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Students spend approximately 1200 hours each year in school. This is a great deal of time spent under the direction of those other then parents. Who are the people that direct student interests, ideas, energies, and dreams?

RapAround is beginning its third year and will bring to its readers, on occasion, profiles about these individuals; who they are; their dedicated commitments; and their guiding influence which prepares the young adults to take their place in society.

A Quiet Man Behind the Scenes

BY JOAN SMITH

In 1950 he came from Toronto to coach sports...hockey... baseball...football. Since there were already two coaches doing this job, he took over as drama coach.

This change in direction not only proved a boon to Aquinas Institute but has provided Father Leonard Cullen with a satisfying and successful commitment.

"It's more suited to my talents," he said and went on to claim, "there are plenty of sport coaches but a shortage of dramatic directors."

Father is a quiet-man with an easy smile and ready advice for his crew of actors and stage hands who comprise Aq's Performing Arts Club. At heart he is a theater lover and can't conceal his enthusiasm when talking about past productions and those planned for the future.

His first production, "Ramshackle Inn," was presented in 1951 when he laughingly declared, "I had help because I was too young to know what I was doing."

All joking aside, Father knows exactly what he's doing because the Performing Arts can boast many theatrical triumphs during his reign; two major ones being "Fiddler on the Roof" in 1973, and "Mash" in the Fall of 1976. Father picks out the "King and I" and Oklahoma" as the most enjoyable ones produced and he's quick to indicate which play he would most like to do in the future, "Hello Dolly," he stated.

The Performing Arts Club presented its first production, "It Pays to Advertise," in 1926. According to today's young actors, with the presentation of the upcoming Irish Show scheduled for April 1 and 2, the Club will have given 103 performances.

An interesting note about producing high school plays is the fact that royalties are required for the production rights. Father indicated musicals to be the most expensive because both writer and composer have to be paid. Musical rights cost from $500 to $1000; regular plays are $75, and childrens' theater performances cost $10 a performance.

Every year Aquinas treats elementary school students to a special theater event and this year they are presenting "Sir Slob and the Princess," on Sunday, Jan. 23 and Friday Jan. 28.

Everyone in performing Arts agreed that playing to children is the greatest fun. As senior Dan Tomkinson explained, "The kids are the best audiences, they'll laugh at anything. They're easy to please."

The club, supplemented with talented actresses from Nazareth Academy, is a jovial one. They're not only enthusiastic about acting but also about the opportunity of learning all theatrical aspects. They're kept busy at least 12 hours a week designing scenes, creating and sewing costumes, and building their own stage equipment. Right now they're proud of the new stage floor which was purchased with the proceeds from former shows and installed by the students.

Father has an easy rapport with his young entertainers and though he aptly directs them through their performances he hasn't been successful in persuading them to follow his great interest in hockey. "Football's the game," they teased him while he talked about his favorite hockey team, the Toronto Maple Leafs.

The Performing Arts Club is a successful endeavor and Father is quick to credit his professional staff: Father Edward Heidt, assistant director; Jim Blackburn, technical director; and the performers for this success.

Father's greatest satisfaction after each play has been performed is the perfection of the performance. "I always try to get a perfect show," — and the kids work hard to achieve that perfection for him.

Performing artists Dan Monaghan and Jim Bloomfield demo their expertise in handling stage lights. To right, Father Cullen advises his performers Tim Gallagher (on Father's left), Dan Tomkinson, and Dan Frank on their play lines. In dressing room, Keith Urbonas and Cathy Young, a Nazareth freshman, apply their stage make-up.

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SPORTS SCHEDULES STANDINGS

PRIVATE-PAROCHIAL GIRLS' VOLLEYBALL
Previous Results
Fairport Tournament: Batavia 15-1-15, Victor 7-8; Fairport 9-15-15, Mercy 15-4-10; Victor 15-15, Mercy 12-3, Fairport 15-16, Batavia 11-14

Records (1/6)

Mercy 10-2, MAC 7-3, Mooney 6-4, Kearney 4-6, Nazareth 3-7, St Agnes 0-10

This Week
Section 5 Tournament
Wednesday, Jan 12 — Class A Championships, 6 p m. - 9 p m., at Nazareth College (to be taped and televised at 1:30 p m., Sunday, Jan. 16, Channel 21); Class B, 6 p m - 9 p m., at Attica High School. Class C, 6 p.m. - 9 p m., at Finger Lakes Community College

CITY GIRLS' VOLLEYBALL
Previous Results
Charlotte 7-15-15, East 15-13-1, Franklin 15-15, Madison 7-10; Marshall 15-16, Monroe 13-14

Records (1/6)
Marshall 10-0, Charlotte 7-3, Monroe 5-5, Franklin 4-6, Madison 2-7, East 1-9.

This Week
Section 5 Tournament
See information under Private-Parochial Girls' Volleyball

CITY-CATHOLIC BASKETBALL
Previous Results
Edison Tournament. Edison 54, Sutherland 48; Penfield 84, Webster Thomas 73, Webster Thomas 79, Sutherland 73, Penfield 45, Edison 40; Fairport 65, Monroe 47, Brighton 46, East 44, East 43, Kearney 28.

Records (1/6)
Madison 4-0, Mooney 4-1, McQuaid 3-2, East 3-3, Franklin 4-3, Edison 3-5, Monroe 2-5, Kearney 1-5, Aquinas 1-5

This Week
Thursday, Jan 13 — Madison at Edison, 3:45 p.m., Monroe at Franklin, 3:45 p m
Friday, Jan 14 — Aquinas at McQuaid, 8 p m., East at Mooney, 8 p.m.
Tuesday, Jan 18 — McQuaid at Madison, 3:45 p m., East at Monroe, 3:45 p.m., Edison at Franklin 3:45 p.m

CITY-PRIVATE BASKETBALL
Previous Results
Jefferson 75, Attica 34, Marshall 59, Holley 55
Records (1/6)
Marshall 6-2, Jefferson 5-2, HAC 2-3, Charlotte 2-6

This Week
Thursday, Jan 13 — Jefferson at Marshall, 3:45 p.m
Tuesday, Jan 18 — Jefferson at Charlotte, 3:45 p m; Canisteo at HAC, 7:30 p m., Marshall at Attica, 7:30 p.m

CITY-CATHOLIC SWIMMING
Previous Results
Rush-Henrietta Invitational: Rush-Henrietta 92, McQuaid 48, Newark 44, Canandaigua 44, East Rochester 14

Records (1/6)
McQuaid 7-0, East 2-0-1, Marshall 3-1-1, Charlotte 3-1, Aquinas 3-1, Edison 1-3, Franklin 1-3, HAC 1-3, Madison 0-3, Jefferson 0-3, Monroe 0-3.

This Week
Thursday, Jan 13 — McQuaid at Aquinas, HAC at Charlotte, Marshall at Monroe, East at Jefferson, Franklin at Madison, all 3:45 p.m
Tuesday, Jan. 18 — McQuaid at Athena, 3:45 p m

MONROE COUNTY HOCKEY
Previous Results
Sutherland 6, Penfield 4; McQuaid 11, Rush-Henrietta 0; Mendon 6, Brighton 4; McQuaid 7, Wesbster 3; Sutherland 7, Fairport 3; Kearney 7, Rush-Henrietta 2.

Records (1/6)
Northern Division: Kearney 5-0-1, Irondequoit 3-2, Fairport 2-5, Aquinas 1-3-2, Eastridge 0-4, Webster 0-6; Southern Division: Mendon 6-1, McQuaid 5-1-1, Penfield 4-2, Sutherland 4-2-1, Brighton 3-2-1, Rush-Henrietta 1-6.

This Week
Wednesday, Jan. 12 — Eastridge vs. Brighton at RIT, 6 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 15 — Kearney vs. Irondequoit at Lakeshore, 11 a.m.; Webster vs. Eastridge at Lakeshore, 1 p.m.; Aquinas vs. Fairport at Lakeshore, 3 p.m.; McQuaid vs. Mendon at RIT, 11 a.m.; Rush-Henrietta vs Penfield at RIT, 1 p.m.; Brighton vs. Sutherland at RIT, 3 p.m.
Tuesday, Jan. 18 — Brighton vs. Irondequoit at RIT, 6 p.m.

CITY-CATHOLIC WRESTLING
Records (1/6)
McQuaid 2-0, Kearney 2-0, East 2-1, Charlotte 1-1, Edison 1-1, Madison 1-2, Jefferson 0-2, Mooney 0-2.

This Week
Wednesday, Jan. 12 — Franklin at East, 3:30 p.m.
Thursday, Jan. 13 — Edison at Madison, 3:45 p.m.; Mendon at Kearney, 4:15 p.m., Brighton at McQuaid, 4 p.m.
Friday, Jan. 14 — Byron-Bergen at Aquinas, 3:45 p.m.; East at Canandaigua Tournament, 4 p m
Saturday, Jan. 15 — East at Canandaigua Tournament, 10 a.m. Hilton at Kearney, 7 p m., McQuaid at Mooney 8 p.m.
Tuesday, Jan. 18 — Franklin at Churchville-Chili, 4 p.m., Charlotte at Albion, 6:30 p.m., Madison at Penfield, 6:30 p.m.; Jefferson at Livonia, 8 p m

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