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Joe Fox and Dave Zimmer congratulating each other on the honors they received from the Notre Dame Club.

ND Club Honors Zimmer and Fox

Aquinas junior David Zimmer was chosen as the Notre Dame Club's Junior of the Year and Aqu alumnus Joseph Fox, (class of '32) was honored as Man of the Year. The presentations, a \$100 bond for Dave and a plaque for Fox were presented by Michael Widener, chairman of this year's selection committee.

Fox is chairman of the Board at Champion Products Company. He was actively

involved in the promotion of the Notre Dame-St. Bonaventure game, which was played at the War Memorial in January.

Dave is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Zimmer (Class of '48). He ranks in the top 2 per cent of his class, is a member of the Student Council and plays football and boxes. After high school graduation, Dave plans to attend the University of Notre Dame and major in civil engineering.

St. Agnes Writers

St. Agnes students, Sonia Pascoe and Sheila Cuby, were published in the April issues of *Communicade*, a community newspaper. Sonia wrote about her work in school radio and her efforts in securing a third class broadcasting license for public radio announcing.

Sheila submitted an article about fellow classmate, Diane Davis, who has been accepted for the 1978 "Who's Who in Music". In her article, Sheila disclosed that Diane was senior class president, worked with the school's energy committee and will graduate with a music diploma.

Essay Winner

Nazareth Academy senior Susanne Johnston was named a winner in the 1978 statewide essay contest sponsored by the State's Office of Advocate for the Disabled. High school juniors and seniors were eligible to submit an essay designed to increase student awareness of the problems confronting the disabled and community efforts to remove barriers.

Mooney Athletes To Lose Friend

By JOHN DOSER

"If you want a great humanistic story about a grand lady, get in touch with Sister Mary Ruth Gilligan who will be leaving Cardinal Mooney High School this year after 15 glorious years."

"She can take you through its infant stages when the school was struggling for its identity, right on through the 'hay' day years of Glenn Hagan, Tony Shaw and Virgil Cotton."

The above anonymous note on school notebook paper prompted a call to Sister Mary Ruth, an English teacher at Mooney.

She was polite and agreeable, but obviously embarrassed that someone should write such a note to a newspaper.

She agreed to talk on the telephone for a few minutes, provided she wasn't quoted directly.

She said she wasn't trying

to be difficult, she simply preferred not to be publicized in the newspaper.

Later she modified her position by asking that she not be quoted.

Sister Ruth is a popular teacher among her students despite a health problem which doesn't make her job any easier, a colleague explained.

"She's been doing the job under tough physical circumstances," the colleague said.

Sister Ruth's personal and voluntary involvement with Mooney athletes including Hagen, Shaw, Cotton and Ken Boddie made the difference, many people feel, between their staying and not staying at Mooney.

She gave athletes and others special attention, not only inside but outside the classroom. Specifically, her counseling and concern with the athletes made a great difference and she eventually became the close friend and confidant of Hagen, currently the St. Bonaventure University basketball star.

"She was like a mother to him," her colleague said. "She helped him over some very rough spots."

Many of her former students — and practically all whom she took, more-than-average interest in as athletes — keep in touch with her and whenever they revisit their Alma Mater, Sister Ruth is the first person they go to see.

Her classes at Mooney have put her in touch with

some 1500-2000 students and she agrees it's impossible to remember all the names — but it only takes one name to ring the memory bell and send a flood of "I remember" incidents into the conversation.

Sister Ruth has become over the years a familiar face in the stands, whenever Mooney is playing football, basketball, baseball. She admits she hasn't followed the Cardinals' boys' or girls' sports accomplishments as much as she would have liked in the past few years because of health problems.

She's never done any coaching of athletes or cheerleaders but she quickly points out Sister Marlene McQueeney as the person responsible for Mooney's Section 5 championship cheerleading squad.

Sister Ruth has been a Sister of Mercy for 37 years and was stationed at Owego, St. John's of Rochester, St. Thomas and St. Salome's prior to Mooney. She's leaving Mooney to take a teaching position at Our Lady of Mercy High School.

She repeated she didn't want publicity, and she hated to appear obnoxious about it, but that's the way she felt. She asked us not to use any quotes — absolutely no quotes — she said.

Would she send out an arrest warrant if we wrote the story anyway without any direct quotes?

"Of course not," she answered.

But you didn't get that quote from us.

Sports Who's Who

Editor's note — Readers are invited to mail brief news items for this column to: Who's Who, 51 Boxwood Lane, Fairport, N. Y. 14450.

Several Rochester names among the state's top runners according to the New York State Sports Writers Association include Aquinas' Randy Benjamin (10.0 in the 100 dash), McQuaid's Vau Grattet (39.9 in the 330 intermediate hurdles) and the McQuaid foursome of Craig Rice, Grattet, Chris Cantabene and Rich Price.

Monroe High did forfeit that controversial track meet to McQuaid, throwing the City-Catholic Track League into a three-way tie for first place with Bishop Kearney.

McQuaid coach Bob Bradley, whose Knights won the first two relays against Monroe before the Red Jackets waltzed out of a three-way meet which included Franklin, says he wants no part of a shared championship.

He says the league should declare the championship vacant for the season because two of the three top teams didn't run against each other.

While John Sullivan of Kearney and Mike Testa of Cardinal Mooney were battling each other in the City-Catholic Sectional Qualifier mile, Franklin

junior Dalton Dixon slipped across the finish line first with a 4:28.6 to win the event.

Aquinas' Jeff Huber did 51.4 in an anchor leg of the Little Irish mile relay and came back later to win the Class AA 440 with a 51.2 and Kearney's Dan Callan sat out the entire meet with a foot injury — he was expected to apply for exceptional entry status to the sectionals.

Cardinal Mooney's Rich Booth threw a perfect game at Franklin in the Cards' 4-0 C-C baseball victory.

Booth fanned 12 of 21 batters, raised his won-loss mark to 8-1, and helped Mooney gain its 16th win in 19 starts.

A senior right-hander, Booth credited teammate Rich Eichas with making a backhanded catch on a blooper to right field to save the no-hitter.

Mooney Coach Ed Nietopski says it's only the second perfect game he's seen in high school ball in 20 years.

Jim Brown, who won a hockey scholarship to Notre Dame, slammed a single, double, triple and homer good enough for three RBIs as Aquinas downed Monroe, 7-2.

The Irish took over top spot in the C-C loop with a Memorial Day 4-3 win over Mooney at Aquinas. Alex Borrelli knocked in

two runs and John Kage accounted for another to give pitcher Lonnie Kaccka his sixth win in seven decisions. The Cards fell to second place.

Mooney's 10-1 win over Kearney featured a four hitter from pitcher Joe Mazzeo and three RBIs each from Greg Egan, Len Rizzotti and Larry Keenan.

Chris Kuth's two run sixth inning single helped Aquinas over McQuaid, 4-3.

McQuaid's John Ryan equaled par 70 to capture the Section 5 individual golf title at Wellsville Country Club.

The City-Catholic League took third place behind champion Monroe County and runnerup Finger Lakes.

Ryan was among nine Section 5 golfers in the state meet last weekend at Ithaca.

Romolo Celli and Tim Cahill of McQuaid lost to Franklin's Mike Harold and Paul Waida for the City-Catholic League tennis doubles title while Tom Hartzell of McQuaid topped Rob Fagan of Mooney for the Class A title in the C-C sectional net qualifier.

NAME DROPPING — Red Wing play-by-play announcer Pete Brown is back home from a heart attack last month.

He says jogging didn't prevent the attack but it gave him the strength to reach the hospital in time.

Mike Shoniker (ex-Mooney) doubled to help give Monroe Community College a 1-0 lead but the Tribunes dropped a 6-3 National Junior College Athletic Association World Series opener to defending champion Yavapai. The Tribes were eliminated from the series in the next game by losing to Iowa Western, 14-9, with Shoniker hitting another double and knocking in three runs.

MCC, coached by Dave Chamberlain, finished the season with a 25-4 record.

Terry Diehl (ex-Aquinas) hiked his pro golf earning to \$8,030 according to last week's PGA money standings.

Jim Harrington (ex-Mooney) will have to reapply for last year's varsity basketball coaching job at Greece Athena along with Don Brown, who has coached varsity basketball at neighboring Greece Olympia for many years but who was transferred to Athena, effective this Fall.

Neil Moore, (ex-Mooney) placed third in the 800-meter run for Fredonia State in the recent NCAA Division 3 championships at Grand Rapids, Michigan. His time was 1:52.65 and he won All-American status for finishing among the top six.

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