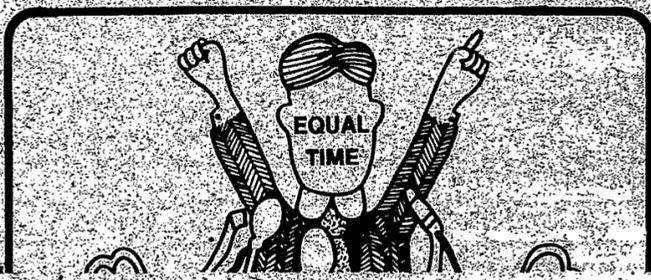


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How necessary are the presidential TV debates?

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Patty Reagan, sophomore, self-defense club

"I don't think they make much difference. Basically the candidates are saying the same thing they've been saying all along. I think Carter did better last night (Oct. 13) but Ford won the first debate. I didn't learn anything new as they've been saying the same thing over and over."



Kathy Duggan, sophomore, self-defense club

"The debates are a good idea. The people should have a chance to learn about the candidates before they vote. There's nothing new to learn, however, as they've said it all before. President Ford seems more knowledgeable. He made a mistake about the Soviet Union not controlling Eastern Europe."



Kimberly Heveron, sophomore, self-defense club

"I think the debates are a good thing to have in order to enlighten the American people about their candidates. I think they give the people a chance to see what the men



Colleen Glavin, freshman, voice

"I think they're definitely necessary because Carter is fuzzy on the issues and Ford has more experience. This fact has been brought out in the debate. Right now I'm for Ford but most people are behind Carter but after these debates when they see how inexperienced Carter is they'll go for Ford in November."



Sandra Kaune, junior, radio station staff

"They're really good. They make me know about the candidates. I knew a lot about Ford but not much about Carter. Especially the things he plans to do when he becomes president. The debates will have an important effect on the November elections because they air how each candidate will handle matters after he's elected. President Ford came across better in last night's debate."



Debbie Maxwell, junior

"I think they're necessary because they give people more things to keep in mind about the presidency and who they should vote for. After watching the debates those who have been undecided will make up their minds because they have heard what each candidate will do in matters. I think Ford came out on top last night (Oct. 13) Carter took a lot of notes but got caught up in his words."



Janice Cooper, senior, student senate

"They haven't said anything they haven't said before so in that respect they're unnecessary. The debates will help Carter because they'll project his image. I think Carter will get along better with the people. The debates will probably have an effect on the elections."



Beth Dunning, junior

"The debates are necessary because they show each man's point of view and what he's going to do if he becomes president. I didn't know who I was for until I started watching the debates; but now I'm for Carter. I feel Carter had a stronger point of view and it came across on TV."



Catholic High Schools' Future In League in Question

By JOHN DOSER

The fate of the Rochester City-Catholic League may have been decided earlier this week when City School District public high school principals met with their Rochester Catholic high school counterparts.

The meeting resulted from a recommendation made to the public school principals' council by the City League's public school athletic directors reportedly calling for dropping the four Catholic school members — Aquinas, Bishop Kearney, Cardinal Mooney and McQuaid from the league.

Al Valvano, chairperson of the City School District secondary principals' group, says he received the recommendation and has forwarded copies of it to all public school principals.

He says he called for a meeting earlier this week of both the public and the parochial-private school principals affected by the recommendation.

The possibility exists that if the City-Catholic League dissolves, the four Catholic schools would find themselves in a situation not unlike the early 1960s when, as non-members of any league, they had to schedule their own athletic contests in all sports, many times involving lengthy and costly trips out of town.

Catholic school football coaches may have placed the future of the entire City-Catholic school athletic relationship in jeopardy by openly criticizing the slim crowds public schools attract at football games.

Public school personnel have complained that they can not keep up with Catholics in football because they lack the facilities, money, and a stable student population.

"Any time you get a recommendation from the people who are actually involved in conducting the affairs of the athletic depart-

ments in all the (public) schools, you have to believe we're going to sit up and take notice," Valvano says.

A vote for a City-Catholic athletic divorce was not taken at the most recent meeting of City-Catholic athletic directors, but it is understood all eight public school athletic directors were in favor of it and all four Catholic school athletic directors opposed it.

Valvano says he doesn't put any value judgment on the recommendation other than saying the public school principals intend to look at it very carefully.

The recommendation was not sent to Catholic school principals, according to Valvano, who says the only communication to them was an invitation to meet and discuss it.

Valvano was unwilling to release any part of the recommendation, other than what has already appeared in newspapers, because he feels it would be "unproductive."

"You can't make judgments based on gossip, rumor and hearsay, but I understand the issue to continue the arrangement was originally made by the Catholic school athletic directors," Valvano says.

If a decision is made, he adds, it will be made about the whole league, not just one sport, football, for example.

Valvano says he couldn't predict how his other colleagues would react to the athletic directors' recommendation.

"They're nine pretty independent kind of people," he explains. "We

have to sit down and get the facts out on the table."

Valvano says the public school and Catholic school principals have enjoyed a rather harmonious working relationship in the past in sports and in other kinds of activities.

"In fairness to them, I don't want to put them in a bad position either," Valvano says.

The public school and Catholic school principals meet separately once each month, but only get together when special situations of mutual concern call for a meeting.

Cardinal Mooney High School Principal Brother Aubert Harrigan, chairman of the Catholic Schools Secondary Principals Council, says he really knows only what he's read in the newspapers.

"We've not received any formal notice," he says.

The last time Catholic school principals met with public school principals was last spring to discuss the pros and cons of early dismissal of teams for afternoon athletic events.

"We don't have anything official to comment on," Brother Harrigan adds.

McQuaid Names

Merit Students

Father Leon Hogenkamp, principal of McQuaid Jesuit High School, announced that five seniors have been named semi-finalists in the Merit Program by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation: M. Christopher Coyle, Phillip Feller, William Heneghan, Patrick O'Brien, and James Pacala.

The national semi-finalists constitute less than half of 1 per cent of the nation's total graduating high school seniors and were named on the basis of their Selection Index scores on the Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test. (PSAT/NMSQT)

Father Hogenkamp further announced that Letters of Commendation were presented, Andrew Alexson, James Carl, Peter Craig, Terrance Lynch, James Mendenhall, Thomas Odenbach, Stephen Ripton, Timothy Shaw, Henry T.C. Sun, and Steven Zatyko.

These are among 35,000 commended students nationwide and represent less than 2 per cent of the nation's secondary school senior class.

Drama Set For Olympia

"Once Upon a Clothesline" will be presented at Greece Olympia High School, 1139 Maiden Lane. The performances are scheduled for Oct. 23 at 2 and 8 p.m., and Oct. 24, 2 p.m.

Tickets, 50 cents for children under 12 and \$1 for those over 12, may be purchased at the door, or by calling 621-1500.

Winner!

Patricia Kelly, a sophomore at Our Lady of Mercy High School, was the recipient of the Winner's Circle \$5 for the week of Oct. 6.

Notre Dame News

Empira — On Oct. 1, at a Notre Dame football game, Mary Virginia Lynch was named the school's Homecoming Queen. Her escort was Tom Eandy. Other students involved in the event were Joanne Sheehan with escort Bob Emanuel; Clare McCabe and John Hamula; Sue Mold and Dan Huges. All are seniors.

The Notre Dame Music Department has entered another era. Under the direction of Paul Holland an all new, all freshman chorus has been formed. Holland is optimistic about working with this newest addition to the music department.

The Crusader Marching Band, which made its debut one year ago has grown from last year's 45 people to 80 members. The band will perform at all home games and some away games, playing songs by John Sebastian, Chicago, and Morris Alpert.

The flag corps, under the leadership of Diane Myers and Colleen Sullivan will be joined by a group of pom-pom girls and will also perform at half-time shows.

Glee Club To Perform

The St. Agnes High School Glee Club will perform at Eastview Mall on Monday, Oct. 25 at 7:30 p.m.

This performance is part of a community sponsored program, "Music in Our Schools," which will present displays and concerts by area schools the week of Oct. 25-29.

The Glee Club program will feature selections from Brahms, Poulenc, Bach, and Mendelssohn.



Photo by Ben Susso

Musical Talents

Cardinal Mooney students Kim Conroy (bass violin) and Teresa Ringholz (voice) have been musically busy and their efforts have been rewarded. Kim has been selected a member of the 1976 New York State School Music Association Conference All State Band and has also received a Depauw University Honor Performance Scholarship. Teresa has been selected as a member of the 1976 New York State School Music Association Conference All State Chorus. She will be performing with the group at the Concord Hotel in the Catskill Mountains Nov. 28 through Dec. 1.

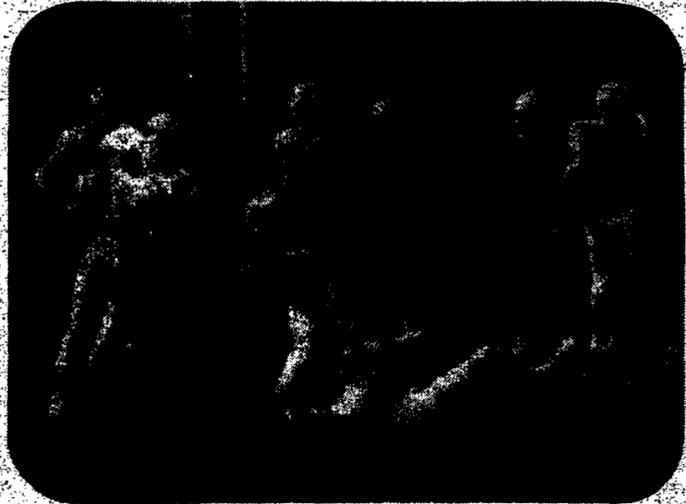


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Notre Dame on the Move

Hours of grueling practice go into making a well coordinated football team. Here it looks as if the ball carrier has a chance for a clear run to goal posts during scrimmage.