

# Around Rap Around Rap Around Rap Around

## DeSales Saint Holds Key To Future Basketball Success

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Iowa State, St. John Fisher, Ithaca, Nazareth College, Geneva, DeSales senior and basketball 1978 Class D Section 5's Most Valuable Player, Jody Lavin. Though naturally excited about these colleges knocking at her door, Jody maintains a low profile. She is a quiet, confident young woman who is easy to talk with and unassuming about her popularity. She knows her sport, her potential in it and her expectations. But like her fellow seniors she is experiencing the pre-graduation trauma — what about the future?

started their first girls' team. During her years at St. Stephens, Dundee Central and finally at DeSales, she developed a quickness and accuracy in shooting which carved her a solid spot as guard. Throughout her years in the sport, Jody has closely watched the change in women's athletic play and is definite about her evaluation. "Women's skills are improving," she acknowledged. "A few years ago you wouldn't have seen a 20 foot jump shot, now you do."

She's just as adamant in her opinion about co-ed competition. She doesn't see women playing against men

because of the strength differences. She does, however, foresee a time when women will have their own professional league.

Besides her title of Most Valuable Player, Jody was voted to the Finger Lakes League All Star Team for three years running. This year, her team not only won the Section 5 Class D title, but the Finger Lakes League Class D title and also the regular season title. And though her shots have been phenomenal, 51 in the semifinals against Lyndonville, she gives credit to her teammates.

"Everyone worked hard,"

she declared, "and we've been playing together since grammar school."

In talking about her game performance Jody indicated it's a matter of treading a thin line between becoming psyched up or psyched out. "You have to go into the game with a good attitude," she said.

Jody isn't complacent about her expertise. She readily admitted to weakness. "Right now," she explained, "it's in the upper body." To correct it, she has been working out with weights for the last year. Her strength she said, was in her rebounding abilities.

For those interested in playing basketball she advised hard work, discipline, a good attitude and proportioning of time — and time is a commodity which Jody has learned to use to her advantage. Besides her career on the courts, she runs independent track (220-440), plays soccer, is on the Student Council, National Honor Society, staff member for the yearbook and school newspaper and will be appearing in the May musical. And with all this, she has maintained a B plus average throughout her four years at DeSales.

In talking about her scholarship offers, Jody pointed out that women's athletic opportunities have come a long way in the last five years. "I would never have had the chances four years ago," she noted. And then with an incredulous

smile she quietly added, "I'm waiting to hear from Yale."



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It's a question Jody hasn't sorted out yet because as she put it, "I like so many things it's a difficult decision. There are so many career objectives to look at I don't want to rule anything out." Of course, no matter what career area she decides to pursue, basketball will be an important part of her next four years.

Her interest in basketball began when she was in the sixth grade and St. Stephen's

### Spring Recess

During the Spring recess, 39 Nazareth Academy juniors visited New York. The tour was planned by Social Studies teacher Sister Petrina Trybalski who accompanied the students along with Sister Mary Ann Brunett and Mr. and Mrs. Nick Legonelli.

The group had a busy time touring the United Nations, Statue of Liberty, Empire State Building, New York Stock Exchange, St. Patrick's Cathedral, Chinatown and Central Park. They also found the time to shop along Fifth Avenue and attend a Broadway show.

### DeSales Play

May 12-13

The students from DeSales High School will present "You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown, May 12-13. The play is directed by John Englert, music teacher. His assistants are Doreen DeSain, French and English teacher and Kathleen Rourke, English teacher. Stage manager is senior Maria Koebel and lighting supervisors are juniors Jay Bowen and Mark O'Donnell. Two casts have been chosen and include: Tom Ninestein, Tim Driscoll as Charlie Brown; Robyn McWilliams and Holly Cortelyou as Lucy; Chris Lynch and Paul Quartaro will play Linus; John Eddy and Dan Ninestein as Schroeder; Linda Ninestein and Cathy Augustin as Patty; Allie D'Amico and Dan Cooke will share Snoopy's part; Pippen will be played by Chris Colizzi. Students from St. Stephen's grammar school will be featured in the chorus along with DeSales students.



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