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Equal Time

Is violence on the increase in professional sports?

AQUINAS

Mike Terrigno
junior
football



"No, not really. The news media plays it all out of proportion. If they didn't play it up so big it wouldn't be so much in the limelight. In fact, it's gotten less lately — the players have toned down since reading and hearing about it in the news."

Tom Sawnor
junior
football



"Definitely on the rise. It's played up a lot by the news lately and the referees are calling more fouls and penalties. There will be more injuries which will hurt the teams but I don't think it will be the downfall of sports. The referee should be aware of the violence and call more penalties. Hockey is the most violent sport with football a close second. The players want the physical contact and the fans like to see it."

Chris James
senior
basketball



"No, I don't think so. There's physical contact but that's part of the game and players who play know what's to be expected. I think it's been blown all out of proportion. There are individual actions but I think they're emotional reactions on the spur of the moment."

Mike Frame
senior



"I think there is definitely more violence. People are going to the sports events for the violence. All the games are a lot tougher than they used to be and everyone wants to be number one so play has become real tough. I don't think it will hurt sports because everyone goes to the games as an outlet for emotions. The players want to please the fan. The thing is to be popular so the players don't play the game for the game but for the people. I think the most violent sport is hockey."

Don Bates
junior
intramural basketball



"There has to be some violence to keep the fans interested. It depends on which sport you're talking about. In football and basketball physical contact is necessary whereas in baseball and tennis there isn't any. The public definitely expects the physical contact. The isolated incidents of violence are more emotional reaction reactions than intentional."

Ron Walsh
junior



"Yes, there is more violence not only because the news plays it up but also due to the rivalries between the teams. One player hits another and the whole team decides to go after him. I think the more violence the bigger the crowd because people are attracted — they like to see violence. I think hockey is the most violent of the sports."

Tom Mancarella
junior
football



"It is increasing because of public demand and basically the American public likes to see violence. If it goes to extremes it will ruin sports. You have to have physical contact and most sports have the potential for violence. If you join the sport you have to know what to expect. Fines and suspensions would probably stop it somewhat but illegal violence is always there."

Tom Tierney
junior



"Yes. A lot of sports are getting out of hand and the fans thrive on the violence. Sooner or later it's going to lead to a player being seriously hurt. Some drastic measures will have to be taken — heavy fines, suspensions. The solution should be handled in the athletic leagues not in the civil courts. Hockey is very violent."

Band Fashions

Members of Nazareth Academy's Concert Band are sporting a new uniform which includes a blue blazer, white blouse and dark blue slacks. It will be worn for concerts at other schools and on day tours. The formal concert uniform of white blouse and long black skirt for the girls and the regular Aquinas band uniform for the boys will be retained for more formal occasions.

Forthcoming concerts will be at Our Lady of Mercy Elementary School and Sacred Heart Cathedral School, May 10. The musical score will include "Star Wars" and "Rocky"; "Fiesta of the Charros" from the Symphonic Suite for band, "Viva Mexico" by John Morrissey and "Hootenany", a folk festival for band by Harold L. Walters.

Speech Winner

Aquinas senior Larry Latvala is a busy and successful young man on the oratorical scene. During the weekend of April 1, he won the third round of the Knights of Columbus Oratorical Contest and will now advance to the New York State competition in New York City.

In explaining the oratorical rules, Larry noted that the maximum time for a speech is five-minutes — the minimum, four; the speech has to be memorized and the same one used in each round of competition. The energy crisis was this year's topic.

Besides his oratorical interests, Larry is editor of the yearbook and is on the Maroon and White's newspaper staff. He will

attend the American University in Washington, D. C. to pursue studies in political science. From there it will be on to law school.



LARRY LATVALA



Jim Christner, Class of '80

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Off to Europe

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