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## Summer Academic Endeavors

Schools have not closed down for the summer. Aquinas Institute, Nazareth Academy and Bishop Kearney have held summer classes in everything from academics to the practicality of driver's education. Clockwise: Joseph Siracuse (Aquinas graduate); Raymond Ciccariello, Aquinas; Mike Agostinelli, Arcadia; and Aquinas driver Jim Brown with help from instructor Dick Cerone, attempt to master the automobile, Bishop Kearney seniors Carol Geyer, Dave Guetti, and Loretta Marini are busy at chemistry. Dave Tanski, Cardinal Mooney sophomore, is concentrating on algebra at Aquinas while Debbie Palumbo, a junior at Nazareth, is hitting the books in Sister Beatrice's English 11 class at Nazareth Academy.

## Lalka's Cardinals Seen Growing

By JOHN DOSER

Don Lalka's debut last year as head soccer coach at St. John Fisher College was a good example of the unexpected.

But, considering the talent and the short time he had to prepare for the season, he wasn't all that disappointed either.

"I was named the coach one month before the season began and at that point it's very difficult to attract athletes or put a program together. But, we did the best with what we had and I was very happy with the results," Lalka explains.

"They're a good bunch of athletes, students and gentlemen who played well and always hustled. We wound up with a .500 season which is all you can ask for at a time like that," Lalka says.

Several years ago under now-retired soccer coach Ed Granato, Fisher was butting heads with tough soccer opponents like Buffalo State and Fredonia State and coming out on the short end of lopsided scores — but Lalka does not intend to downgrade the schedule one bit.

"As a matter of fact, we're leaving the schedule as is, and hopefully, in the next several years, we'll even improve it."

Lalka says the Cardinals are working on a basic four year soccer program with the goal of making a good program even better.

"Of course it depends on how well we progress, but I've been out recruiting quite a bit in the Rochester area which is a very good area for soccer, in fact it's one of the hottest soccer areas in the country outside of New York City and St. Louis.

"I see no reason why we can't attract the good soccer player to St. John Fisher, as Monroe Community College has done over the years," Lalka says.

George Monagan, MCC athletic director and former high school soccer coach at McQuaid and

Penfield High Schools for a dozen years, says he watched Fisher last year in a scrimmage before the season and was impressed with its style of play.

"Fisher had some injuries and not too much depth or otherwise the season might have been better than it was," Monagan recalls. "They looked good to me when I saw them," he adds.

Lalka credits MCC Coach Joe Mancarella with forwarding some of the Tribunes' outstanding soccer talent over to Fisher after they graduate from the two year community college.

"Quite a few players have come to us from MCC and what has happened in the past, because of our scheduling and program, we've lost some other really good soccer talent to larger schools such as Cornell, Brockport, Hartwick, Binghamton and Oneonta. This is what we're trying to stop," Lalka says.

One of the top players Lalka acquired from the local area for the coming season is Edison Tech

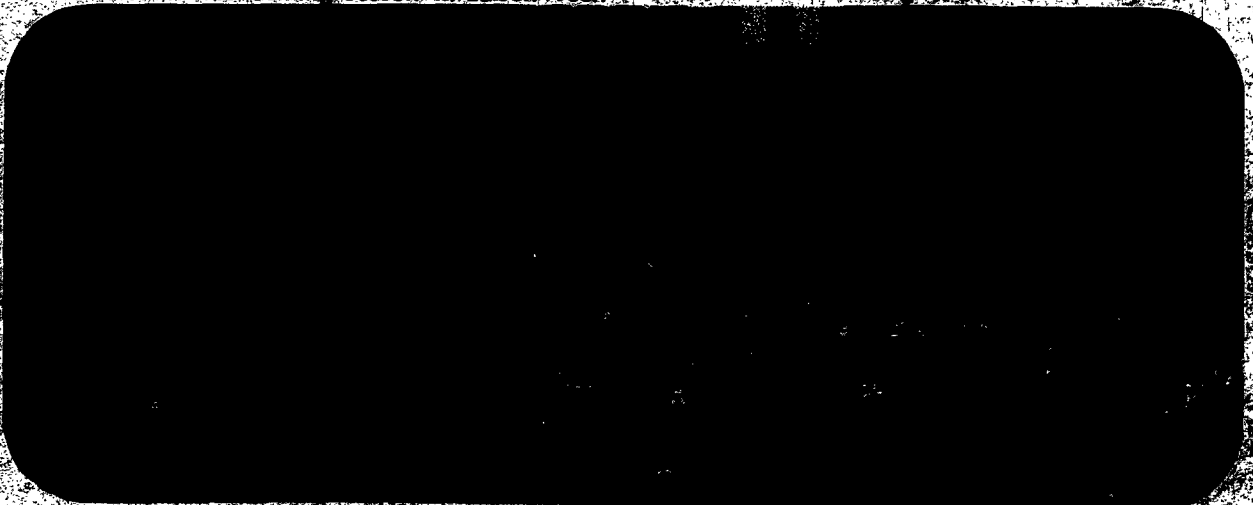
graduate Tom Lechanski, the top goal scorer (excluding assists) in the Rochester area last year.

Lechanski scored 23 goals last year, Lalka says, and Lalka's obviously expecting good things from him this season.

Lalka says area soccer buffs were bitterly disappointed with the Olympic soccer coverage provided (or not provided!) by ABC-TV during the recent games in Montreal.

"We saw very little soccer coverage, possibly only a few 15-to-30 second segments of some goals being scored, which is kind of a shame for a sport that's so popular in Rochester," Lalka says.

There are some in town here who are convinced Rochester is the hot-bed of youth soccer in the nation and Lalka is very much looking forward to persuading some of it to play their college soccer at St. John Fisher College.



Joe Williams, a well-known blues singer, was part of the program which was presented at the Eastman Theater on Friday, July 23. The program featured the "Kings" twisters and Color Guard under the direction of their precision performance to the musical finale, "U.S.A. All in the name of American History."