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Equal Time

Do you think Valentine's Day is as popular as ever?"

NAZARETH

SHARON NEU
Senior
yearbook staff



"I think it is. It's much more popular now. It has become more commercialized with the selling of candy, flowers and cards. The day gives you a chance to show that you appreciate others. I send out valentines and I want to wish my family a Happy Valentine's Day."

ANNA VELLA
Junior
athletic association



"I think it's the same. It gives lots of people (say the shy ones) a chance to talk and express their sentiments. It gives people a chance to show their appreciation of others. Happy Valentine's Day to my parents."

KIM ST. GEORGE
Freshman
ski club



"Yes I do. It's still popular with the little kids who have their parties. It's a day to tell people you care about them. The day gives people a chance to tell others they are appreciated. I want to wish all the people I know a Happy Valentine's Day."

BETSI VARGO
Junior
Spectrum staff



"I think it's as popular as it has always been. It's a time people get together for caring and sharing. The day brings out the best in people. I still send out valentines. Happy Valentine's Day to my family and boyfriend Buddy."

GINA AMORESE
Junior
cheerleader



"I do. At least it is in our family. We still give each other little gifts and I send valentines to friends and relatives. It's a day you get to tell them you care and haven't forgotten them. I love picking out the cards and giving them to people. Happy Valentine's Day to the Holy Cross basketball team, The Bombers!"

VIRGINIA SPINOSA
Senior
Future Secretaries Club



"I think it is. It gives people a chance to show their caring for each other. I also think commercials about buying candy and cards motivate people to become involved with the day. I do think it's worthwhile because it gives you a chance to show others that you care. Happy Valentine's Day to my family and boyfriend."

LISA LANZILLO
Freshman
Spectrum staff



"Yes and I like the day. I definitely think it should remain a special day. It gives people a chance to express their feelings about each other without feeling funny. Once in a while I'll send out valentines. Happy Valentine's Day to all my friends — especially Bob, Al, Mike and Craig."

ROBIN COUNCIL
Junior



"Yes. I think the day should be kept so people can share their feelings by sending out cards. I still send out valentines. It's the grammar school kids, though, that get a kick out of the day. I want to wish a Happy Valentine's Day to Nelda."

Determined Lady Cards Focus on Defensive Play

By **TERRANCE J. BRENNAN**

Ed Nietopski, grandmaster of area high school basketball coaches, calls the girls' varsity basketball team at Cardinal Mooney just a "bunch of bandits" because the only way they are going to win a game is to rob somebody of the ball.

An that's all right with Kathy Krenzer, their coach, because her basic philosophy is to stress defense to increase the productivity of her not-so-potent offense.

"I tell my kids that if you want to play, you've got to be a good defensive player," Krenzer said. "I'm basically a defense-oriented coach. I figure if they can play a good defensive game, then the offense will come around."

So far this year, Mooney has won only two of its first six games. At the moment it's a far cry from last season when the Cardinals won 16 games and lost only four.

Krenzer cites graduation as the big reason for this year's temporary about-face. Four starters were lost including Mary Ellen Hart, who led Mooney to the Sectionals title two years ago.

"Our key to losing is inexperience. We have four seniors, three juniors and five sophomores this year," Krenzer said.

"Last year we went with six players who all had regular playing time. A lot of these kids never even played last year. Sure, they saw action in games that weren't especially close, but the pressure of the situation wasn't there."

But this year, they're the only ones out there on the court and there's no "old hand" to give the ball to in time of crisis. Krenzer claims the man-to-man defense and overall hustle helps the team over some rough spots.

"I try my hardest to play as tough as I can," said Maureen

Kretchmer, as a junior and stalwart on defense.

"I think that defense is how much you want the ball and how much you want to hustle. Coach is always saying that if you want something, you have to put everything you have into it to do it right; and, if you want a basketball, then you have to go get it. She's constantly telling us to never give up."

Krenzer insists that any success attained thus far is due to a complete team effort. There is no one ball player to take control and give the team the consistency it needs.

In a recent game against Bishop Kearney, the Cardinals used their balanced scoring to defeat the Kings. Mary Ellen Heindl had 13 points, Maureen Kretchmer had 11 and Michelle Miller chipped in eight.

"Now, when we go into

another game, I can put five entirely different players out on the court. We just haven't got one set combination that's going to start every ballgame yet," Krenzer said.

"We're really team-oriented. Everybody's a star on this team," said Kathy Boughton, senior. "We had a lot of talent last year and we've got a lot this year, but it's harder to bring it out."

"My goal with this group of kids, because they're so young, is just to get to the Sectionals," Krenzer said. "We know we're not going to go 16-4 this year. We know we won't be favorites in the Sectionals, but we'll try our hardest to win."

"We simply want to play each game and keep improving. Hopefully, we'll keep on maturing and get the confidence that just hasn't been there."

BK, Mooney Take Top Art Awards

The 37th Scholastic Art Show, on display in Ward Gallery, Sibley's downtown, will be open to the public until March 3. The judging of the junior and senior high school entries has been completed and one top award, the Kodak Medallion of Excellence in photography, went to David Mallory of Cardinal Mooney High School.

From there it was a Bishop Kearney sweep of blue ribbon Key Awards: Frank Sciarone for watercolors; Brian Manning, pencil drawing; Geri Gallagher, mixed media; Debbie Welker, photography.

Winning in the red ribbon category were Kathleen Browne, Nazareth Academy, for printmaking; Katie Coyle, Our Lady of Mercy, pencil drawing; Deborah Whalen, St. Agnes, pencil drawing.

At the junior high level, Evelyn Cammarano from St. Ambrose walked away with the Top Junior Award and also a blue ribbon for ink drawing.

Talents Needed

Nazareth Academy parents and teachers will present their first talent show, May 4, 5, 6. They have selected excerpts from the Broadway hits — Fiddler on the Roof, Camelot, The King and I and Man of La Mancha.

Interested parents are invited to try out for singing roles on Sunday, Feb. 11 at 3 p.m., or Feb. 14-15, 8 p.m.

A successful production needs more than performers — people to sew costumes, build sets, find and care for props, work on publicity and apply makeup. Volunteers may contact the school, 458-8583.

Sports Who's Who

Aquinas, trailing 21-17 at the half, rallied to defeat Harley-Allendale-Columbia, 50-31, in City-Private Basketball League action. Lonnie Kaczka was high scorer for the Little Irish with 15 points.

In their following game, Steve DiLaura, Gary Huether, Bob Magee and Kaczka all scored in double figures to lead Aquinas to a 75-56 win over host Marshall.

Tim Lanpher scored 16 points and Bob Keenahan and Eric Simmons added 13 and 11, respectively, to help Cardinal Mooney break a four-game losing streak with a 57-42 win over visiting Edison Tech.

In girls' basketball, Mercy (5-0) remained

unbeaten in the Private-Parochial League with a 72-11 win over St. Agnes at Mercy.

In other action, Cardinal Mooney raised its record to 2-4 with a 50-44 win over host Bishop Kearney. Mary Ellen Heindl was high scorer for the Cardinals with 13 points. Sue Hanss scored 16 for the Kings.

McQuaid wrapped up the City-Catholic League Division 1 swimming title and won its 102nd straight dual meet by defeating Charlotte, 56-27. Neil Brophy, Marty Mahoney and Mike Tuite each won two events to pace the Knights. It was the ninth straight year McQuaid has won a league swimming title.

McQuaid wrestlers (4-0 league, 9-2 overall) clinched a tie for their sixth straight City-Catholic League title with a 32-16 victory at home against Madison. Phil Lanzatella and Tyler Owens recorded pins for the Knights.

GRAD-NOTES — Glenn Hagan (ex-Mooney) was the hot hand for the Rochester Zeniths in a 127-118 home victory over the Anchorage Northern Knights in Continental Basketball Association action last week. Hagan made 13 of 16 from the field and 4 of 6 from the foul line good for 30 points as the Zeniths raised their league-leading record to 23-9.

Jody Lavin (ex-Geneva DeSales) scored 32 points

to lead the University of Rochester Yellowjackets (7-6) over Cornell, 61-57, in intercollegiate women's basketball action last week.

Terry Diehl (ex-Aquinas) finished tied for 54th place, 13 shots behind the winner, Lon Hinkle, in the Bing Crosby National Pro-Am Golf Tournament last week in California. For his finish, Diehl earned \$687.

Nick Urzetta (ex-Kearney) scored 20 points to pace St. Bonaventure over Providence College, 59-51, in college basketball. The Bonnies record is now 13-5 and makes them the probable opponent for Syracuse University in the ECAC Upstate Region basketball playoff in a few weeks.

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