



### Double Awards

A special awards assembly was held recently at Blessed Sacrament Junior High School during which, above, Gregory Fletcher, a captain of the boys' team presented principal Sister Mary Bernadette with the trophy the team garnered as winners of the Third Annual Blessed Sacrament Basketball Tournament. At the same ceremony, Lynn Heveron, below, was honored by Paul Cloos, editor of the yearbook, for her winning title for that yearbook, "Tapestry."



### THE OPEN WINDOW



Fr. Louis Hohman

Dear Father Hohman,

Thank you for your support of Natural Family Planning, indicated through your willingness to be identified with the positive gift NFP can be for the growth of the marital relationship.

We are, however, concerned that in your article in the Courier-Journal (March 1, 1978) you seemed to put the I.U.D. in the same category with contraceptive devices. The I.U.D. does not prevent conception. It prevents implantation of the developing human being in the uterine lining and is clearly abortive. May I quote from Handbook of Abortion by Dr. and Mrs. J.D. Wilke?

"It is clear that an I.U.D. prevents pregnancy by interrupting the reproductive process prior to implantation of the (fertilized) ovum." (Page 183)

"The ultimate scientific fact that all must face and deal with is that... nothing, no bits or pieces, will be added to this living human being from the time of fertilization until the old man dies, nothing except nutrition. Each of us existed in toto at that moment, all that we have done since then is to mature." (Page 10)

"As long as the I.U.D. continues to be lumped with devices which prevent conception, women will be deluded into using it to effect the destruction of their children unknowingly.

One of the real gifts NFP has given couples is a real understanding of their own sexuality and the confidence and trust in each other that other forms of contraception interfere with.

Thank you for the openness you continue to offer and witness to in your willingness to listen.

(Signed) J.M.C.

Dear J.M.C.,

Your expression of opinion about the I.U.D. being an abortifacient rather than a contraceptive is one point of view on that particular matter. It's not so much a question of what it actually does, but rather a question, even among Catholic theologians, of when precisely the human being becomes a human being. While I tend not to agree with Father Charles E. Curran, nevertheless he is a man of great scholarship and an important theologian, and he would not go along with your approach relative to the interpretation of Dr. and Mrs. J.D. Wilke, especially as found on Page 10.

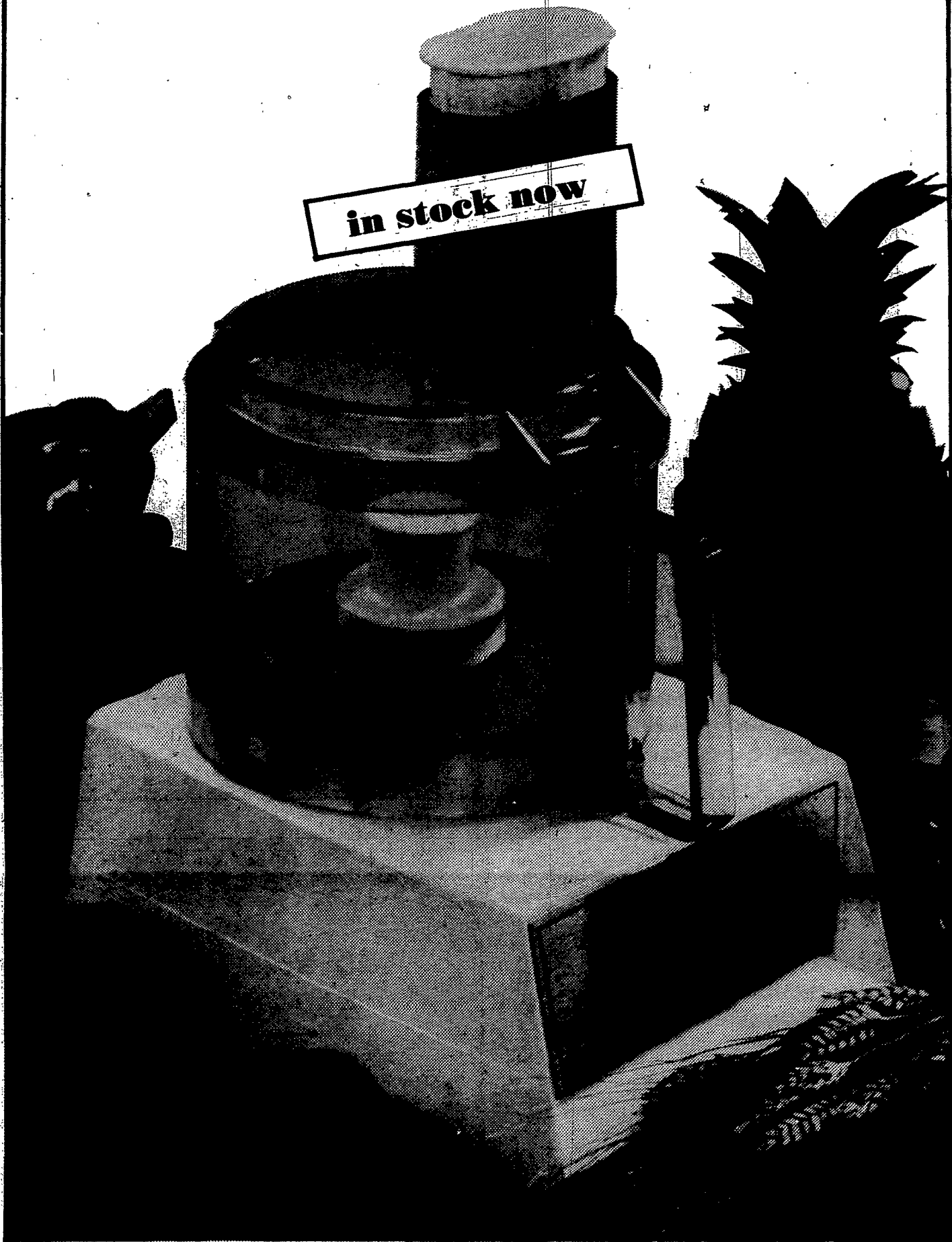
It has also occurred to me that not everyone agrees that the I.U.D. is an abortifacient. However the case may be, I personally regard it as something less desirable, to say the least. I have to presume that there are some people who in good conscience can still use it as a means of contraception. It is not up to me to disturb their consciences on the basis of the evidence that I in particular or theologians in general have in this regard.

However, I would like to reiterate my very strong inclination to be in favor of Natural Family Planning over any of these forms of contraception, especially the Pill and the I.U.D. In any case, I appreciate the point of view which you pass along and the quotations from Dr. and Mrs. J.C. Wilke which I offer to our readers for what they are worth.

In my opinion, your paragraphs on the subject are much more valuable in their assessment of the situation than the others, and I hope that people will come to realize that there's more to this whole thing than merely a stop-gap answer to the problem of consumerism in sex. I deeply appreciate your contribution.

As readers must know by now, the Rochester NFP office is in the Kearney Building at St. Mary's Hospital. The telephone number is 716-464-8705. The number at a new office in Elmira is 607-594-2380.

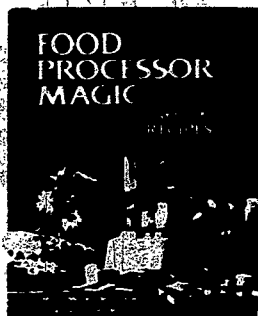
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