

# Around Rap Around Rap Around Rap Around

## BK Ready for Net Season

By JOHN DOSER

Bishop Kearney tennis coach Gary Heim admits BK net teams have fared rather well over the past four years, but that doesn't mean four City-Catholic championships.

It does mean two out of four, however, which isn't too shabby.

Last year McQuaid won the C-C title with an 11-0 record; Kearney was 10-1 — it's only loss coming at the hands of the Elmwood Avenue Knights.

Gone from last year's squad are sophomore Bill Nealon and senior Dave Bernardi, who played first doubles.

Bernardi's partner was Frank Grayson, a senior, who's back this season; the duo's only loss was also to McQuaid last year.

Kearney's No. 2 man last year also returns — he's Steve Pasaila, a senior, who won 14 of 15 singles matches last year.

"He's been playing for so many years that his overall record might be 35-2," Heim says.

His only loss last year, not surprisingly, was also to McQuaid.

Roy Bow, No. 3 singles last year, is also back — he's a junior; Ron Cappelino, another senior, is also back for another tour.

Others on the BK roster who will be fighting for the remaining two spots include two sets of brothers — Paul and Greg Eiffert and Jerry and Paul Merkel.

The Eifferts are freshman and sophomore, respectively; the Merckels are

sophomore and junior, respectively.

Heim expected to have about 40 netters turn out for initial practice sessions and he figured he would retain about half.

Forty may seem to be a large turnout, but Heim says he's had previous seasons where 60-70 reported.

"A lot of youngsters will drop out once they see the competition they are up against. Then we hold round-robin tournaments, based on age groups, to get to around 20 players where we then set up ladder tournaments to determine our starters," Heim explains.

Heim is now in his fourth year of coaching tennis at Kearney; his overall record is a highly respectable 56-2-1; one could guess who administered the losses.

Ironically, Heim does not compete in the game to any extent himself, although he says he plays once a week or so at Irondequoit Tennis Club.

"I just never got into competition myself," he says.

He earned his tennis spurs at Webster Thomas and later at St. John Fisher College.

He was No. 2 singles at Fisher in his senior year and he only competed for the Cardinals in his last two years.

Tennis doesn't draw much of a crowd at matches, Heim says, a disappointment for youngsters at BK and other schools who work hard and play at a reasonably decent competitive high school level.

Crowds might pick up

some as the Kings move closer to league championship time and subsequent sectional competition.

Kearney plays as much tennis as it can schedule; in addition to the eleven City-Catholic League matches the Kings play several county teams in non-league matches.

## Speakers In Finals

Bishop Kearney Forensic Team members Jeanne Adams, Peggy Schnurr and Maurice Verrillo are eligible to compete in the State Finals which will be held in Liverpool on April 22-23. Pam Melroy, John Miller and Steve Strnisha who were pre-qualified for State Finals will join them in the competition. John and Pam will participate in Dramatic Interpretation and Steve will participate in Extemporaneous Speaking.

Jeanne, John and Steve have also qualified to compete in the National Catholic Forensics League Finals as a result of their performance in the NCFL Regional Tournament at Port Byron on April 2. Jeanne placed first in Original Oratory; John, second in Dramatic Interpretation; and Steve took second in Extemporaneous Speaking.

The Nationals will be held in Milwaukee, Wisconsin in May.

## Cultural Program

International Foreign Language Week will be observed at St. Agnes High School from April 25-29. Novel ways to make the student aware of the contributions of other countries to American culture will be accented. Music of France, Germany, Spain, Italy, Ireland, Poland and Greece will be featured over the school's radio station WTNT. Signs throughout the school in German, Latin, French and Spanish will indicate the key areas of the school.



Photo By Susan McKinney

Nazareth students ready to embark on their adventuresome travels; Rosetta will view the Changing of the Guards at Arlington National Cemetery; Peggy took off for Spain on April 7; and Diane spent Easter Sunday in Rome.

## The Globe Trotters

An exciting time, this Easter vacation. High school students from all over the United States have been dreaming about and packing for their respective travel tours which are now depositing them all over the world.

Nazareth Academy students are touring in three locations: Washington, D.C. with Sister Petrina; Spain with Sister Magdalena from Nazareth and Sister Marjorie and a group of girls from St. Agnes; Italy with Nazareth Italian teacher, Sister Cora Marie, Sister Maria Elena and Sister Carol Cimino, principal of St. Anthony's School, and a group of DeSales students.

RapAround had a chance to talk with the travelers a few days before they embarked and their bubbly excitement was catching. Sophomore Patty Huether had been counting from day

64 before she took off for Spain. Having taken three years of Spanish she was hopeful of being able to converse with the Spaniards. "I've been practicing dialogues," she declared.

Her group's touring visits will include Granada, Madrid and the big event Peggy was anticipating was the bullfight they were scheduled to attend on Easter Sunday. The students are also seeing the Royal Palace, The Prado, and El Greco museums which they prepared themselves for by studying the Spanish artists.

For junior Diane Colline, going to Italy "is a dream come true," she excitedly stated. Besides drifting along the canals of Venice, seeing the art treasures of Florence, and meeting new people, Diane is visiting her ancestral heritage.

"It's going to be a terrific experience," she said about seeing the real Italy after only viewing it in pictures and hearing about it. "Definitely" was her adamant reply to whether she would be tasting the wine from Italy's famous vineyards.

The international scene is not new to junior Rosetta Sparto. She was born in Italy and then spent her childhood in Sydney, Australia. Right now she's in Washington D. C. busily touring the White House, FBI Building, Library of Congress and the Smithsonian Institute. In discussing her venture Rosetta observed, "It will increase my awareness of American History."

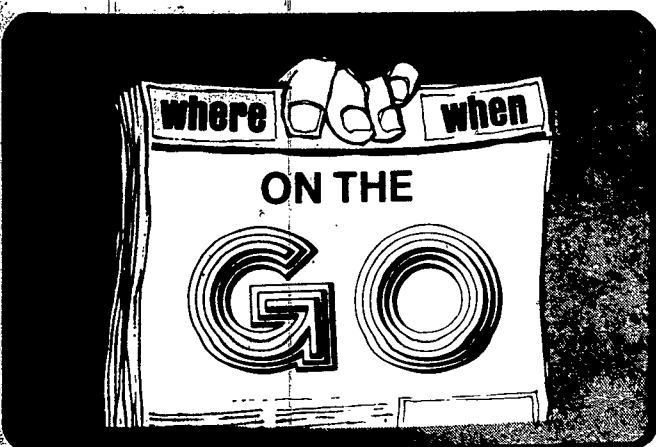
Of course, she along with her 39 traveling companions will be keeping a sharp lookout for a glimpse of President Carter



Sister Magdalena packs for Spain.

## Good News

On May 6,7,8 the youth groups of St. Augustine's and St. Monica's will present the musical Good News at St. Agnes High School on 300 River Road. Performances will be presented at 8 p. m. and there will be a matinee on Saturday afternoon.



- AQUINAS**  
Monday, April 18 — 2 p.m. General faculty meeting.  
Tuesday, April 19 — Sports Boosters Dinner Meeting, cafeteria; 6:30 p.m.
- CARDINAL MOONEY**  
Monday, April 18 — Women's Guild Dinner Dance
- MCQUAID**  
Monday, April 18 — Junior year town meeting; 11:44 a. m.: Report cards distributed.  
Tuesday, April 19 — Department meetings; 2:35 p.m.  
Wednesday, April 20 — Academic Council meeting.
- NAZARETH**  
Monday, April 18 — Homeroom Moderators meeting; Alumnae meeting, 8 p.m.  
Tuesday, April 19 — Senior assembly, 8:35 p.m.; Report cards distributed; department meetings.
- NOTRE DAME**  
April 18-19 — Student Council campaign.  
Wednesday, April 20 — Council election Student assembly.
- OUR LADY OF MERCY**  
Tuesday, April 19 — Faculty meeting; room 404.



## 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 our publication date, he or she will receive \$5. This week's photo was taken at Nazareth Academy during an assembly. The person circled above should bring the clipping to Joan M. Smith, Courier-Journal, by noon, Tuesday, April 19 to receive \$5.