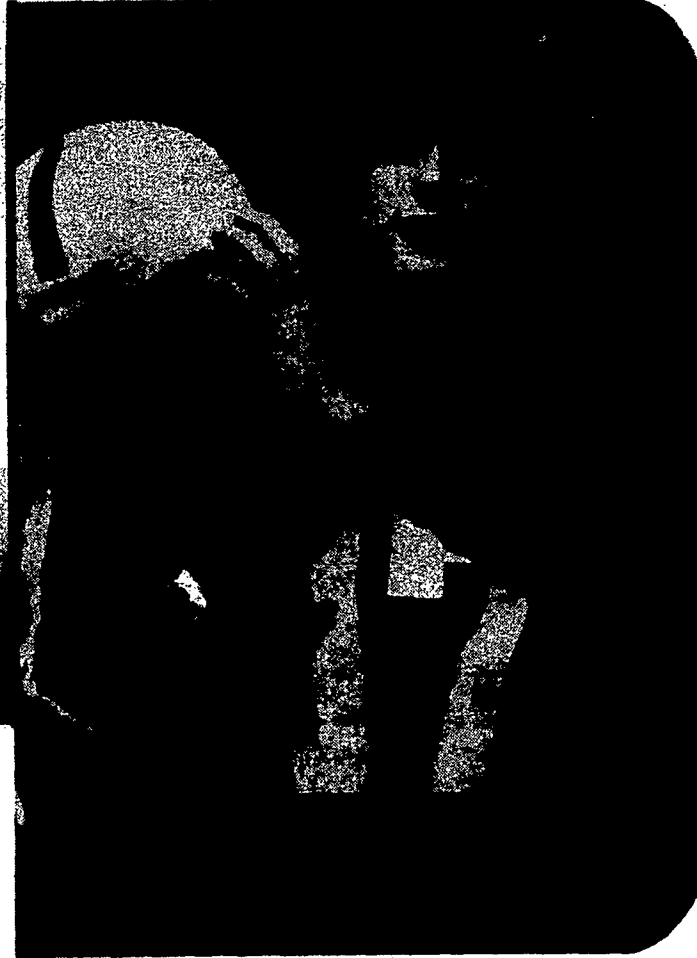


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Graduation is fast approaching but these young gentlemen haven't ceased their activities. Kevin will be a soloist in the Christmas Concert. Ed practices for his upcoming speech to be given at the University of Pennsylvania, and John hasn't turned in his football equipment yet.

Aquinas Students Agree on Merits of Discipline

By Joan M. Smith

Aquinas seniors Kevin Lynd, Edward Gala and John Loiacono have pursued different interests during their high school years but are agreed on their philosophies: pride in their endeavors and that discipline, whether demanded on the athletic field, musical stage, or speaking platform, is the basis for achievement.

John's interest in football started early when as a youngster he played in the Pop Warner League for the Irondequoit Indians. On arriving at Aquinas it was a matter of course for him to make the Little Irish football team, playing quarterback and defensive tackle.

"You learn to take orders," he said of his game ex-

periences under coach Nick Teta. The discipline, he said, "has given me a good sense of leadership and comes in good stead in everything you do."

And John does a lot. He's been involved in the school community since arriving as a freshman, not only on the football field, but the baseball diamond, and has served as a Student Council representative. Being involved, in his estimation, breaks up the monotony of the daily school routine, and he advises students to investigate the various activities offered and participate in what interests them.

In view of the widely held impression that athletic regimentation is the epitome of discipline — Kevin and Ed had something to say about that.

"The discipline is just as strenuous," explained Ed who is captain of the school's Forensics team and added, "The will to be a good orator takes as much determination and stamina as in any other activity."

"To be good you have to be dedicated just like in sports."

Ed's affiliation with forensics, now under the direction of David Moore, has been a diversification from the classroom regimen, and his interest in oratory came when he arrived as a freshman. He'd heard about the club, attended one of its meetings and has been hooked ever since.

According to Ed, the competition aspect is the biggest thing in forensics. "You're forced to learn to

compete," and he explained that this competitive spirit overflows into attitudes about school work.

Ed's proud of his team's accomplishments, especially the team's placing 7th nationally, last year. But the memories he'll take with him when he leaves Aquinas won't be so much of the congratulatory backslapping after the victories, but the comradeship and spirit in consoling one another after the losses.

Then there is the discipline required of a musician. Whether it is a Leonard Bernstein, or a Don Czapinski, Aquinas band director, a conductor rules with an iron domination. It is his musical creativity that molds musicians into a cohesive orchestra or band. And given

musicians tendencies to play music according to their own ideas, the discipline can be frustrating.

"It's difficult," observed Kevin, "to play the way and what the director wants."

He enjoys being in the band and considers it a morale booster for the school, motivating student spirit during the field shows and school concerts.

A memorable occasion for him was the band's trip to Toronto last year where they performed for elementary schools and at the Science Center. Being in the band, however, is demanding, especially time-wise. The after school practices usurp other activities; a situation that necessitates the planning of time.

"You have to schedule yourself," noted Kevin, and he seems to have done a good job of organizing his. While maintaining his position with the band, he is also on the Maroon and White newspaper staff, layout editor of the yearbook, and on the forensic team.

And in all this, they can't forget their education. "It's difficult to keep up academically," said Kevin, "but it's a challenge." A challenge that all three young men will continue with in their future education. John wants to pursue engineering and is thinking of Bucknell University; Ed intends to take courses in communications at either Fordham or Syracuse University; and Kevin also intends to take courses in communications at Syracuse.



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 Bishop Kearney during an assembly. The person circled should bring the clipping to Joan M. Smith, Courier-Journal, by noon, Tuesday, Dec. 18 to receive \$5.

Football Saints Make All-Stars

Six DeSales Saints have been named to the first team of the Finger Lakes West All-Star team. Leading the pack are Bob Taney and Tim Driscoll, two of only three players in the league to be named as starters on both offense and defense. Taney, (6-0, 185), took two end positions, while Driscoll (6-0, 195), was named offensive tackle and defensive linebacker. Bill Maher took first team running back and second team defensive safety, while Frank Sroka was first team offensive guard and received honorable mention as defensive linebacker. Skip Edwards, (6-0, 220), was named first team defensive tackle while Rich Evangelista was named first team defensive safety.

John Eddy was named to the center spot of the second

team while Bob Bucklin was named second team defensive linebacker and received special mention for his running abilities. Other Saints receiving special mention were Bill Kane at offensive tackle, Matt Peters at defensive tackle and Chris Bruno at defensive end.

Receiving honorable mention on offense were quarterback Fausto Gentile and running backs Kevin Taney, Tony Cannuli and Mike Iannopollo.

Four players and the coach also received special mention for the greater Rochester all-star team. They were Bob Taney, Tim Driscoll, Bill Maher and Bob Bucklin. Coach Harry Furman who guided the Saints to the Section V Class C title was given special mention.