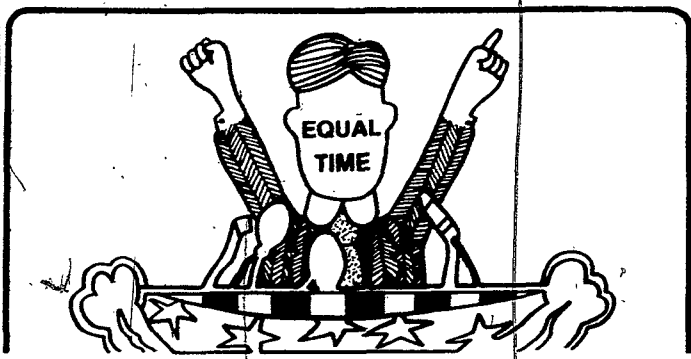
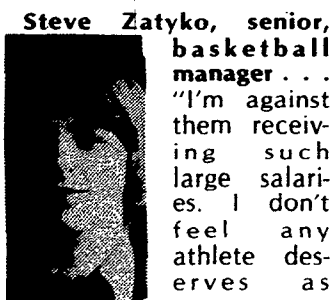


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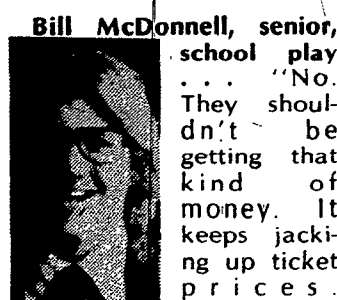


Do you think today's professional athletes are justified in demanding enormous salaries?

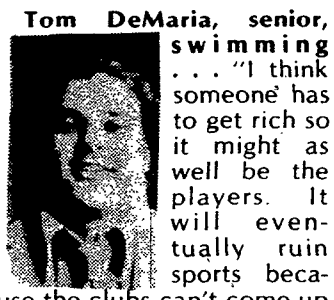
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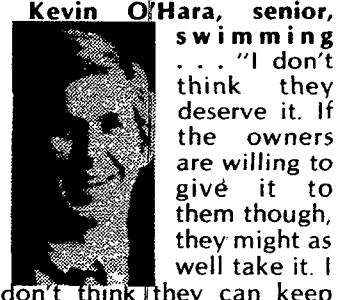
**Steve Zatyko, senior, basketball manager . . .** "I'm against them receiving such large salaries. I don't feel any athlete deserves as much money as businessmen or those in public office. However, they can do what they want until the owners wise-up. Until this type of situation is stopped they'll drive out some teams and cause fans to lose interest because of the high price of tickets."



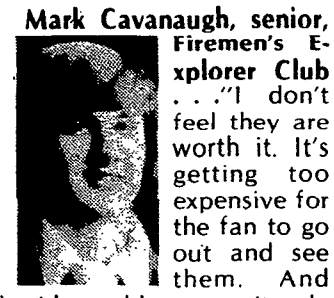
**Bill McDonnell, senior, school play . . .** "No. They shouldn't be getting that kind of money. It keeps jacking up ticket prices. They're not worth a million dollars a year. It doesn't seem right. They get more money than corporate presidents. Sports is a great opportunity but not worth the huge amount of money. They're going to have to regulate it, or it will eventually ruin sports."



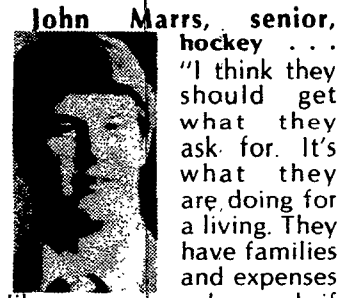
**Tom DeMaria, senior, swimming . . .** "I think someone has to get rich so it might as well be the players. It will eventually ruin sports because the clubs can't come up with that type salary payment and I think it will turn out that clubs will buy pennants and championships and the whole idea of sports will be ruined."



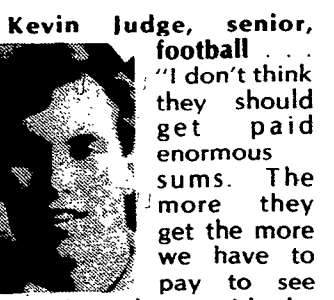
**Kevin O'Hara, senior, swimming . . .** "I don't think they deserve it. If the owners are willing to give it to them though, they might as well take it. I don't think they can keep going up in financial requests. It will destroy sports. There will be certain teams who will always be good because they can afford to have the money players."



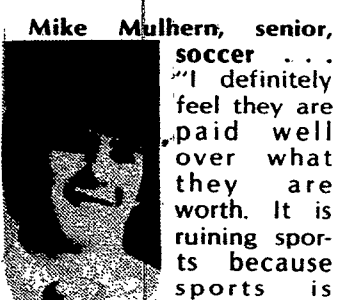
**Mark Cavanaugh, senior, Firemen's Explorer Club . . .** "I don't feel they are worth it. It's getting too expensive for the fan to go out and see them. And besides, athletes aren't only into sports but also into TV and the movies. . . they've become celebrities so they're making money other than on the playing field. The teams with the big money will be the only ones with the good players."



**John Marrs, senior, hockey . . .** "I think they should get what they ask for. It's what they are doing for a living. They have families and expenses like everyone else and if they don't play sports they're not making a living. Certain teams have more money and have the better players but that holds true for business. The companies with the most capital invest in better technology and brains."



**Kevin Judge, senior, football . . .** "I don't think they should get paid enormous sums. The more they get the more we have to pay to see them. It ends up with the teams with the most money having the better players. They shouldn't single out certain players and pay them more and give them more publicity. If I was on a team I wouldn't appreciate some player like O. J. Simpson getting three million dollars and I was doing the same job for less."



**Mike Mulhern, senior, soccer . . .** "I definitely feel they are paid well over what they are worth. It is ruining sports because sports is supposed to be entertainment and has turned into big business. Doctors don't get paid that much and they have to work harder for their education. The athletes get their education through their playing abilities which they are born with and they are cashing in on this gift."

## A Contest Of Wits

Seniors were the winners in the Nazareth Academy academic College Bowl competition held on Feb. 11 between the junior and senior classes.

The assembly was planned by the National Honor Society as part of the school's Catholic Schools' Week celebration, and involved hundreds of questions, submitted by the faculty, being asked the contestants.

Senior team members were Sandra Gallo, captain; Kathy Faraone, Linda Fischer and Sue Mykins with Mary Ann Goosley and Esther Solaun as alternates.

Theresa De Conick headed the juniors with Andrea Fuehrer, Meg Rimore and Cory Schultz as teammates and Giovanna Presta as alternate.

National Honor Society President, Theresa Reinger introduced the teams and Treasurer Joyce Pastore explained the rules and scoring procedure. Sister Carol Cimino, principal of St. Anthony's School acted as moderator.

## Classes Endure Bad Luck

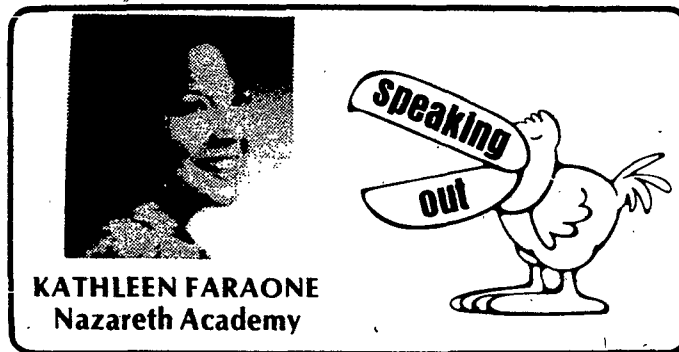
Catastrophe seems to be stalking the major events held at St. Agnes High School. In the Fall, a United Parcel Services strike confounded the seniors who had to postpone their "beanie" ceremony.

In February, it was disaster for the junior class. The date for their ring ceremony arrived, but where were the juniors? At home, with the rest of the school population, because of the weather crisis. It was eight days later that the traditional event was held as part of the deferred celebration of the Feast of St. Agnes.

Student body and parents were present at the Mass during which the juniors lit small candles from the Paschal Candle and their class officers presented an explanation of the "light" as symbolizing their gifts being shared by others. After the liturgy, the juniors received their rings.

## Winner

Mary Beth Conley, a senior at St. Agnes High School was the recipient of the Winner's Circle \$5 for the week of Feb. 9.



In 1972 The Supreme Court ruled against the way capital punishment was being used. The death penalty laws were unconstitutional because they were subject to arbitration. An inconsistency in their decisions was noted; some defendants were condemned while others were spared with no reasonable explanation.

tradition between the unjustness of murder and killing for punishment.

The Constitution of the United States openly forbids the imposition of "cruel and unusual punishment." Yet to dispute only the mechanical procedures of the death penalty leaves a doubt in my mind as to the democracy of our government. Such a contradiction between theory and action cannot be overlooked.

Both the public and the government have failed to take into consideration the morality of the action itself. What they are doing is committing murder.

Those in favor of capital punishment believe that it will be the force that will inhibit crime. By threatening criminals with this sentence, they hope to scare them from doing wrong.

No human being or organization has the power or the right to make a life death decision. It verifies the fact that Gilmore and many others are guilty. However, they are not able to be judged or condemned by us. They will have to face the ultimate judgement of God.

Then there is the old cliché, "an eye for an eye, a tooth for a tooth." The execution of Gary Gilmore on Jan. 17 is a prime example. Since he had taken two lives, some felt that the only just punishment was the sacrifice of his own life (Gilmore also believed this.) Again there is a con-

Perhaps the reactions to this most recent execution, the first in ten years, may be the deciding factor in the future of capital punishment. The publicity will arouse an interest and thirst for more details in each pending case.

Granted, in many instances it will be due to mere curiosity. Pleasure-seekers will thrive on this blood-thirsty rally, viewing it as entertainment.

On the brighter side, perhaps it will open the eyes of the public and may be the first step in a new fight against capital punishment.



Photo by Ben Susso

## Speaker Finalist

Walsh presents Elaine with a \$50 bond.

## BK Speaker Wins Area K of C Contest

Elaine Aers, a senior at Bishop Kearney High School, has won the Iron-dequoit area's Knights of Columbus Oratorical contest. She will compete in other contests sponsored by the state Knights, and eventually hopes to represent her town at the state competition, held each year when the Knights meet in convention.

thought, composition and delivery.

The competition was sponsored by the Iron-dequoit Pope Pius XII Council and was held at Christ the King parish, according to Robert Walsh, grand knight. Her prize was a \$50 savings bond.

The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Aers spoke for the proposition that the Olympic games have a future. She was judged on

On graduation, Elaine, a parishioner at St. Ambrose, will attend the University of Rochester. She intends to study medicine.



- AQUINAS**
  - Friday, Feb. 25 — Student Council dance; music by "Flyer."
  - Monday, Feb. 28 — General faculty meeting.
  - Tuesday, March 1 — APA board meeting.
- BISHOP KEARNEY**
  - Wednesday, Feb. 23 — Ash Wednesday, special classes.
  - Thursday, Feb. 24 — Magazine Drive begins.
  - Friday, Feb. 25 — Century Club Dinner.
  - Saturday, Feb. 26 — Split Club Party.
  - Monday, Feb. 28 — Fathers' Club meeting.
- CARDINAL MOONEY**
  - Monday, Feb. 28 — Women's Guild wine and cheese program.
  - Tuesday, March 1 — Men's Guild meeting.
- MCQUAID**
  - Thursday, Feb. 24 — End of third marking period.
  - Sunday, Feb. 27 — Parents' afternoon of renewal.
- NAZARETH**
  - Monday, Feb. 28 — Aquinas Band assembly; 1:30-2:30 p.m. Class Officer - Prefect meeting; Alumnae meeting, Rm. 11; 8 p.m.
- OUR LADY OF MERCY**
  - Sunday, Feb. 27 - Family Mass and Pancake Breakfast.