



Good Catch!

Photo by Susan McKinney

The T shirt says "Yankees." However, Jim Willsey's home team for the past four years has been the St. John Fisher College football Cardinals. In the above photo Willsey, a student at Becket Hall, goes up for a high one from Bill Moorby, at Becket.

St. Mary's OB

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voting to close St. Mary's obstetrical service.

Despite the fact that the number of deliveries does not reach the criterion, St. Mary's can still deliver a high quality OB service to the public at a considerably lower cost than any other hospital in Rochester, St. Mary's officials point out

It has been reported by the planning agency on several occasions that there are unneeded obstetrical beds in all Rochester hospitals. Therefore an option that St. Mary's officials feel would be a better decision for the FLSHA Executive Committee would be to decertify the unnecessary beds in each hospital rather than to close a unit in which the cost to deliver the service is the lowest

Apart from the cost issue, which is a real one, the primary issue in the question of closure is that St. Mary's Hospital is the only religious-sponsored obstetrical service in Rochester. Therefore, it is the only one which gives an option for those persons who wish to select a hospital which believes that the rights and dignity of every man must be protected and defended with the utmost care, from the moment of conception throughout the total life and death process. St. Mary's further endorses and fosters the ideals and values of family life.

To discontinue the obstetrical service at St. Mary's appears to leave out the element of pluralism in health planning, and if adopted, the people of Monroe County would be forced to accept one set of values in an important aspect of health care, which hospital officials see as a further erosion of people's freedom.

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out that every other hospital duplicates one another with offering abortions, tubal ligations and sterilization procedures as part of their obstetrical service. None of these procedures are true obstetrical services since they are directly opposed to the definition of obstetrics which is the "science or art of assisting a woman in partuition, the bring forth of young in childbirth."

St. Mary's officials cannot accept the portion of the "Guidelines for Perinatal Services" approved by the FLSHA and which state that "Any hospital which intends to provide full obstetrical coverage must provide for family planning, sterilization and abortion." St. Mary's officials point out that several regional planning agencies in the state appear to be discriminating against the obstetrical service in Catholic hospitals by making a guideline similar to this one a criterion for continuation of OB service.

Hospital officials ask those who support the continuation of the obstetrical service at St. Mary's Hospital to write to the following immediately (the meeting on the decision is May 24).

Mr. Anthony T. Mott, Executive Director, Finger Lakes Health Systems Agency, 360 East Ave., Rochester, N.Y. 14604.

Mr. John F. Everett, Chairman, Board of Directors, FLSHA, 296 Melrose St., Rochester, N.Y. 14619.

Robert P. Whalen, M.D., Commissioner of Health, Tower Building, Empire State Plaza, Albany, N.Y. 12237.

The FLSHA meeting at 4:30 p.m., Tuesday, May 24, at the Sheraton-Canandaigua Hotel in Canandaigua is open to the public.

Sister Eva Marie Dies

Sister Eva Marie Schreiner, who abandoned a career in banking to become a Sister of St. Joseph, died May 14, 1977, after a brief illness.

She was the first director of development at Nazareth College, when the office was set up in 1956, and since 1971 had been a consultant in planning and development.

The Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated yesterday morning in the Motherhouse chapel.

Before entering the religious life, Sister Eva Marie was an assistant trust officer in charge of the tax department at Security Trust. One of her responsibilities was the George Eastman estate, but that came to her by accident in an alphabetical division of accounts, she used to explain. She founded the Catholic Girl Scouts of Rochester, establishing the first troop in St. Boniface parish. She was president of the Chamber of Commerce Women's Council, of the Catholic Women's Club and the Nazareth Academy Alumnae Association, and she served on the board of Genesee Settlement House.

She prepared for her secular career at the University of Rochester and through the American Institute of Banking. After entering the Sisters of St. Joseph in 1943, she earned a BA degree at Nazareth College and an MS in guidance and vocational counseling from Fordham University. She became director of placement and vocational counseling at the local college. She was one



SISTER EVA MARIE

of the first to conduct a European tour for Nazareth students.

While director of development, Sister Eva Marie served as adviser to the alumnae association and the Nazareth College Guild, organized the Parents' Association, established an annual giving program and developed a student recruiting program

in and beyond New York State. During her second tour of duty in the department, after two years as superior at the convent infirmary, she concentrated largely on the deferred giving program, and also took an active part in the fund drive that resulted in the Otto A. Shults Community Center on campus. In addition, she worked on the congregation's financial planning. She was serving on the Sisters' finance committee and resources team at the time of her death.

She taught statistics and testing, and also study methods.

"Sister Eva Marie met many people during her banking, educational and administrative careers," a colleague noted. "Her interest in people, her warm responsiveness, her love, her quick and kindly wit made friends of most acquaintances, and those friendships endured through the years."

She was a daughter of the late Elizabeth and Augustus Schreiner. Several cousins survive.

Medievalist to Speak At Fisher Graduation

Father Edward A. Synan, president of the Pontifical Institute of Medieval Studies at the University of Toronto, will address about 350 degree candidates Sunday, May 22, at St. John Fisher College. Commencement exercises will begin at 1 p.m. on the back

campus.

Father Synan, a professor of philosophy at Toronto and a frequent contributor to scholarly journals, served as associate editor from 1956 until 1962 of The Bridge, A Yearbook of Judaean-Christian Studies.

Correction

In last week's Courier-Journal (5-11-77) several lines of type were dropped from Bishop Joseph L. Hogan's Pastoral Perspective. The paragraphs affected follow in full.

4. RELIGIOUS EDUCATION COORDINATORS AND ADMINISTRATORS: Religious education leaders have been in the forefront of renewed ministry. In the past ten to fifteen years they have accomplished much in the area of teacher training, curriculum development and organization of quality regional and parish programs. In most cases, theirs was the responsibility for updating theology in parishes and for sustaining catechists in a time of unsettling change.

5. YOUTH MINISTERS: Some parishes and regions have hired men and women to coordinate Church ministry to the youth in a given area. The training and dedication of this new breed of ministers have begun to bear fruit. Youth ministry committees of adult and youth volunteers are organizing social events, volunteer activities, retreats, etc.

DE PAUL CLINIC

Thomas J. Meagher has been elected chairman of the De Paul Clinic's advisory board. He succeeds Carroll Casey, who served three years.

At its annual meeting May 10, the board reelected Catherine Sullivan vice chairman and added four new members, for a total of 27. The clinic provides mental health service to people in the northwest area of Monroe County.


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