year."

Last year, Pillitter says, eight freshmen played with the Aquinas JVs; this season they remained with the freshman team because of the large number of sophomores on the JV team.

Pillitter points out that Aquinas was 4-3 in the varsity race this season until it lost its top ballplayer because of discipline problems.

Pillitter's cagers played the three city Catholic schools, Franklin, Edison and East Rochester twice, and East High once.

Special Event At St. Agnes

St. Agnes High School has put aside a day as an enrichment occasion. The event will be held on Sunday, March 28 from 2-6 p.m.

There will be a Mass at 2:15 p.m., and Father Louis Hohman will be guest speaker.

All parents, teachers and friends are invited.

Winner!

Tom Brickler, a Cardinal Mooney junior, was recipient of the Winner's Circle \$5 for the week of Feb. 25.

The first time around the schedule against the Catholic schools the games were close, but Aquinas won them all, Pillitter says.

"We beat Kearney by 7, Mooney by 11, McQuaid by 14; the second time around we beat Kearney by 18, Mooney by 30, and McQuaid by 30-plus!"

"We're pleased with the results of the JVs and the freshmen, and by the time they become juniors and seniors we're hoping we can put something together."

Aquinas still has one basic problem — height; there isn't much of it, and Pillitter's freshman team was not an exception.

"We aren't too tall. I only had one kid over six feet, at 6-2 and he was one of our two big players. Our other big player was 5-11. But they worked well together and they were strong," Pillitter says.

Pillitter used Mark Magliocco at one guard and alternated between Gary Huether and Mike Paris at the other guard; up front he used Mike Dailey, Steve DiLaura, and Mark Ventrillo.

DeLaura, who stands 5-11, averaged 13 points and 15 rebounds per game; Ventrillo, 6-2, missed

four games, but still managed 14 points and 15 rebounds per game.

Pillitter had good bench strength and he didn't hesitate to go it when he needed help.

Two boys who came off the bench frequently and performed well were John Cocilova and Lonnie Kaccka.

"I played at least nine boys steadily every game; it wasn't a five man thing. Oftentimes it was a guy on the bench who'd come out and give us a lift."

No one on his 14-man team knew who was going to play on any given day. "I just alternated (players) either by necessity of game situation or where I thought the team could use some spark from a particular individual."

Pillitter works with head coach Bill Williams and JV coach Ed Mancuso in the development of his team. "I don't pick them myself; we pick it as a group."

There's another reason, perhaps, why his players work hard for him; they want to graduate from the freshman team and its daily practice sessions at Nazareth Hall to the big team back in the Aquinas gym.

The Notre Dame Family

By MOLLY FENNEL
and MITZIE FRAWLEY

This is the second in a two part series dealing with Notre Dame High School and its supporters.

Elmira — The Notre Dame High School Parent-Teachers organization is run by concerned parents who concentrate largely on different fund raising activities.

Last year the PTO was more involved with social activities but this year, in order to help tuition costs from rising, they are primarily interested in fund raising projects.

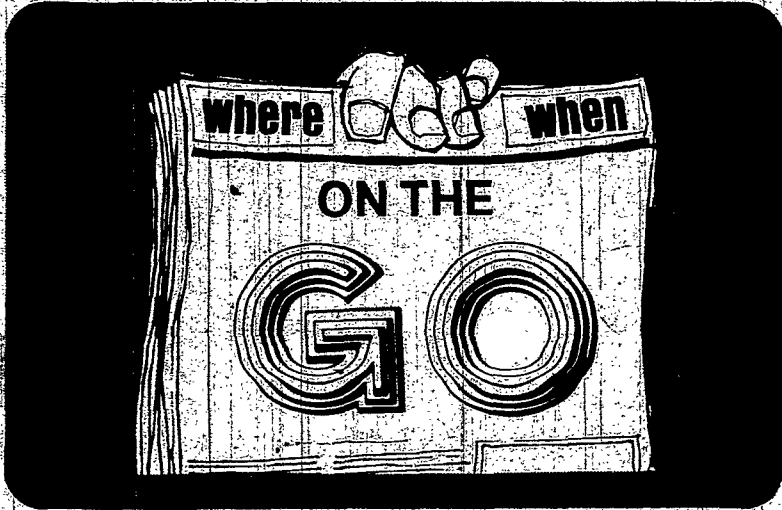
All the members of the PTO contribute many hours of their own time helping the school. Many parents and students volunteer their time to work at bingo and many parents of graduates still come down to help out.

The Athletic Association was

formed for the purpose of raising money strictly for sports, the upkeep of grounds, athletic endeavors, coaches' salaries, and any new needed equipment.

About \$25,000 is raised a year through bingo and the receipts from the admittance to home athletic events. Money is also raised when the workers hold raffles and rent the gym to various organizations. Bingo, sponsored by the PTO has proven itself indispensable to Notre Dame. It is responsible for raising almost one fifth of the school's annual budget.

Few students realize the value of their parents in relation to Notre Dame. The hot chocolate and pizza that warms them up during football games, the Masses they share together, all result from the hard work and dedication of the concerned parents and friends of the Notre Dame Family.



AQUINAS:

Thursday, March 11 — Sports Boosters' dinner, cafeteria, 6:30 p.m.
Monday, March 15 — Parents' Association meeting, panel on youth behavioral problems.

BISHOP KEARNEY:

Friday, March 12 — Marching Kings party, cafeteria
Saturday, March 13 — Cheerleader clinic, gym, 1-5 p.m., Showtime party, cafeteria, 7:30 p.m.
Monday, March 15 — Faculty-Advisory Board student meeting, Wine tasting kickoff meeting
March 15-19 — Marching Kings trip to Chicago

CARDINAL MOONEY:

Tuesday, March 16 — Faculty Meeting, early dismissal, 1:15 p.m.

ST. AGNES:

Wednesday, March 10 — College Bowl assembly
Friday, March 12 — Alumnae Association party for classes 1972-75, at school
Monday, March 15 — Report cards

OUR LADY OF MERCY:

Wednesday, March 10 — Parent-Teachers' Conference, 7-9 p.m.
Thursday, March 11 — Parents' Board meeting, cafeteria
Friday, March 12 — Candy drive assembly, 1:45 p.m.