

IN THIS CORNER



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In banquet and meeting rooms of the Bismarck Hotel in Chicago last month it was wall-to-wall football coaches and highball-to-highball football writers. Occasion: the mid-summer meeting of college coaches, newsmen and college football publicists.

Bowl promoters tossed Bloody Mary breakfasts and Brunswick and Chevrolet and the Big Ten and the NCAA all threw cocktail or dinner parties throughout one of the more hectic, week-long eating and oratorical contests of the year.

Frank Kush is not yet a household name but he is coach of the Arizona State Sun Devils who happened to be 12-and-0 last season and who also happened to upend Big Eight co-champion Nebraska in the Fiesta Bowl.

So the writers, aware that 15 starters are returning to Kush this time around, picked ASU as Number 1 in the nation for 1976.

Did Kush complain? Not even a little bit. The Sun Devils' coach thanked the writers because recognition is something Arizona State has been denied in the past. Partially because their Saturday night scores rarely make the Sunday papers back east.

Final wire service polls last season had Arizona State right back

of national champion Oklahoma. The Sporting News put ASU in the Number 1 slot.

Kush and his Rocky Mountain cohorts are eating up the sudden recognition.

Another coach was not so happy.

Field Marshall Woodrow Wilson Hayes of Ohio State threw another fit.

At a jam-packed luncheon including nearly every one of his rival Big Ten coaches he volunteered the information that he had blown the whistle on Michigan State for recruiting violations. That cost Michigan State a suspension, some player disqualifications, and plenty of money.

The man who took over as new coach at Michigan State followed Hayes to the microphone. "I heard about you out on the Coast," said Darryl Rogers. "And everything I heard was bad. I hardly know you, and I've never been to Columbus Ohio, but I don't like either one."

After the luncheon Woody held court for more media people. Before it wound up in turmoil he chased one reporter out of the room, and cracked another one across the head for suggesting Ohio State might be operating outside NCAA rules.

As a matter of fact, with Ohio State's repeated failures in the Rose Bowl, the Big Ten is losing some of its clout with the national football media.

It might hurt Woody's feelings to hear what they are beginning to call the Big Ten, which consistently is dominated by Ohio State and Michigan.

The "Big Two" and the "Little Eight" is the new label for the conference that long ago lost its recognition as the best in college football.

Sisters Summer Ministries

By Sister Christina Welch Continued from last week

Visitation of the sick in hospitals and other places received hours, days of time for Sisters of St. Joseph in The Summer Ministry program.

Genesee Hospital, Monroe Community Hospital, the Mariner House, and Midtown Manor were among the sites of visitation.

Census taking turned into a kind of visitation in some city and town parishes.

"Census" was not the right word, said Sister Shirley Casler, for what three sisters in Penn Yan and Dundee were doing. "We want to do more — to take time with people we visit," Sister Helen Weber, "censusing" with Sister Mary Doran in Spencerport told how that "more" sometimes turned out.

A mother had just made strawberry jam. She gave the sisters a jar. As they talked on, she gave them a jar of raspberry jam, and before they had left a jar of blackberry. Then, the daughter gave them a rose from the garden. It is more blessed to give than to receive — all turned around!

Education not quite as usual focused on many children with special needs. Sisters working with groups of three to six or seven children per teacher usually, in the Corrective programs held at St. Ambrose and Nazareth Hall, found that the children gained remarkably in achievement. Sister Frances Maneri, directing these programs, says that 41 Rochester area schools were represented: 19 different public schools and 22 Catholic schools.

Similar programs were conducted in Elmira and Canandaigua. The School of the Holy Childhood had a special program for teenagers to help them learn how to live in the community better. Nazareth Academy conducted summer school for secondary students in the city.

A new venture on the part of the sisters for children was the Child Care Center, with Sister Susanne Brasley as director. While their mothers went across campus to Nazareth College for morning classes, 24 children, two to nine years of age, were "educated" in the Motherhouse music room and on the grounds. The SSJ Camp, as usual, flourished, too, at the Motherhouse Center.

Organized sports, art, swimming, free time — and, of course, lunch — occupied the days from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. five days a week of 10 sisters and the camp children for the week. Sisters Patricia Carroll and Maria Hoffman were the coordinators for this four-week program.

To improve quality of education for others, many sisters turned students. Sisters studied this summer at Nazareth College, St. Bonaventure's, Notre Dame, as far away as Oxford, and at many other colleges and universities. Sr. Josepha Kennedy pursued research at Elmira College and in New York City.

The sisters did, too, what they like to do most for people . . . Pray. One sister made a 30-day retreat. At daily Masses, at the offertory time, sisters mentioned aloud intentions for the "sick," "the people who have asked us to pray," and often specific intentions with names attached. Sister Maura, director of the Retreat Center on

East Avenue, reports that private and directed retreats were going on continuously.

The little town of Apalachin received help in liturgical praying. Sister Mary Kay Ryan assisted the parish to establish song leaders for their Sunday liturgies and helped the Worship Committee to evaluate their over-all liturgical program. The highlight of her experience was giving a homily, which took "two weeks and 100 sheets of paper" to prepare. Father Elmer Schmidt, the pastor, intimated that she was giving competition to regular preachers.

Sister Sheila Briody shared her rich resources with the Dryden parish in a similar way. Bible Schools flourished at the Immaculate Conception and St. Francis Xavier parishes.

Camera Day at Silver Stadium

Camera day at Silver Stadium, Sept. 1, will offer Rochester Red Wing fans a whole roster of extra advantages, including discount admission opportunities, plus the scheduled game with the Syracuse Chiefs.

For an hour, from 6 to 7 p.m., they'll be able to turn their cameras on favorite players, ready to pose at their direction.

Discount coupons (good for \$1 off on reserved and box seats; 50 cents on general admission) are available for this special day from fans' local source of photographic supplies.

Fans will also see two special guests — Max Plotkin, the ever-popular "Clown Prince of Baseball" and Ernie Banks, history-making veteran of the Chicago Cubs.



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