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Winner's Circle

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Goodlow's D-Day Nears

By JOHN DOSER

Gene Goodlow, McQuaid's 6-foot-1 football hero, is just as much at home on the basketball court.

In fact he hasn't decided whether to pursue basketball or football when it comes time to decide such things.

And Big-D time (decision time) isn't far away. The McQuaid senior is already receiving letters from universities and colleges including Florida State, Kansas State, Boston College and Pittsburgh, among others.

When asked which sport he prefers, he simply answers "I don't know."

He only scored 18 points against perennial tough East High last week on the East High court, in what could turn out to be his poorest effort of the season according to McQuaid Coach Tim Jordan.

"It wasn't as good a game as his Edison game where he scored 28 points," Jordan explains.

He got into early foul trouble against the Orientals and Jordan

believes Goodlow is rapidly becoming a "marked man."

"He is highly skilled in basketball fundamentals and he had to worry about his fouls. He couldn't be as loose as he wanted to be," Jordan says.

"He picked up three fouls early and then didn't feel he could go out and give 110 per cent again without getting into more foul trouble. He figured he can't help the team on the bench."

With Goodlow and with a good bench, Jordan hopes to better his back-to-back 7-13 won-lost records for the past two seasons.

And there's little doubt Goodlow will have much to do with the Knights' fortunes. While Jordan won't predict league and sectional titles, he does offer the possibility that McQuaid will be competitive.

The Knights' 57-56 win over East was McQuaid's first since 1974 when the Orientals lost on the Knights' Elmwood Ave. hardwood for their only defeat of the season.

Goodlow is a rangy son-of-a-gun with his shooting ability, Jordan says, and most coaches will agree.

He'll pop them in from 30-35 feet away with all sorts of jumpers.

"I've never seen a guard take jumpers from 30-35 feet and hit them consistently like he does. And he's quick; he broke the East press by dribbling the ball through four or five guys. He's a heady ballplayer."

"He's got basketball instinct. There's no two ways about it. He's just a tremendous all-around athlete and a gentleman both on and off the court," Jordan says.

Last year, Goodlow explains, the Knights dropped a few ballgames, lost their confidence, and finished the season on a losing note.

"This year everybody wants to win and I think our win over East may have turned a few heads around," he explains.

"We had to win that one; we had to show everyone that we are competitive this season."

Those college and university letters he's getting now are mostly interested in his football talent, but he says he's had some basketball mail from Cornell and the University of Hawaii.

"I'd like Hawaii," he says.

Most of the letters involve a questionnaire which he's expected to fill out and return and invariably the letters indicate the schools will contact him later.

Last spring he played the outfield for the Knights' baseball team, but this season he believes he might like to run sprints for Coach Bob Bradley's track and field team.

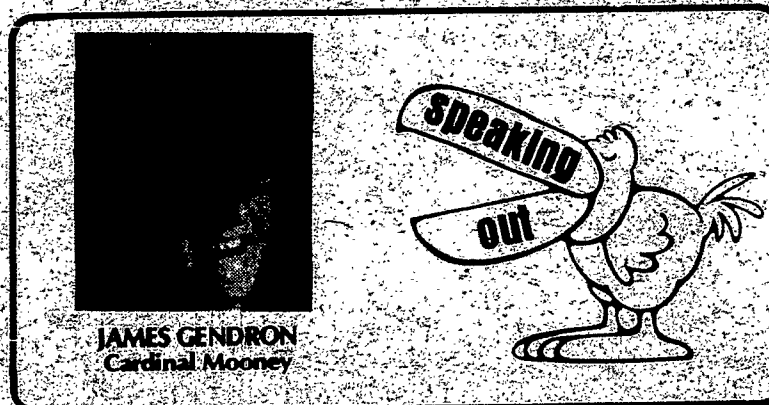
He says his grades are fairly decent and he knows he's got to keep his marks together. He says he doesn't want to plan on sports getting him through college even if it works out that way.

most outstanding runner on the roster.

In football, Larry Teta was considered the outstanding offensive lineman, and Jim Heifgenhauer, outstanding defensive lineman. The outstanding offensive back was Paul Roland. Shawn Roach was voted the outstanding defensive back. The most improved player trophy went to Paul Grugnale while the Iron Man Award went to Larry Teta. Paul Roland won the nod for the most valuable player on the team.

In the voting by all the coaches in the City-Catholic League, Larry Teta was declared All City-Catholic Defensive End and Offensive Center. Paul Roland was chosen as All City-Catholic Quarterback, and Brian Hayes was declared All City-Catholic Offensive Tackle.

Eugene Zimmer was chairman of the dinner.



JAMES GENDRON
Cardinal Mooney

Probably every high school senior who plans to attend college has asked, "How important, and how good, are the College Board tests? Are they a good indicator of how well I will do in college?" There is quite a bit of emphasis on the test scores these days, to the point of deciding where, or if, a student will go to college.

The SAT is a test of basic verbal and math skills. It is scored on a scale of 200-800 on each half. The test takes about three hours in all. In six weeks, the results are returned. The College Board will send your scores to three schools or other organizations for free, with a charge for each additional report. The student is given charts to compare his score to the nation's. In 1975, the average score was 431 on the verbal and 472 on the math.

These average scores are the source of much concern due to the fact that they have fallen each succeeding year since 1967. As a result of this drop, a 21-member panel, headed by Willard Wirtz, has been appointed to discover the reasons for the decline. The "Advisory Panel on Score Decline," as it is called, has made quite a few interesting discoveries in its year of existence. Teachers who were surveyed responded that today's youths have no heroes, watch too much television, eat too much junk food, and don't read or write nearly enough.

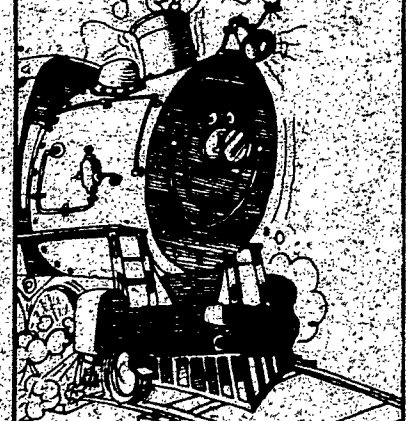
Standards have plunged in many schools in an effort to keep students from dropping out. As one educator put it, "Concentrating on studies like Latin is a waste of time, when these kids need to be taught how to eat." It may be argued that these things should be done in the home, but if they aren't, then somebody has to do them. The schools are doing the best job they can, but still, they can only do so much. As a result, students receive a C grade for showing up, a B for doing some work, and an A for getting the homework done.

As is shown by these facts, the average national SAT scores are a very good indicator of the condition of education across the country. As standards in schools fall, so do the test scores. But to most people, this means nothing. What they want to know is, "How is my score going to affect me?" The answer is: A good SAT score helps get a student into college. A very good score can make him eligible for a scholarship. However, he is

not going to get far without a solid high school record. This does not mean just good grades. Colleges want students who are going to contribute something to the school. This contribution can come in the form of sports, student government, or any of a number of other activities.

I feel that too much emphasis is placed on these tests. They were never intended as anything but a test of the ability to do college work. They are not good indicators of how well a student will do in college. In fact, the average score of students who flunked out of one university was higher than the main score for that particular school.

Maybe someday in the future, there will be a foolproof way of judging college candidates, but I doubt it. The SAT is the best way to do so now, but it is not perfect. How can the government help raise the SATs back to where they were? Improve living conditions, and the scores will raise themselves.



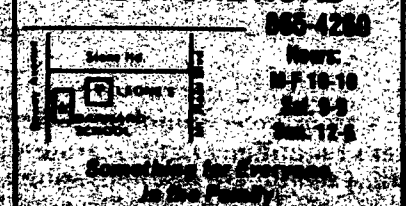
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