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Avid Sportswoman is Noted In National Magazine

By Martin Toombs

Elmira — Any mention of Notre Dame in national sport magazines usually refers to the school in South Bend. But recently, Sports Illustrated mentioned Notre Dame High School as it cited senior Debbie Drabinski as one of the "Faces in the Crowd," a section honoring outstanding amateur athletes. Debbie, 17 years old, is certainly an outstanding athlete. Her two consecutive state bowling championships are evidence of that; and her 18 points and 16 rebounds a game the last three years for the championship Notre Dame girls' basketball team; and her championships in two golf tournaments last summer, although she's only played for two years. What does she do in her spare time? Well, the volleyball season just concluded and in the Spring there's track.

"It was a thrill to be a 'face in the crowd'" Debbie said recently in an interview at Notre Dame. There was no school the day the magazine came out and John Childs, the girls' basketball and track coach, called her at 8:30 in the morning to congratulate her.

"It's like once in a life time that you get your picture in Sports Illustrated," Debbie commented, obviously pleased with the honor.

Debbie noted that she has been bowling in leagues for "10 years, since I was about 7." She currently bowls in two leagues, Saturday and Sunday mornings, and has a 172

Academy Nominees

Washington — Applications for Service Academy nominations this year have been received in unprecedented numbers.

"It has been extremely difficult to make selections for nomination to the academies from the outstanding young persons interested," stated Congressman Frank Horton of the 34th Congressional District.

Diocesan high school nominees for the Naval Academy at Annapolis are: James Carl, McQuaid Jesuit High School; Daniel Keefe from Bishop Kearney and Peter Riester, a former BK student, now attending Naval Academy Prep School.

Diocesan high school nominees for the Military Academy at West Point are: John Walsh, Bishop Kearney, and Peter DeMarco, a former BK student, now attending Military Academy Prep School.

The next step will be an evaluation of the nominees by their respective academy admissions board. Academic record, leadership potential, aptitudes, physical fitness, and extracurricular activities are all considered.

average in the Saturday league and 179 in the Sunday league where she said the competition is better and she "tries harder." Her state championships came in April 1975 when she won the age 15 and under title, and then last April when she took the age 16-18 crown.

That tournament followed the completion of Notre of Dame's two part basketball season. The Lady Crusaders went through the Fall league season undefeated, and then adjourned and played volleyball during the winter. Then, after the volleyball season, the team had to get the basketballs back out and prepare for the sectionals, a situation Debbie called "really stupid."

Girls' sport programs are new yet, and Debbie said that, "I was really lucky that they were started," when she got to Notre Dame. But she noted, "We don't get as many" spectators as the boys' basketball games and "I think it would be a change, people would see something they liked if they came to the girls' games."

After only two years of playing golf, Debbie said that she shoots in the high 80's and noted that it was the golf professional at the Mark Twain Golf Course, Jack Lundy, that sent her picture to Sports Illustrated.

How does she find time for five sports and her school work? "I don't know. I find time but I don't know how I find it."

For the future, she would "like to be a physical education teacher," and said, "a couple of colleges have talked to me. I went up to visit St. John Fisher," which "has one of the best" women's programs, she said. Keuka College has also talked to her. She noted that Childs is trying to get all the seniors on the basketball team college scholarships but she has "never thought about" Immaculata or Delta State, the top women's basketball schools in the country.

Looking further ahead, Debbie said that she would like to take a shot at professional bowling or golf. That "once in a lifetime" mention in Sports Illustrated could turn out to be just the first.

On Nov. 2, James Earl Carter became President-elect of the United States.

The great American dream of becoming the president can still come true. Jimmy Carter, the son of a peanut farmer, and an unknown in the great political machine, proved that it still could happen. He decided to campaign for the Democratic nomination for presidency, which after a long and tedious campaign, he won. His winning streak didn't stop there; he was running full steam for the White House. He battled against President Ford in three nationally televised debates. All his work was not in vain.

At the present there is much controversy on the subject of Carter's plans when he enters the White House. The Republicans are saying he won't change a thing, while the Democrats are holding their breath in anticipation. Carter has promised such things as a whole restructure of the income tax system which will benefit the common working man. He has also

pledged that he will not forget the black people of this country who helped him win the election. To the old and feeble he promised better and cleaner facilities, in which to live.

Carter's main thrust is the curtailment of inflation, and to get people out of the unemployment lines and back on their jobs. This type of campaign "sales pitch" is true of any candidate. We have no proof that Carter will do all or any of these things, nor do we have any sort of track record to go by. We are accepting him on faith. On the other hand the Republican Party has been in control for eight years without any worthy change for the better. One good thing the Republicans did for us was to prove that our system of government truly does work despite a Watergate.

We have made a great transition, hopefully for the better. At this point, Carter has all the cards and whether he holds a joker or an ace, we shall soon find out.



Winner's Circle

RapAround weekly will run a photo of a group of students taken somewhere in the diocese. One person will be circled and if that person brings the clipping to the Courier-Journal before noon of the Tuesday following publication date, he or she will receive \$5. This week's photo was taken at McQuaid High School during assembly. The person circled above should bring the clipping to Joan M. Smith, Courier-Journal, by noon, Tuesday, Dec. 28 to receive \$5.

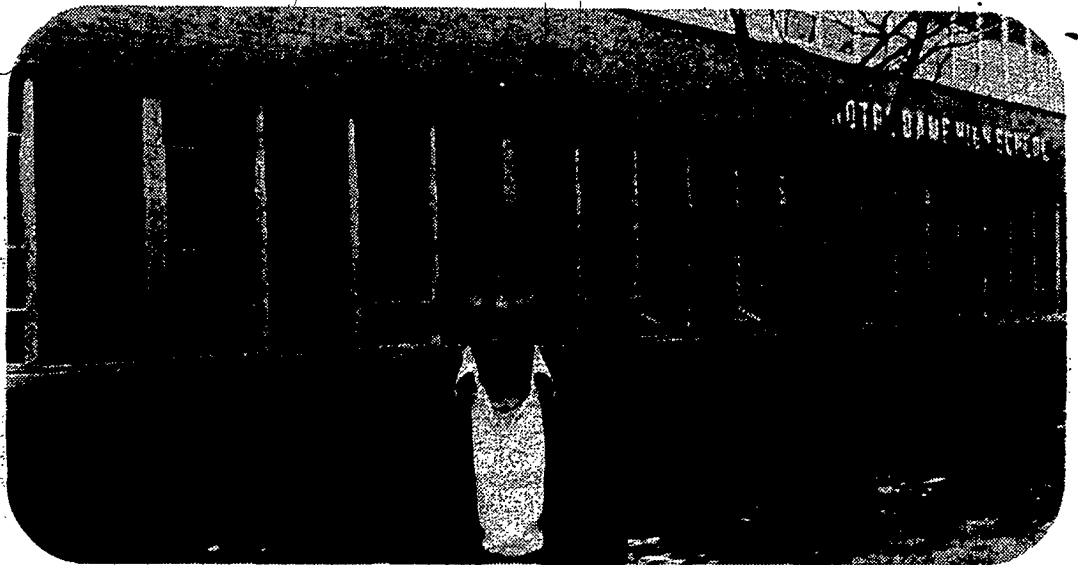
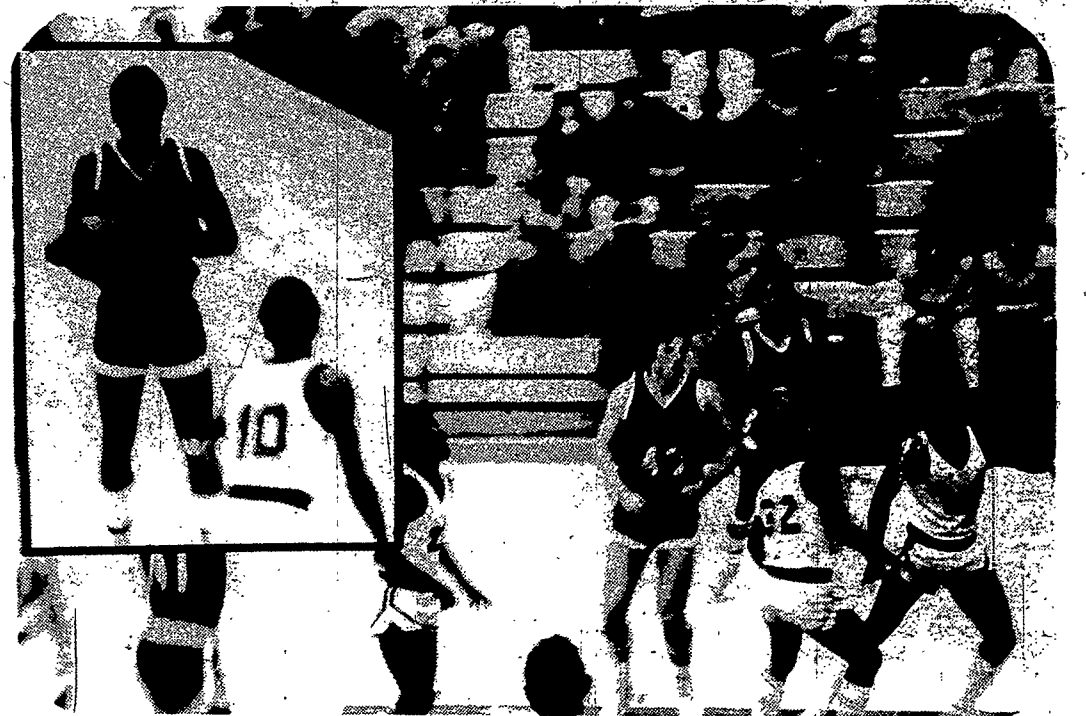


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With a Sports Illustrated honor in her pocket, Debbie is set to resume her position as center with the Notre Dame Lady Crusaders when season begins in February.



Where the Action Is!

Photo by Martin Toombs

Insert photo shows Notre Dame's (dark jerseys) Lacey Fulmer (11) pondering a move against Elmira Free Academy's Kevin Gilliam (10), while Tom Vetter (43), Bill Nichols (33), Ken Brooks (32), and Jerome Thomas (12) get ready to jump for ball. Elmira Free Academy won (68-67) the annual Murray Center Tournament which was held on Wednesday, Dec. 29.

Honesty Pays For Nazareth Sophomore

Margaret Mary Zeh, a sophomore at Nazareth is a Times Union paper carrier and one afternoon while delivering her papers she found a wallet containing \$500 but with no identification. She turned the wallet into vice principal Sister Jeannine who notified police. They noted the serial numbers on the bills and TV

Channel 10 carried the story on their news program that evening. William Smith, the relieved owner, was able to prove his claim to the money because he had recorded all the serial numbers.

Smith praised Margaret Mary and rewarded her with \$50. When he asked her why

she had turned in the money she replied that her mother had always taught her to be honest.

Margaret Mary decided to buy a uniform skirt with her reward but George Herman, representative of the Braiman Uniform Company, presented her with one as an expression of his own admiration for her honesty.