

Rap Around Rap Around Rap Around Rap Around Rap

Bit of a Trip But Worth It

By JOHN DOSER

One of Art Carlisi's biggest fans is his dad, Sam Carlisi, who says he tries to watch as many baseball games his son plays in as he can.

When Art was pitching and hitting for Coach Carmen Urzetta at Bishop Kearney High, it was much easier, now Art is a junior at Niagara University and there's a few more miles for Art's dad to travel.

Fathers naturally take delight in watching their offspring do well and the first time he ever watched Art play college ball at Niagara was in a game against LaSalle.

Art came to bat with two runners aboard in the third inning and hit the centerfield fence with the first pitch - no doubt bringing a smile on Sam's face which stretched around the bases as Art circled them.

The first thing Art does, he says, when he comes home from school, is to shoot over to Kings Highway to watch Kearney play.

He often calls home to check with Urzetta, or Don Della Vella, his old football coach, to find out how his Alma Mater is faring.

It isn't ironic at all that he decided to go to Niagara where he hopes the baseball program and his statistics in it bring a professional offer. He was scouted by Niagara graduate Doug Farrell.

He says he's attended Cincinnati baseball camps for the past two years and feels he's getting better with each trip.

"I hope to play someday, if not, I have a college education to fall back on. I'm taking physical education and hope to be a teacher and a coach."

Farrell, of course, is the former Cardinal Mooney basketball and baseball star who was twice drafted by the Pittsburgh Pirates, and once by the New York Mets.

While Farrell never broke into the pro game because of a variety of reasons, he is well known in the Rochester area as an outstanding baseball player and within the past month was named to one sportswriter's all-1976 slow pitch all-star team as an outfielder.

Carlisi credits Farrell with bringing his name to the attention of the Purple Eagles and in getting Niagara people to come to Rochester to see him play.

During the summer months, believe it or not, he's been playing with five different teams in as many leagues.

In the fall and spring, however, he wears the Niagara purple and has in the past two years carved out some impressive credentials.

This past spring his .432 batting average put him in the Top 20 hitters in the nation; he managed 32 hits in 74 at bats and cracked five doubles, three triples, knocked in 14 runs, scored himself and stole five bases.

His best day at the plate this spring was a five-for-six performance against Seton Hall in a twin bill, but he doesn't particularly recommend the method - he separated his finger the first time at bat and went on to smash four more hits!

Fall baseball begins the week after school resumes and runs through October. In February the spring season opens and the Purple Eagles plan another trip to Florida.

Last spring Niagara went up against Florida State, ranked No. 1 in the country with a 22-2 record. Niagara at that point was 0-1.

Florida State won the opener by a run, 4-3, not shoddy at all for the northern school's second game of the season, but in the second game the South riddled the North by a 15-3 count.

Carlisi isn't pitching at Niagara, because he's small and slow, he says. Instead he roams the outfield from the left side. He also remembers Urzetta suggested that if he intends to go anywhere in baseball, it would be as an outfielder, not as a pitcher.

Zoos, Courts, and Rectories: Areas of Summer Activities

By JOAN M. SMITH

"If we could talk to the animals" were the wishful lyrics from the movie, "Doctor Dolittle." But whether or not former St. Agnes student Sue Raymond was able to communicate with her charges didn't deter her from enjoying the intriguing job as assistant zoo keeper this summer at Seneca Park.

Her unique experience was made available by Explorer Post 585 which provides volunteers for the facility through its zoo program.

Sue's job consisted of cleaning cages, feeding the animals and performing various ground work duties. She worked primarily with the large hoofed animals, camels, buffalos and zebras. She claimed her novel experiences at the zoo were a good background for a possible future as veterinarian, zoologist, or game warden.

St. Agnes junior Kathy Bowen has been devoting every other Sunday evening to Our Lady of Good Counsel rectory where she answers the door and phone and inventories the collection revenues.

Classmate Maureen Finnerty has been having an old-fashioned summer in terms of ice cream - all she can eat! Although the warm weather has kept her busy selling Carvel desserts to the public she did manage to find time for a week's relaxation at Virginia Beach.

Other St. Agnes students have equally interesting jobs.

Bridgette Burch has been in New York City all summer devoting her time and efforts to underprivileged children. According to her grandmother, Mrs. Clinton Holmes, "She has a lot of patience with the youngsters" and enjoys taking them on field trips to the zoo, theater and playground.

Bridgette, a senior, will not return from her volunteer duties until just a few days before school. Besides resuming her studies she will also return to her cashier's job.

And then there is Eileen Gaffke



Pilar Esperon

During the summer Pilar experienced our government at work as a Senate page for Sen. Jacob K. Javits. Pilar is a senior at Our Lady of Mercy High School.

whom you can find, on Mondays and Thursdays, in criminal court not as a defendant but as a representative of the Task Force on Courts sponsored by the Church Women United of Rochester.

Eileen sits in the gallery and her duties are to record the proceedings, arraignment, reason for arrest, setting of bail, need of mental screening, judge's decisions. It is also her responsibility to include all complaints regarding procedures. According to Eileen, a recurring one is the interruption

of the "due process" by long recesses called by the bench without valid explanation.

Does Eileen think her experiences in court better qualify her for future jury duty? "No," she emphatically replied. In her opinion, every American citizen is qualified to serve as a juror.

Eileen capped her summer activities by touring Europe with the Foreign Study League. She visited London, Munich, Berlin, Salzburg, and Rome.



Photo by Ben Susso

St. Agnes senior Eileen Gaffke on her way to courthouse where she observes legal proceeding following an arrest.



Cleanup Crew

During the summer vacation, Aquinas students Barney Zeitvogel, Donald Bates, Tom O'Donnell and Brian Mulcahy have been wielding paint cans, brushes and mops to give the building that fresh look for the opening day of school.