



JOSEPH E. SCHMITZ

Joseph Schmitz Dies, Outstanding Athlete

Joseph E. Schmitz, 44, died June 2. Born in Rochester, Mr. Schmitz was a 1950 graduate of Aquinas Institute, where he was an outstanding football and boxing athlete. At Aquinas, he starred in football in 1947, 1948, and 1949 seasons. In the Aquinas Mission Bouts, Mr. Schmitz was one of the three boxers who went undefeated as champion all four years. He won three Aquinas Player-of-the-Week awards during the heyday of Aquinas football.

After Aquinas, Mr. Schmitz attended Boston College, Newton, Mass. He captained the undefeated 1950 Freshman team at B.C.

Mr. Schmitz was president of the Class of 1954. During his tenure at B.C., Mr. Schmitz was touted as All-East center and linebacker for B.C. in 1951 and 1952.

Injuries cut his football career short, however, he continued his ring exploits as an amateur. He was both the Eastern intercollegiate heavyweight champion and the Golden Gloves heavyweight champion of Boston in 1952-53.

He was president of Schmitz Bros. Inc., and a candidate for the Monroe County High School Hall of Fame. He is survived by his wife, Beatrice Simko Schmitz, and four daughters, Christine, Patricia, Tracey, and Carol.

He also is survived by four sisters, Patricia Ann Consalvi, of Orange, Calif.; Mrs. Rosemary Pfahler, of Delaware, Ohio; Mrs. Christine Schramm, and Mrs. Leona Schramm. Also three brothers, William E., Richard J., and Paul G., aunts, uncles, and many nieces and nephews.

Phoenix, NBA people accepted it without a squawk. After all, CBS had come up with a \$27 million dollar package only a week before, and \$27 million is a nice pot for 18 owners to cut up. Like \$1.5 million apiece.

HEADLINE: U.S. Olympic Basketball Trials Open in Raleigh, N.C. Nineteen (19) coaches added to assist North Carolina head coach Dean Smith, in charge of 56-player squad.

THOUGHT: What does it cost to assign a total of 20 coaches to the job of sifting down 56 players to an Olympic crew of 12? That's only part of the story. There also is a 12-man "selection committee" which will hassle and politic more about who plays and who gets cut. And what's the total administrative cost of this setup?

QUOTABLE QUOTES: "Joe Namath should quit. His days as a great player are ended. Someone else should be quarterbacking the Jets." — Richard Wood, New York Jets' linebacker.

"First, I didn't expect to play much my first year. I have to thank my coach, my teammates, and also David Thompson for going to the ABA." — Alvan Adams, Phoenix Suns' NBA rookie of the year.

"When 25,000 people boo you and throw cups and garbage at you, it feels like playing at Notre Dame."

Jerome Whitehead, Marquette center on basketball tour in Brazil.

"You've got to come out to see this team play. Otherwise you'll never believe how bad they are."

Al Michaels, play-by-play announcer for San Francisco Giants.

SIGN — Good Works Helping in Many Areas

Philadelphia — Students in Houston, Texas, visit an orphanage each month bearing clothing, dolls and other gifts for the children.

In Arlington, Va., young people are sponsoring an Indian boy's education and trip East for the Bicentennial.

Youths in Miami, Fla., clean up a beach for senior citizens.

What's happening is being repeated many times over by millions of young Americans in some 133 cities across the country. In growing numbers young people are signing up for SIGN, to labor in God's vineyards on behalf of the 41st International Eucharistic Congress.

The congress is a spiritual assembly of Catholics and other Christians gathering in Philadelphia Aug. 1-8. One of the most visible outgrowths of the Congress is SIGN, an acronym for Service in God's Name. It's part of a year-long program of spiritual renewal in preparation for the congress.

In the Rochester Diocese, SIGN is coordinated by Chuck LaMattina of the Catholic Youth Organization. Here young people pledge to perform a certain number of hours of service in God's name, such as babysitting, tutoring, visiting shut-ins, etc.

One such group is from the School of Religion in Fairport which is helping the American Cancer Society, among other things.

Other groups interested in SIGN should contact LaMattina at the CYO, 716-454-2030.

Initiated by the Congress Youth Committee, SIGN expresses the awareness of the young that faith in Christ must be "lived out" in imitation of Christ... and that faith in the Eucharist means "living the Eucharist" instead of just receiving it, says Ron McCuckin, at 20, the youngest member of the Congress Board of Governors.

SIGN's goal is to collect and tabulate 100 million hours of service for others, to be presented as an offering at the Congress Youth Mass, Aug. 6, in Philadelphia.

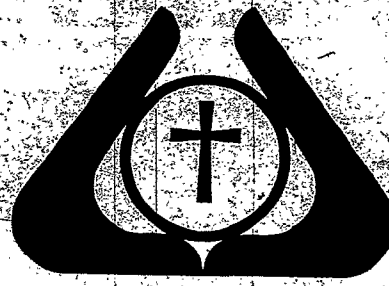
Eileen Potts, a 20-year-old member of the Youth Committee, comments that "this concrete goal of accumulated service hours acts as an incentive for youth to mobilize the cooperation of all young people, including those not ordinarily reached by the Church. Their record of service in the name of the Eucharist is an impressive and worthy achievement."

In Natchez-Jackson, for example, CYO youth offer their services in nursing homes, tutor other students, solicit contributions for a hospital, collect clothing for a local boy's home, and medicine and funds for the diocesan mission in Saltillo, Mexico.

Six hundred high school students in Lansing, Mich., helped to provide and serve a dinner for 150 elderly persons. They made a four-day trip to Appalachia to aid the poor in painting and repairing their homes.

SIGN's activity throughout the country is being implemented by what is termed "peer ministry." That means leaders of Catholic youth groups in each diocese initiate and conduct service programs with the supervision of appointed coordinators. Young people have responded with enthusiasm. Says McCuckin, "SIGN not only contributes to a better understanding of the Eucharist and the way the Church works, it also succeeds in drawing youth back to the Church."

Msgr. Francis X. Schmidt, adult



advisor to the Youth Committee, notes that SIGN's success is an expression of the "dynamism and idealism of youth, which recognizes their hunger for responsibility, affirmative action and community. By satisfying these hungers in themselves within the context of a faith community, they have benefited the unfortunate and affirmed the Eucharist."

"SIGN has enlisted the efforts not only of Catholic youth, but also young people of other faiths and interested adults," says Maria Velez, chairperson for the National SIGN Office.

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QUOTE AND UNQUOTE: (Post Mortem) Philadelphia had lost the first two Stanley Cup games in Montreal when Flyers coach Fred Shero announced: "If we can't beat Montreal four out of five games, we don't belong in the National Hockey League."

Flyers Hitman Dave Schultz: "Maybe we should punch out a few guys and kick a few —"

After Montreal swept the set, 4-0, Montreal's Serge Savard: "The Flyers were the worst thing to happen to pro hockey the way they fight, the examples they set for young kids. Maybe we put an end to all the crap they stood for."

Philadelphia's Bill Barber: "I think there's a lot of people happy because we lost."

NEWS ITEM: Boston Celtics, Phoenix Suns play 10:30 a.m. game in Phoenix, to accommodate network TV for 1:30 Eastern viewing.

COMMENT: Nobody complained except church leaders in

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