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## ND Coach Views His Champions

By MARTIN TOOMBS

Elmira — "This team did as well as any team we've ever had" in combining skills to become a winning basketball team, Notre Dame coach Michael Johnston said.

Few would contest his statement, coming after the Crusaders captured the New York State Class A basketball championship. Notre Dame was the only private school in the tournament's final 24 teams, and is the only such school to win a state championship, a tournament which has been reinstated after a 49 year suspension.

Notre Dame completed its stellar season with three wins in the tournament, after having failed to capture the school's third consecutive sectional championship, losing to Sidney High School. "I imagine the Lord knew what He was doing when we lost to Sidney," Johnston said after the state title was Notre Dame's, "it left a bad taste in our mouths." The result was that "we had to re-evaluate ourselves in a hurry for Clinton," the first team the Crusaders faced in the state tourney.

Clinton was undefeated entering the game, but left 67-58 losers. Notre Dame's first encounter in Rochester was with Byram Hills of Westchester County, which fell 69-68, and then they defeated Roosevelt of Long

Island in the championship game, 85-67.

Johnston noted five things that he feels made Notre Dame the championship team. The first is discipline, he said, which includes each player "doing what you can do best," taking your best shot and not a weaker one, and not attempting something that another team member would be better at.

The second most important is defense, he noted, which "is going to bring you victories and championships," as it will be there even if the team is not shooting well. "Being unselfish and hitting the open man" also is important; "this team has shown the community how the game of basketball should be played," Johnston said. The final two points are keeping fresh people in the game, and working in the off season. With the proper amount of work, Johnston said, "the ballgame will take care of itself."

He also noted that he believes in a communication process; "we try to communicate daily and weekly with the players," he explained, "so they know what we feel they can do" to help the team.

This means different things for different players. Johnston noted that for Steve Agan, it meant outside shooting and more than 10 rebounds a game; he

got 18 points and 15 rebounds in the championship game. For Carl Schiefen, it meant playing defense and working on the boards; he once got 20 rebounds during the season, Johnston reported.

From Steve Ramich, the team needed his "great floor hustle" and "tenacious defense," Johnston said, and from Jim Duncan, to "get out on the fast break, play above average defense, and get the boards."

And Lacey Fulmer — "knowing the talent he had, we expected more out of him" than the other players, Johnston said. He also noted the importance of bench strength, and the ability of such players as Jeff Sobkowski, Mike Gustin and John Kelley to fill in for the starters.

An excellent example of the qualities he stresses was the winning basket against Byram Hills. With about 30 seconds to play, Notre Dame was trailing 68-67, when they got a fast break. Fulmer brought the ball down court, and as Duncan was covered, he passed the ball to Sobkowski, who was open. Sobkowski, who had just replaced Steve Ramich who had fouled out, hit a jump shot that turned out to be the winning basket.

As for Fulmer, who last week signed a letter of intent to attend St. Bonaventure University next year, Johnston said that "it's

obvious to everybody who watched him that he could score a lot more points" than he did during the season. Named the Class A Most Valuable Player, Fulmer probably is best known for his passing. His passing ability has made the Crusader fans appreciative of a great pass, Johnston said, "that's what Lacey has given to our program," he noted, "he has made the pass" as important as the basket. "That's the way I think the game should be played," he noted.

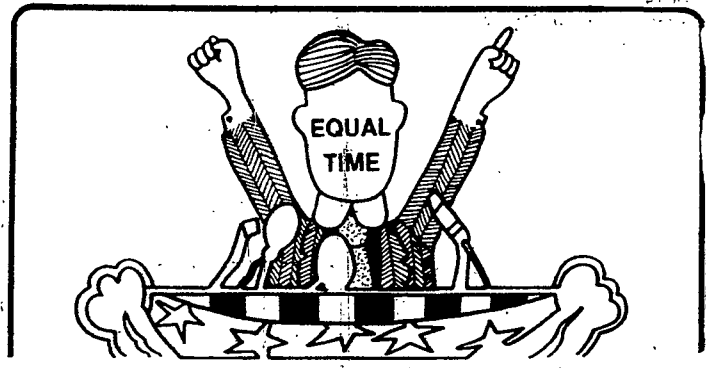
Fulmer, at 6'2", has started at guard and jumped center for the Crusaders for three years. He is considered heir apparent to St. Bonaventure's graduating Glen Hagan, a Cardinal Mooney graduate. Bonaventure coach Jim Satalin has been quoted as saying "we decided early in the year that our major need for future seasons was an outstanding guard. Lacey was our one and only candidate."

Other seniors on the team are Duncan, Ramich, Sobkowski and Kelley, names that probably will appear during the next few years in the Upstate collegiate basketball scene.

### WINNERS

Maureen Schmidt, a Mercy junior, was the recipient of the Winner's Circle \$5 for the week of March 8.

Karen Masucci, a senior at Cardinal Mooney, received the Winner's Circle \$5 for the week of March 15.



Is the Equal Rights Amendment necessary?

### NAZARETH



Sera Alfieri senior National Honor Society

"I think it is necessary. I can't see how it would hurt. I feel women's rights will be guarded better with the Constitutional Amendment. The states are beginning to recind their original passage of ERA because so many people are against it and the pro ERA people aren't offering very good reasons why it should be passed.



Cathi Lipani sophomore cheerleader

"I think it is necessary because if it is passed people will realize how important it is to women. I don't go along with all of its aspects — like everything will have to be co-educational and it will mean woman losing some of her individuality but I don't feel we should be treated inferior either. Men become hostile on the subject of ERA and try to discourage women from supporting it.



Anna Ferrara senior

"Yes, it is necessary because women need their rights spelled out — they are equal to men. There is opposition against ERA because men don't want the women to have this equality. Men feel the ERA is a threat. The women who are against women's rights don't want to be involved; they don't want to go against the male prerogative. The saying, 'A woman's place is in the home' is still a very prevalent opinion."



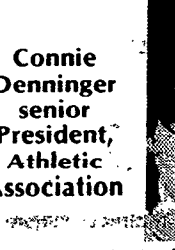
Celia Adorno senior National Honor Society

"I think ERA is necessary because there is a lot of discrimination against women; for example, maternity leaves — there are a lot of companies that won't allow the paid time off for women. A lot of people are against the ERA because some people say that if it passes then such things as restrooms will be integrated. I feel this is strictly propaganda.



Kathy Strassner senior music

"Yes, I think it is necessary. The ERA will be the symbol of equal rights for women. I think it is opposed because of the publicity it has been receiving. A lot of women want to hold back because they feel they have gained enough and don't want to venture any further. Women have gotten a lot, especially in the work field so the ERA would be more for insuring these rights, already gained, in the courts."



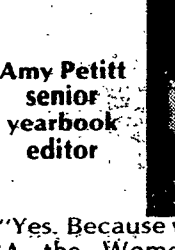
Connie Denninger senior President, Athletic Association

"I'm divided. I do think it is necessary for equal pay for equal work. I think the ERA's cause has been hurt because ERA people are afraid of losing their privacy; everything would be the same like the prisons, being integrated. Propaganda hurt the ERA. Women are against it because they fear they might lose their femininity. They feel they will have to become more aggressive in order to live up to the ERA's expectations.



Susan LaPier senior

"I think it's really necessary. The Constitutional Amendment will play the major role in women gaining their rights. They need their chance to prove their equality and it's the ERA that will give them the chance. The Women's Movement is still strong but seems to be behind the scene — other news has taken over the headlines.



Amy Pettit senior yearbook editor

"Yes. Because without the ERA the Women's Rights Movement won't go anywhere. The movement needs a strong backer — something to lean on, to insure women's rights. It's passage by many states is being recinded because the women are so used to having the men support them and of being looked after by them, they're afraid of losing this status if the ERA is passed.



A happy little sister, Lamara Morano, joins her sophomore sister, Regina, in class. To make the visitors feel at home, Student Senate members had prepared special books filled with games and puzzles for each of the little sisters.

## Little Sisters Visit High School

On March 15, the St. Agnes Student Senate sponsored a Little Sisters' Day, an event when little sisters of the students visit and explore the high school. The little sisters are not always "real" — some are neighbors, friends and cousins who go to classes, study halls, gym and lunch with their big sisters.

Roving St. Agnes reporters asked some of the visitors what they thought of the school and reported on the responses.

Mary Crowley, a seventh grader from St. Ann's, came to school with her sister Kathy who is a senior. "I like Father Cushing's office," she said, "because I like the video tapes and albums."

Kris Frediani, a seventh grader from St. Helen's, liked the gym because there were so many things to do.

Loren Garver came to school with her sister Cindy, a junior. "I like the games they play in gym classes," she said and added, "Social Studies class was good."

When asked what she thought about the day, English and Psychology teacher Mrs. Sandy Leonardo declared, "I think it's an excellent opportunity for sisters and friends to share many activities. It gives the younger girls an opportunity to see what to expect from high school and to have fun at the same time. I think it was very successful."



- AQUINAS** — Wednesday, March 29 — Freshmen vision testing.
- BISHOP KEARNEY** — Monday, March 27 — School resumes.
- CARDINAL MOONEY** — Monday, April 3 — School resumes.
- DESALES** — Friday, March 31 — IMC tour of Goulds pumps.
- MCQUAID** — Wednesday, April 5 — Faculty meetings, dismissal at 1:30 p.m.
- NAZARETH** — Wednesday, March 29 — Extended homeroom; band rehearsal, 3-4:30 p.m.
- NOTRE DAME** — Sunday, April 2 — Liturgy, homeroom 103, 11 a.m. Tuesday, April 4 — Club meetings, 8:45 a.m.
- OUR LADY OF MERCY** — April 1-2 — Parents' Association Arts and Crafts Sale. Monday, April 3 — Administration board meeting, 3 p.m.
- ST. AGNES** — Thursday, March 30 — College Bowl Assembly, 1:30 p.m. Friday, March 31 — Parents' Club Spaghetti Dinner. Monday, April 3 — Mercy student exchange.