

Rap Around Rap Around

MVP Vote Goes To Mooney Soccer Star

By TERRANCE BRENNAN

At 5 feet 2, Mary Graham is living proof that biggest does not always mean best — and according to the voting by Private-Parochial Soccer League coaches last week, the Cardinal Mooney junior is the best — she was chosen as the league's Most Valuable Player.

"I'm really surprised," Mary said. "Each team had so many good players that I never expected this."

Her coach, Joette Abbey, however, had her in mind all the time. "Her speed, ball control, and the way she fakes around opposing fullbacks makes her an excellent all-around player," Coach Abbey said.

Mary's statistics are impressive. She played the wing position on the front line. In 14 games, she had seven goals and 12 assists, often feeding teammate Debbie Wagner, a striker, for many of her team leading 12 goals.



MARY GRAHAM

"My job," Mary explained, "was to work the ball in to the forwards, not to score."

"Mary has a fine attitude on the game," Coach Abbey said. "I've even had referees come up to me after games and tell me what a nice player she is."

Mary also involves herself

with two other sports — volleyball and basketball. In volleyball, she explained that she was a hitter. At 5 feet, 2 she obviously has great leaping ability.

Aside from her athletic prowess, Mary is also the sports editor for the Mooney yearbook, Apogee, and is an excellent student. She tentatively plans to follow a course toward a career in the sciences.

"Mary is everything you would want in a soccer player," Coach Abbey said. "She's very unselfish. Overall, we're very excited for her. I don't recall there ever being an MVP in girls' soccer from this school."

Being a junior, Mary might feel extra pressure to perform comparably in her final high school year.

"I feel the pressure now," Mary said. "I hope that by the time next season comes around, I'll be able to handle it."

Music Students To Appear

Every year, outstanding music students from city and area high schools are selected to form a band, orchestra and mixed chorus for the New York State School Music Association All-State Festival. Four Nazareth Academy students have been chosen to participate in this event at East High School, Nov. 14 p.m.

Mary Beth Stone will play the violin in the orchestra; Elise Scullin will play the French horn in the band, and Mary Ellen Fitzgibbons and Denise Barone will be members of the chorus.



On the BK Stage

In above photo, the BK thespians go through rehearsals for "Stardust" which will be performed on Nov. 16-17, 8 p.m. The leads will be played by Ann Adams and Bill Graff. Others in the cast will include Ann Conheady, Barb Dineen, Jamie Divine, Heather Fredericks, Lucy Hung, Ruth Kester, Joe Lanzafane, Michael Malone, Bob Nicosis, Patty O'Keane, Patty Owens, Tom Petronio, Lore Roman, Tammy Sharpstone and Mike Szatkowski. The stage crew is headed by Brother Reidy.



Winners Circle

RapAround 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 Aquinas during a concert. The person circled should bring the clipping to Joan M. Smith, Courier-Journal, by noon, Nov. 20 to receive the \$5.



Old Time Show

Nazareth Academy senior Kathy Browne will play the heroine Millie Blossom, and junior Jenny Giardina, the villain, Courtney Kenilworth in "Her Fatal Beauty" one of three classic melodramas to be presented on the Nazareth stage, Nov. 30, Dec. 1 at 8 p.m.



Human Development

Mrs. Mary Bryant, director of volunteers at Monroe Development Center, will be one of three speakers at the St. Agnes Human Development Week assembly, Nov. 15. Above, she discusses opportunities for volunteer work with (sitting) Wendy Peevey and Paula Fevri; (standing), Angela Bus, Dawn Lewis, Christine Morgan and Robin Finn.

Aquinas Offers Basketball Forum

A basketball clinic, for fifth and eighth grade boys, will be in operation at Aquinas Institute on Saturdays, Nov. 24, Dec. 1, 8, 15 and 22 from 9:30-11 a.m. Instruction will include rules interpretation, floor drills and the development of basketball skills. Instructors will be Anthony Ferrara, varsity basketball coach; Richard

Pillitter, junior varsity coach; Steven Wells, freshman basketball coach.

The fee per student is \$4 and will cover the cost of a clinic shirt that can be used as admission to any of the Aquinas varsity home basketball games. For further information or to register in these sessions, call Anthony Ferrara, 254-2020.

Aquinas Card Party

Aquinas is having its annual card party, Saturday, Nov. 17 in the cafeteria, 8 p.m. The evening will include a gift favor for each person, table snacks and beverages with a buffet served at the end of the evening.

For those wishing to play at school, tickets are \$3.50. Price for those people playing at home is \$2. To make reservations call Father Ed Heidt, 254-2020, or Mrs. Carol Coletti, 458-9611