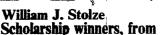
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left; Laura, Julie, Ann and Lucy.

Academic Awards

Our Lady of Mercy High School has announced its 1979 academic scholarship winners

Laura Rhoads, St. Ambrose School and Julie Taddeo, St. Cecilia's received the four year (\$1,400) William J. Stolze Scholarships. Lucy Gotham, St. Mary's School, Canandaigua and Ann Whitmore, Blessed Sacrament Junior High each won the four year (\$1,000) Stolze award.

Susan Haefner, St. Rita's school, West Webster, received an \$800 scholarship.

Scholarships in the amount of \$400 were awarded to Lynnette Allis, Schroeder Junior High, Webster; Karen Brankacz, St. Joseph's, Penfield; Elizabeth Hoffman, St. Ambrose; Amy Keenen, Our Lady of Lourdes;

Deborah Ragus, St. John of Rochester, Fairport; Kathleen Killeen, Kathleen Quinn and Barbara Wilmot, St. Louis, Pittsford; \$200 scholarships were received by Annmarie Daane, St. Thomas More School; Roberta Faustoferri, St. Joseph's School, Penfield; Jennifer Swayze, Blessed Sacrament. These scholar-ships were determined by a student's performance on the entrance exam, a special creative writing exam and two letters of recommendation submitted by the applicant.

The Alumnae Association awarded four scholarships (\$200 each) to daughters of life members of the association. They included: Rebecca Bird, St. Thomas More; Karin Eckert, Norwood Middle School; Christine Noeth, St. Louis School and Mary Tobin, St. Margaret Mary.

ND Sister-Coach Happy With Basketball Team

Elmira — Sister Nancy Kelly is proud of Notre Dame's girls basketball team but she points to things other than their record to illustrate her point.

She lauded the fact that this year's squad "played as a team," and maintained excellent team spirit throughout the year. Her experience coaching this year's team has left her "looking forward to next season," she commented.

"I think we should have a good season next year;" she said, hesitated, then added "I know we'll have a good season," and further stated that she was not speaking of a won-lost record.

The team was 8-6 this year, losing in the second round of the sectionals to a previously undefeated team, after having led most of the game.

The lady Crusaders are no strangers to sectional play as they won sectional titles in 1976 and 1977.

The five starters were most

responsible for this year's success, sister said.

Senior Jean Burke was a "tremendous ball handler and playmaker," she noted, a "real leader on the court," and averaged 10.5 points per game.

Carol Carosico, a good rebounder," averaged 12.5 points per game. "Carol has a lot of natural ability," sister said; "she's a junior and will be back next year."

Elaine, a senior, was much improved this year, and contributed to the team by scoring key baskets.

Beth Ayotte, a junior forward, was a "silent but deadly player" who was "there when you needed her," she recounted. "She's worked and it shows."

Senior Alice Tierney, the center, "used her height well," she said.

"Those five were really key for us this year," Sister Nancy said; "they played well together." A graduate of Ithaca College, Sister Nancy is in her second year at Notre Dame as a physical education teacher and coach; previously she was at Mercy High School.

Competition in girls basketball has improved, she commented, and the talent is more even; the "teams were very consistent this year," she said, and it was difficult to predict winners.

The improvement results from several factors, she noted, including the fact that the girls are "taking advantage of basketball camps" in the summer, and are working on their game out of season. Playing sports is becoming "a more popular thing for girls," she commented.

She also credited, the junior varsity programs as improving the quality of play. She noted that Sister Mary Walter Hickey, Notre Dame's principal, has been the JV coach the past two years, and this year compiled a 7-2 record with eight freshmen and two sophomores.

While the level of play is improving rapidly, Sister Nancy sees other developments that are more troubling.

Girls basketball is becoming increasingly "pressurized," she noted, and that has caused a loss of sportsmanship.

She also wonders if the pressure being exerted by the girls team coaches to add sectional and state tournaments is too much for the fleding programs. She noted that many of the coaches are men who were trained to coach boys, and they have little respect for the girls' rules, which sister said she thinks are superior in some ways to the boys' rules.

She also noted the paradox in that school administrators who say they have no more money for sports programs are approving additional games and state tournaments.

State tournaments mean more losers, she noted, asking "is it worth the heartache we put the kids through."

St. Agnes Gives Awards

St. Agnes has awarded eight scholarships to incoming freshmen. They are: Kimberley DeYoung, Good Shepherd School, Guardian Angels parish; Kathryn Fishel, Gates-Chili School, St. Pius X parish; Christine Glavin, St. Pius X School; Pam Hise, Gates-Chili, First Baptist Church; Margaret Mangan, Our Lady of Lourdes; Christine Morgan, Holy Ghost School

up more than one-third of the City-Catholic League allstar team selected by the Rochester Times-Union. Neil Brophy was chosen swimmer-of-the-year. Also representing the Knights

McQuaid swimmers made

swimmer-of-the-year. Also representing the Knights are: Mike Tuite, Marty Mahoney, Henry Rohrer' Jeff Talbot, Tom Byrne, Matt Bowers, John Norton and Paul Swift,

Brophy has accepted a partial scholarship to attend

Clemson University next fall. Brophy holds the City-Catholic League record for the 100, 200 and 500 yard freestyle events. He was Section Five and state 500 freestyle champion this year.

Sports Who's Who

McQuaid runners Peter Glavin Chris Koller and Andrew Huggins made the finals but didn't place in their events in the Memorial High School Relays in

Teaneck, N.J. Huggins ran a 4:30.8 mile, Koller a 9:40.8 two-mile and Glavin a 9:44.3 two-mile. Huggins and Glavin registered personal best times.

Members of the Private-Parochial Girls' Basketball League all-star team announced by the Rochester Times-Union are: Marian Rhodes and Michelle McGuire of Cardinal Mooney, Michelle Miller and Anne Murphy of Mercy,

Joanne Wedow of Nazareth, Megan MacKenzie of Bishop Kearney and Joan Carroll of Harley-Allendale-Columbia.

GRAD-NOTES — Ken Boddie (ex-Cardinal Mooney), of Cornell University, set a stadium record of 23 feet, 6½ inches in the long jump as Cornell crushed Colgate University, 154-20, in a

college track meet last week at Colgate.

Glenn Hagan (ex-Cardinal Mooney), scored 26 points and added seven assists to help the Rochester Zeniths to a 159-138 victory over the Anchorage Northern Knights in the opener of the Continental Basketball Association championship playoffs. Hagan led the Zeniths in shooting percentage, making 11 of 12 shots from the field.



Winners Circle

Rap Around weekly will run a photo of a group of students taken somewhere in the diocese. One person will be circled and if that person brings the clipping to the Courier-Journal before noon of the Tuesday following our publication date, he or she will receive \$5. This week's photo was taken at Bishop Kearney during nuch. The person circled above should bring the clipping to Joan M. Smith, Courier-Journal by noon, Tuesday, May 1 to receive \$5.



Great Service

Michele Gullen, Mercy sophomore, and Joseph Titus; a senior at McQuaid, won the Spina Bifida Association's 1978 service award. The honor was presented for their efforts in coordinating a Dance Marathon which contributed greatly to the organization, Joe cochaired this year's marathon which was held April 6-7 at St. Joseph's parish hall, Penfield.