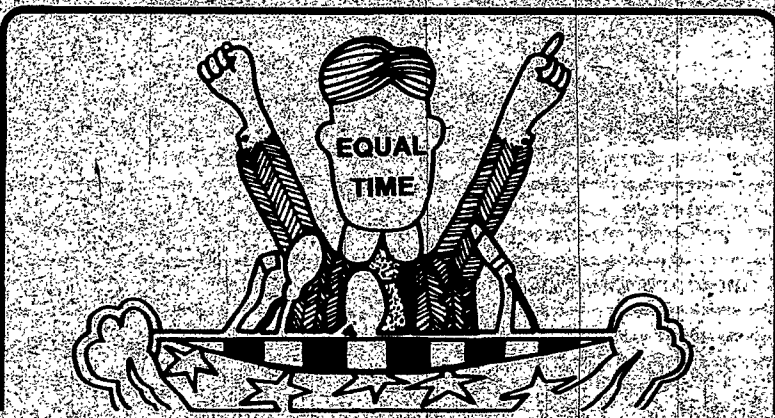


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1976-77 RapAround Coordinators

RapAround goes into full swing with its coverage of the Catholic high schools with this issue.

Looking forward to the 1976-77 season, RapAround will focus on all the high school happenings: community projects, theatrical endeavors, academic

achievements, sports undertakings, and musical enterprises. But it will particularly emphasize the individual students' involvement and accomplishments in these areas.

RapAround is in its second year of being the largest newspaper section devoted entirely to young

adults. Its aim is two-fold; to be a news vehicle for youth and to give the Courier-Journal audience an in-depth look at today's young adults. To achieve these goals, Joan M. Smith, RapAround editor, will be assisted by high school coordinators and sports writer John Doser.

"What's it like being a freshman?"

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Teresa Winkler, freshman
"I was a little bit nervous and worried about what other students would be like. I never thought it would happen that I would ever begin high school, but my four years will definitely go fast. As I play the clarinet I'm excited about playing in a bigger band."



Mary Jo Birecree, freshman
"I looked forward to starting high school but I was nervous when I first came because the school is so big. I was nervous about meeting new friends. It won't take me long to get over my nervousness because the kids and the activities will help."



Remo Rossi, freshman
"Sort of nervous at first about going to a new school and not knowing where to go. My nervousness has lessened since this morning because of the teachers explaining things. I always thought the day would come when I'd be a freshman and now I'm looking forward to graduation and going on to college."



Rick Brown, freshman
"It's a big school and it's hard to find your way around. I feel sort of more grown up now that I'm a freshman and I know my four years will go pretty fast. I look forward most of all to being with my friends. I haven't had a chance to see many upperclassmen yet, but I don't think they will sympathize with us freshmen."



Janice VanLoo, freshman
"It's been kind of scary. I can't find the classrooms and you're late most times. Being a freshman has been a long time coming. I look forward most of all to meeting new people. It will take time to become accustomed to switching so many classes. The year 1980 seems a long way off but I know it will be here fast."



Mike Chambers, freshman
"I was sort of excited about the whole thing. It's real easy to get lost in school especially for a freshman. Though I haven't gotten lost yet, I probably will. A lot of kids from my grammar school are here so that will make it easy for me. So far we've had an assembly and then back to our homerooms."



Morne Dzwigal, freshman
"Going to high school isn't much different and it won't take long to get used to the new routine. I've been in big schools before so that doesn't bother me. I know a few people who are coming here from my grammar school. 1980 doesn't sound too far off especially when since 1962 the year I was born, time has really moved. I look forward to a successful athletic season."



Kim Cerame, freshman
"Starting as a freshman has been on my mind all summer. It's much different from junior high; you have to wear a uniform. I jump and get ready to run at the sound of the bell. I haven't been getting lost so far but I think I'm going to be. I have a few pals from grammar school here. It's nice to have your old friends here but it's also nice to have to go out and meet new ones. I look forward to making new friends."



Aquinas Offers Ceramic Course

Aquinas Institute offers adults an opportunity to learn Ceramics in its Creative Ceramics Workshop Center. The course will be offered on Monday evenings for 12 weeks starting on Monday, Sept. 20 at 6:30 p.m. The workshop features instruction on the potter's wheel and hand built techniques in clay.

The course is conducted by Father Leonard Cullen, Aquinas art director and a fee of \$60 is charged. To register phone Aquinas Institute at 254-2020.

St. Agnes Doings

St. Agnes students started school with a full agenda of happenings. On Sept. 9 a leadership workshop sponsored by the Catholic Youth Organization was held. It involved the Student Senate which will be directed this year by President Jeanette Ouyang. The workshop focused on conscientiousness and communication.

St. Agnes seniors held their traditional picnic on Sept. 10 and had their annual parade on Monday, Sept. 13.



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Aquinas



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Kearney-Eastridge Combo Tops

By JOHN DOSER

The Warner-Claudius American Legion baseball team, composed of Bishop Kearney and Eastridge High ballplayers, gives team chairman Phillip J. Ferranti a lot of pride these days.

Warner-Claudius, coached by 22-year-old Frank LaLoggia (a senior at Cortland State), won its third straight regular Monroe County League championship with a 1-0 victory over Rayson-Miller of Pittsford at Silver Stadium late last month.

Ferranti beams with that pride as he reminds the interviewer that Warner-Claudius has won the pennant three years in a row, had the best win-loss record three years in a row, won the 7th District championship last year, and went all the way to the 7th District finals three years ago.

"This year we won our first district playoff game, but we were eliminated by one run in the second game," Ferranti explains.

He's been chairman of Warner-Claudius baseball for the past three years, and has seen W-C win 58 games and lost only 14 during that period.

"That's an .805 average," he adds.

His son, Phil Ferranti Jr., played for W-C for the past two years, but was too old to play this summer. He's now playing under Coach Bruce Proper at RIT.

Last year Ferranti Jr. was the team's top hitter with a .348 average.

The players come either from Bishop Kearney or neighboring Eastridge, but most live in the Town of Irondequoit.

Warner-Claudius won the most recent league crown in the bottom of the seventh against Rayson-Miller.

There were two out and nobody on when Rayson-Miller pitcher Mike Jones walked Tom Cappon, Jones' only walk of the game.

Richie Frank followed with a double to the base of the fence in left centerfield and Cappon scored the only run of the game.

Cappon, a catcher, is from Eastridge, and he doubled as an outfielder when called upon.

Sam Nasso of Eastridge was one of Warner-Claudius' top pitchers this season, compiling an earned run average of 0.41 while winning all seven starts.

Rich Greco and Frank, both Eastridge, played the outfield. Frank, the hero of Warner-Claudius' title ballgame, also took a turn at first base on occasion, and Tony Denero, Eastridge, pitched and played in the outfield.

Brian Prinzing, Eastridge, played centerfield and led the team in batting with a .344 average, 25 runs batted in, homered six times and was picked as the most valuable

player in the league's eastern division.

Joe Vinci, a shortstop from Eastridge, hit .333, and pitcher Andy Reister, Bishop Kearney, won eight of 12 games with an ERA of 1.02.

Reister pitched and won the final county title game against Rayson-Miller.

Another Reister, Andy's brother Pete, also Kearney, played first base and batted .336. Andy is a year older than brother Pete who missed the last three games because he left for an appointment at the U.S. Naval Academy.

Tom Falk Jr., was another pitcher from BK, who won all his four starts, and Mike Schuber, Eastridge, also spent time behind the catcher's mask when not patrolling the outfield.

Mark Lewis, Kearney, had an excellent year at the hot corner and was the team's clean-up hitter; and Tom Boessel, BK, played second base and hit over .300.

Ferranti credits LaLoggia, the coach, with being the major influence on the Warner-Claudius players, quietly proceeding to get the best possible teamwork and play from youngsters who are highly competitive opponents during the regular school seasons.

LaLoggia, a phys ed student at Cortland, has only three months left to graduation. Whether he'll come back to try for a fourth straight Monroe County Legion Baseball title is not known.