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School News Year, 1979-80

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"Summertime and the living is easy..." so goes the song and those easy days came to an end last Wednesday when I joined Cardinal Mooney freshmen on the first day of school, I'm excited to be back on the beat putting together another banner year for RapAround. All the RapAround standbys will be back in next week's issue — Winner's Circle, Equal Time, On-The-Go, Speak-Out, Sports Who's Who. The staff will also be in full swing; myself, Joan M. Smith, editor; Terrance Brennan, sports writer and photographer; Susan McKinney, photographer, plus the student coordinators (pictured) who are the communication link between the news desk and their respective schools. It is through their efforts that the happenings in each school are a part of RapAround.

School calendars already cover my desk and if their information is any indication of the activity going on — we will all be kept hopping until June. Just a sample of what the school year holds — Chocolate Drive in September at Nazareth; Share, Prayer & Care Day, Sept. 14, Cardinal Mooney; Energy Assembly, Sept. 12, St. Agnes; Benjamin Day, Sept. 21, McQuaid; Kearney Karnival, Sept. 16-23, Bishop Kearney; Dinner-Theater (Funny Girl), Sept. 21,22, Aquinas; football, Sept. 14, DeSales vs. Dundee; Field Day, Sept. 21, over at Our Lady of Mercy; and a 25th anniversary celebration at Notre Dame High School down in Elmira.

These events are just the tip of the iceberg — there are student community service projects, dramatic presentations, debating endeavors, Christian development, academic achievements, musical enterprises as well as individual student features and you'll be able to read all about them when RapAround starts its full reporting, Sept. 19.

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Girl Saints Planning Exciting Season

"When are we going to get started?" agonized soccer captain, Carla Stajura.

"I can't wait!" declared fellow captain, Alison Venuti.

"New uniforms and our own field!" rejoiced Rose Ann Consolie another captain of the team.

"We've been waiting four years for this season," confided Debbie Hickey.

This year is the culmination of hopes for the four seniors who began the Geneva DeSales girls soccer program as freshmen.

With the coming of Fall the 1979 season begins for the girl Saints and there's an anxiousness in the air and optimism in the hearts of the girls as they wait for it to begin. This year's optimism is justified by the return of nine starters from last year's team and substitutes who have been game-proven and who will be seeking starting positions this season.

In addition to wings Consolie and Venuti, inside forewards Kathy Augustine and Lori Anastasi return with two years experience each. Pushing them will be returnees Ellen Cooley and Patty Chizinski. In addition to Hickey and Stajura, starters Lorrie Bero and Francine Hughes return and vie with Kris Bimbo, Barb Hennessy, Marge Sollonne and Steph Spano for halfback positions. There is one starter returning at fullback, Michaele Boncaro, who will be challenged by returnees, Robyn and Sheila McWilliams, Karen McLaughlin and Michele Rago. The key spot vacated by graduate Tina Lorsong is the goal which Boncaro, Trish Riley and Trisha Lorsong will vie for. Newcomers Carol Deal, Carol O'Neill, Ginger Iannopolo and the new freshmen will need to find positions.

"In addition to the return of so many" said three year coach Mack Spellecy, "belief in self, discipline and determination are the other key ingredients in the hope of success."

BK Karnival Features Sky Diving

Bishop Kearney High School is back in full swing and will be hosting the Kearney Karnival, Sept. 16-23. Scheduled events include an opening day Mass in the school foyer, Sept. 16, 10 a.m.; general workers meeting, Sept. 17, 7:30 p.m.

On opening day, Sept. 20, there will be a varsity soccer game between BK and John Marshall at Marshall, 3:30 p.m. A band concert on the BK athletic field will open the festivites at 6:15 p.m. and there will be a sky diving show, (weather permitting), at 6:30 p.m.

On Friday, Sept. 21, the grounds will open at 6 p.m. with a sky diving show scheduled for 6:30 p.m. On both Saturday, Sept. 22 and Sunday Sept. 23, the karnival grounds will open at 1 p.m. with amusement park rides operating 1:5 p.m. Karnival ends at 10 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 23.

Aquinas Escape Artist

Aquinas senior Vince Mancuso, alias Vindini could become a name in the Guinness World Book of Records. At least the application has been forwarded to the organization with the statistics regarding Vince's 16 second breakout from a straight jacket on Aug. 18 at the first annual Guinness World Book of Records Fair held at Cobbs Hill. According to Vince the closest Guinness entry is a 1978 straight jacket escape in 18.8 seconds which was accomplished by a man dangling from a helicopter over an Indianapolis lake.

Vince also does his share of high escapes — hanging upside down from cranes. In fact he will be performing this type feat as the main attraction during the bike rodeo, Edgerton Park, Sept 29. On that day he will attempt to escape the straight jacket while hanging upside down at 100 ft., and handcuffed.

His interest in the art of illusion began six years ago when he received a kit for Christmas, "and that's what started it," he laughed. At the moment he keeps busy with his act, entertaining at parties, banquets and has appeared at the Dome Arena. He intends to pursue the art professionally, and his plans include attending Geneseo State College to take drama.

Photos by Susan McKinney

Clockwise, from upper left, Mr. Mancuso straps Vindini (son, Vince) into straight jacket. Then the struggle begins and voila! success!