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The Many Pleasures Of Being a Coach

By JOHN DOSER

McQuaid athletic director Tim Jordan never took a college course in rescheduling basketball games and swimming meets because of inclement weather.

It should be offered; learning it on your own is a frustrating, irritating experience.

Besides rescheduling, inclement weather at this time of the year means snow and snow means shoveling — and considering that Jordan lives with his family near the lake in Irondequoit, there's plenty of shoveling between "rescheduling" phone calls.

"If you've got any pills for digging," Jordan moans, "I need them for my back. I'm so sick I'm going to move out of here," he adds.

But he wouldn't move until he rescheduled a couple of basketball games and swimming meets — and at deadline time there was talk of another storm coming which would affect Saturday McQuaid hockey and wrestling games as well.

McQuaid's basketball game with Edison Tech was moved three times last week because of snow, clogged roads, closed schools and whatever; it's now been rescheduled for Dec. 20.

"We were going to play Tuesday and consequently it snowed, then we rescheduled it for Wednesday and it snowed, and we rescheduled it for Thursday, but then we thought that wouldn't be fair to either team, especially for the guys in the city because they didn't have any school Wednesday and we did, although we only had six guys show up for basketball practice," Jordan says.

Another reason for postponing the game to Dec. 20 is the fact that Jordan originally didn't schedule any games that week — which is test week at the Elmwood Avenue school.

"We've always had a problem with tests and kids getting cerebral and forgetting how to play basketball during test week," he says.

Two swimming meets were also rescheduled against East and Madison, but both meets were away.

Wrestling was not due to open until Saturday, but Jordan was aware of weather reports which predicted more snow and placed Friday's basketball game, and Saturday's wrestling and hockey action in jeopardy.

"But we can't count our chickens before they hatch," Jordan adds.

Who calls who first when it becomes obvious home games or meets must be postponed?

The Edison basketball game was McQuaid's home game, so Jordan planned on initiating the first call.

"But what happened was that the city's Larry Perkins (assistant director of health and physical education for the City School District) got hold of most of the coaches; he called early in the morning and we didn't have to do the dirty work.

"Then Don Murray (athletic director at East High and City-Catholic Basketball League chairman) and I got together on the phone and talked.

"There's just a lot of phone calls to be made; then you have to contact officials and reschedule them — and then we find out some aren't available for the new date and they lose their money and then we have to take whoever we can get."

Jordan knows in advance who the designated officials are for his home games for several weeks.

Jordan also is responsible for the rescheduling for Coach John Tobin's swim team.

"But I talk to John about it; he knows the schedule

and facilities better than I do, so he took care of the East-Madison rescheduling. I also didn't have the swimming schedule at home and I would have had to wait until I got back in school."

Some of McQuaid's home swimming meets are scheduled at Nazareth College; postponement of a meet at Nazareth may or may not be rescheduled there because of other future Nazareth pool commitments.

In such cases McQuaid would reschedule the meet for the opponent's pool, but would still be designated the home team with the responsibility of paying the officials.

Jordan says his players, like the rest of the Knights' student body, probably like the snow days which result in the closing of school.

"It's an opportunity to go skiing, and it's just the idea of not coming to school. It's a real problem when the city schools close and we don't because the bus company assumes all Catholic schools close when city schools close and many of our kids were absent because there weren't any buses.

"When school ended early I had four basketball players who said they had to get their rides right after school. We didn't have any practice for a game that's supposed to be a big one for us the next night."

Jordan says another problem crops up if he keeps his players for practice before or when a major storm is brewing. Then he hears from the parents who question his sanity.

Coaches go through the same ordeals as do students and their parents when it snows. Getting home is a long and irritating process. It took Jordan 1½ hours to make it home — a normal 20 minute drive.

But that's not as bad as another coach he knows who left school at 3 p.m., and didn't get home until 11 p.m.



While practicing for the Dec. 18 concert, Cardinal Mooney students Beth Young, Carol Hyness, Debbie Deloria, Brian Porter and Karl Sanger are paid a visit by Santa Claus (a friend of Brother David Parrish). Perhaps when asked what they would like for Christmas they suggested easy mid-term exams.

Sharing Christmas Spirit

Sharing — that's what the joy of Christmas is all about. This year the Cardinal Mooney students are sharing their musical talents and material advantages as the Music Department joins the Action for People Association in presenting the Christmas Concert, Sunday, Dec. 18, 2 p.m. Admission to the concert will involve the donation of canned goods or \$50 to help prepare food baskets for area residents.

Sister Marian Dimino will direct the Concert Chorus. Their presentation will include White Christmas, Sleigh Ride and Prepare Ye from the musical Godspell. Senior chorus member Paul Alex who is a member of the 1977 All-State Concert Chorus, will be featured in the traditional O Holy Night.

The Concert Band, under the direction of Brother Edward Boyer, will perform

a selection of music of diverse moods ranging from the traditional A Christmas Festival, to a jazz version of Winter Wonderland and selections from the popular black musical, The Wiz. Trumpeters, Bill Tracy, Brian Redmond and Shawn Duffy will join forces with trombonists Rich Booth and Scott Schmid for a Badinage for Brasses.

The Christmas Story will be interspersed with excerpts from the Gospels of Matthew and Luke as narrated by senior Tony Mannion who will act as Master of Ceremonies. The chorus, band and audience will unite in a medley of traditional Christmas Carols which will close the program.

Refreshments will be served in the school

cafeteria following the program. Merry Christmas! Sandi Michaels, junior.

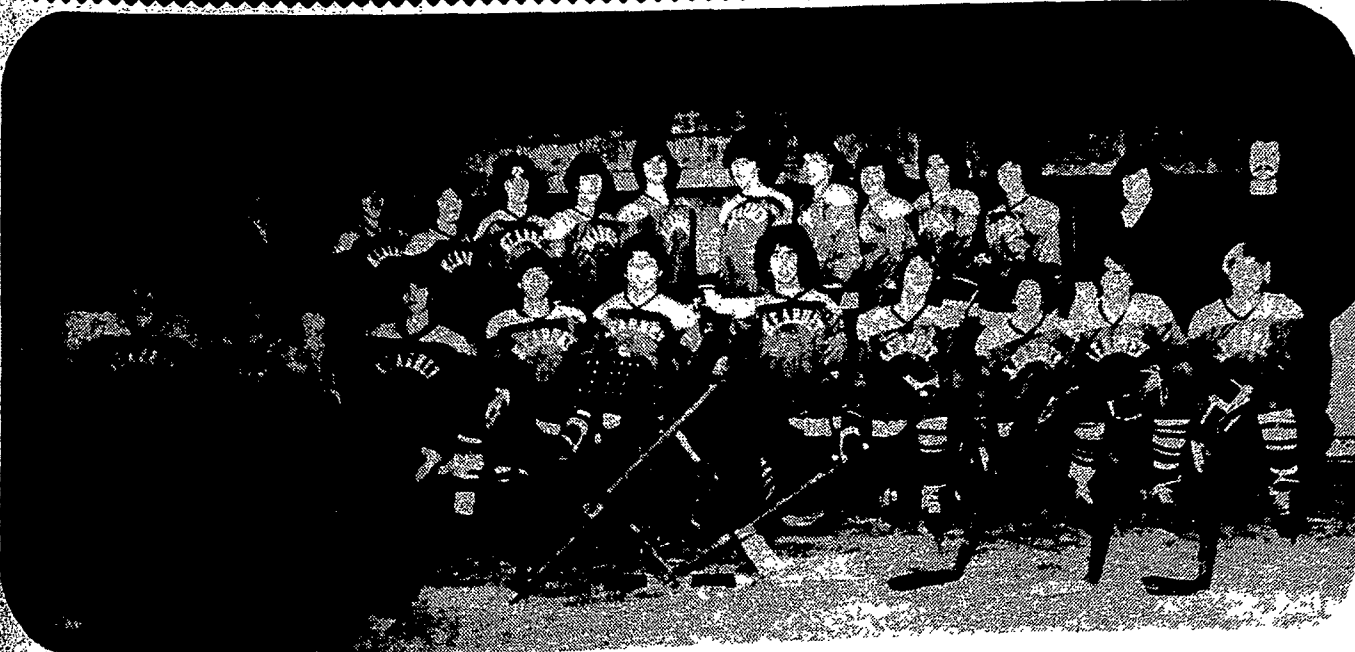
St. Agnes Christmas

One of the Merry Christmas activities over at St. Agnes High School is the First Noel parents program, Dec. 16, 7:15. The event is being sponsored by the Fine Arts Department which is combining all student talent for the presentation. Carols and hymns will be sung by the Glee Club, chorus and Chantouses Ensemble while dancing classes will perform to Christmas Carols. Art work and decorations will be by the Art Department and refreshments provided by the Home Economics group.

Winner!

Marilyn Jennejohn, a freshman at Nazareth Academy, was the recipient of the Winner's Circle \$5 for the week of Nov. 30.

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BK Powerhouse on Ice

Back row: Coach Steve MacAdam, Gerry Carges, Eric Kolb, Bill Gregg, Wayne Wilczewski, Dan Hickey, Bob Hagan, Bill Stephen, Can Cordaro, John White, Bob Rice, Mike Sanger, manager, Brother Van. In front row: Gene Wilczewski, John Metzger, Rich Plukas, Rich Verduyse, Brett Costello, Dave Paskell, Mike Geitner, Dave Fess, Ray Higgins, Whitey Gunther.

Poetry is the golden key to graceful adventure. Poetry is a respected, true form of art.

Poetry is very special to me because it is a beautiful way to express "me". With poetry I can express my feelings and moods in a personal way or proclaim to the world what I am. With poetry I can color the universe as I see it — I can paint my imagination with words. Sometimes I can set my poem to music and listen to them. Often, I write poems to tell people that I love and care for them. Many, many poems I have written to God because I believe poems are a unique and wonderful way to praise and thank Him for all He has done for me. Sometimes when I'm feeling down and out or angry, poetry is a pressure release which puts me back on the road to

happens. I can even solve the world's problems with poetry.

Poems are personal but sometimes I feel so good about a poem I want the whole world to know it. If somebody reads my poems and becomes happy I feel honored that through me God has made somebody smile.

With poetry I can fly to the highest mountain tops or dive to the mysterious ocean floor. Poetry can put me in two countries at once; can even put me on the rings of Saturn if I so desire. Even more important to me than taking a fantastic voyage, poetry relaxes me into a meditative mood. At this time I have to be alone so my thoughts can pool like water flowing into a pond. To me poetry is prayer — poetry lets me be free!