

# nd Rap Around Rap Around Rap Around Rap A Something New... And It's Kicking

By JOHN DOSER

It may come as a surprise to area wrestling fans, but there is a wrestling program at Aquinas — it may not be thriving, but it's alive, and kicking.

The Little Irish are actually in their third year of interscholastic competition under Coach Moody Johnson.

"Initially we started out on a club basis against any JV team that would wrestle us. Last year we joined the City-Catholic League's Division II with a varsity schedule, and we're continuing it again this year," Johnson explains.

Johnson wrestled in high school for Haverling High of Bath and later at Alfred University under Alex Yunevitch. He also did a little AAU wrestling in the Cleveland area after graduation from college.

When Johnson opened the doors for wrestling at Aquinas for the first time, he didn't think it would be difficult because of the school's sports tradition in general.

"But I'm finding it is difficult to get enough boys out. Last year we finished the season with about 16 boys who wrestled quite a bit and this year we only have 20," Johnson says.

By contrast some

suburban schools have 80 boys on their wrestling rosters and even so-called smaller out-of-county schools like Palmyra-Macedon (an Aquinas opponent this year) has more than 50.

Not being a high-powered recruiter, Johnson did manage to add an assistant coach this season — Greg Missile — athletic director Dave Missile's brother.

The two of them comb the halls and try to talk boys in study halls and gym classes into considering wrestling.

"Wrestling isn't an easy sport," Johnson explains.

"It can be boring, it's very strenuous, you probably have to lose weight to be competitive, and in general to start a new program you just don't have the background and knowledge of the kids to get enough of them out to compete successfully."

Scheduling isn't a problem — Aquinas is a pushover for most of its opponents. So far this season the Irish are winless in four dual meets.

Aquinas goes against Charlotte Jefferson and Franklin in league matches and the Little Irish also go against a lot of JV teams.

"We scheduled eight varsity matches and seven

JV opponents this season. Of course we also wrestle JV in the varsity matches if we can put enough kids on the mats," Johnson says.

There are five seniors on the team and two have been with the program from the start — Larry Teta (son of Aquinas football coach Nick Teta), a heavyweight, and Mike Mulcahy, who wrestles at 147 pounds.

Teta finished second in the Athena tournament; Mulcahy, Mark Katafiaz (140) and sophomore Bob Paternico (179) all took fourths.

Teta has been one of Aquinas' most successful wrestlers to date and Johnson says Mulcahy has done well also.

Other second year team members include junior Marty Iafrati (129), sophomore Steve Lynch (140), and sophomore Mark Federspiel (147).

Also on the roster are first year members Chris Van Dyke (unbeaten in five JV meets at 121 pounds), Bob Rendsland (115), Tony Rotoli (157), Jim Bonner (169), Mike Everhard (115), John Veltre (179), Jim Langelotti (115), Ken Schaller (122) and Bob Kennedy (135), all freshmen.

Junior Larry Rannaletta (129) and sophomore Brian Mulcahy (141), are the other upper classmen.



Aq Wrestlers

The Aquinas 1976-77 wrestling team is in its third year of competition. Front row Manager Joe Ferrante, Bob Rendsland, Chris Van Dyke, Jim Langelotti, and Marty Iafrati. Second row; JV coach Greg Missell, Jim Philbin, Larry Teta, Mike Mulcahy, Mark Katafiaz, Mark Federspiel, Bob Paternico, and head coach Moody Johnson. The team will compete on Feb. 17-18 in the Wrestling Tournament to be held at McQuaid.

## Lanthorn Commended

Nazareth Academy's 1976 edition of the Lanthorn recently won a first place certificate from the Columbia University Scholastic Press Association.

The Lanthorn was commended for logical and artistic development of its theme and the book's photography was singled out for praise.

## Kearney Bakers Win Contest

The boys from Carol Cowan's Bachelor Survival class at Bishop Kearney won the cake contest sponsored by Buchman's Dairy.

The cakes were class projects with the students spending time after school

putting the finishing touches to their creations. Richard Case, William Kenny, Randy Godden, and Frank Grayson made the piano cake which won first place, and Jeff Adamission and Kevin Pierce worked on the prize winning ice cream cone cake.

## They Speak Up for Youth

By JOAN M. SMITH

Need a youth recreational facility in your neighborhood? Or, a drop-in center that provides counseling? Just see Peggy Lober and Sara Solaun who are the Nazareth Academy representatives serving on the Monroe County Youth Advisory Board. This council has been allotted state funds to promote youth activities and facilities within the community. And it's the high school representatives, serving on the board, that sound out young adult needs and desires and relate the findings to the board.

"You find many things for small kids but society seems to leave out the teenagers and young adults," stated Peggy, a senior, who was selected for the board last year — its first year in existence.

"We had to make our own way," was the way she described the organization's beginning. "The first year consisted of a lot of reading and understanding procedures."

## Aq Dinner Scheduled

Mothers will be guests at the Aquinas Sport Boosters' dinner to be held on Tuesday, Feb. 22. Guest speaker will be Elaine Brigman, newly appointed athletic director at Nazareth College.

The event will begin with a social hour at 6:30 p.m. followed by dinner at 7:30 p.m. Reservations can be made by calling the school (254-2020) before Friday, Feb. 18. Tickets are \$5 with a special price of \$4 for the mothers.

## Audition Call At BK

Auditions for the Bishop Kearney spring musical, "Bye Bye Birdie," are being held. Any student willing to tryout is eligible.

Ray Shahin is musical director and will conduct the pit band, assisted by Martin Duffy. Vocal director is Sister Joseph Mary. Father Lawrence Cross is set designer and Mrs. Kathy Cavalieri is choreographer. Performance dates are April 29-30 and May 1-2.

## Pancake Event Set

The Mercy High School Parents' Association is sponsoring a pancake breakfast on Sunday, Feb. 27 at 1437 Blossom Road.

Breakfast will be served 9 a.m. to noon. Mass will be held in the convent chapel at 10:30 a.m. Tickets are \$1.50 for adults; \$.75 for students and senior citizens; and \$.50 for family groups.



Photo by Ben Susso

Besides their busy efforts with the Monroe County Youth Board, Sara and Peggy are involved in other activities. Sara is on the Lanthorn and Spectrum staffs. Peggy is Student Council President and is a member of the Hike for Hope committee.

Sara joined the board this year and serves as its secretary. As a junior she will have the opportunity to bring her experience back to the association next year.

The girls are kept busy with board meetings once a month and individual committee work sessions. Sara serves on the Public Relations Committee and it is her job to "spread the word" about the council and its work to the young adults and community organizations.

Peggy is a member of the Project Evaluation Committee whose task it is to visit those associations participating in the youth project and evaluate their adherence to the guidelines.

Now that the Advisory Board is in its second year, there are at least 15-20 projects in the offing. Two

which are in full swing include the Rochester Museum of Arts and Sciences and The Greater Opportunity in Nursing (GOIN) Association.

Contrary to the present day assumption that youth does enough speaking for themselves, Peggy argued, "Youth need people to voice their opinions and it's a lot easier for them to talk to another person who is the same age."

Both girls have derived immense satisfaction from their community endeavors. "I enjoy it," declared Sara, "and it certainly makes me more organized."

Peggy said, "It's helped me to realize people's varied opinions," and she went on to advise the kids, "if they have the time they should become involved. It's definitely worthwhile."

## Mercy Announces Scholarship Awards

Last week Our Lady of Mercy High School awarded academic scholarships. Partial tuition scholarships went to: Linda Wojciechowski, St. Rita's parish; Janet Hoeffel, St. Rita's; Deborah Zack, St. Joseph's parish; Janis DeLucia, St. Joseph; Laurie Enright, St. Boniface; Clare Kiely, Our Lady of Lourdes; Mary Beth Knapp, Good Shepherd; Judith Loder, St. Louis; Susan May, St. John

the Evangelist; Anne Louise Miller, Blessed Sacrament junior high; Katherine Oberlies, St. Thomas More; Sandra Rakiewicz, St. John's of Rochester; Kathleen Rowe, St. Louis.

Alumnae scholarships were awarded to: Margaret Hammele, St. Joseph; Margaret Heneghan, St. Thomas More; Marcy Naber, St. Louis; Carol Anne Novick, St. Ambrose.



Winners!

Mercy scholarship winners Linda Wojciechowski and Debbie Zack discuss their up-coming freshman year with Vice principal Sister Jacquelyn Reichart.