

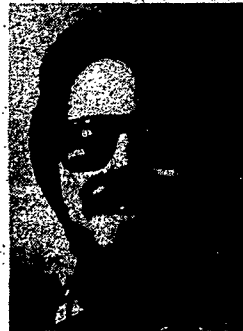
RapAround RapAround



Anniversary Memories



Jim Redmond, Cardinal Mooney class of '75, has extended his talents from RapAround coordinator and Crest (Mooney newspaper) editor, to the daily journalism field. He's on the regional reporting staff, (Steuben Bureau), for the Rochester Democrat and Chronicle.



His interest in journalism goes so far back that he is unable to pinpoint exactly when it began — although he did admit there was also a time he wanted to be a fireman. In fact, during his years at Mooney, Jim served with the Northeast Fire District as a dispatcher and driver, but the journalism bug had bitten him. "It's a license to be nosy," he laughed.

After graduating from Mooney, he went to St. John Fisher, graduating last June with a BA in communications-journalism. During his years at Fisher he was a member of the school's radio staff and editor of *The Pioneer*.

In the summer of 1978 he interned on the Post-Journal in Jamestown, N. Y. Before that, he did a different type of internship — worked with the New York Senate in Albany, and government intrigues him. In fact, one of his long-range goals is to cover the state legislature. The other is to someday move into the Metro section of the D&C and cover city and county governments. Why the interest in politics? "It has a great impact on peoples' lives," he answered.

There's no doubt Jim enjoys his profession — it's evident in the way he discusses the professionalism and the challenges of the field. Seven months on duty and his journalistic contributions have included the Caledonia fish hatchery kill story, Letchworth State Park rescues, plane crashes.

"You get to do a lot of things other people don't," he said and told about going into Attica Prison to cover an inmate graduation story, and the time he stood at the base of the Mt. Morris dam, which ordinarily is 171 ft. underwater, but the gorge was empty for housecleaning.

Jim prefers in-depth stories and has covered one about the Genesco potato farmers. The feature took six days of combined research and writing. "I now know more about potatoes," he said.

In discussing the molding of his career, Jim credits his junior year journalism class at Cardinal Mooney where he learned the necessary basics in lay-out, and his teachers at St. John Fisher, who as members of the journalistic world, were his motivation. Like his fellow coordinators, Jim's view of life is enthusiastic, he hasn't turned cynical, and looks toward the future with high hopes.

Pat Hartleben gave RapAround one of its first memories. When the section first was launched, RapAround visited each of the schools to speak to the students about the project. Nazareth Academy was first on the agenda and RapAround had been given time during an assembly. There were 600 students in the audience and RapAround was more nervous than the students waiting to perform the skits — but then there was Pat introducing RapAround, saying in perfect Ed McMahon style, "Here's Joanie..." The chuckles were enough to ease the hysteria.



Pat still has that same pleasant sense of humor and though she takes life as it comes, even the fact she landed on a stuck elevator on her way to the interview, admitted that when she first left high school she found everything mindboggling. "I never knew there were so many things that had to be done — so much responsibility," she said.

But she didn't lose contact with Nazareth. Her sister graduated from there last June so Pat was kept informed about the school and the changes, especially in the uniform area. Pat remembered having a strict dress code to follow but now it's not so rigid and she commented that slacks are now optional.

She misses the people at Nazareth and fondly recalled the times Sister Dorothy Ellen would track her down to get stories into RapAround. Other memories she has of Nazareth are that everyone cared about each other like a big family, and the school spirit when "everyone pulled together on the chocolate drive."

Her advice to those in high school is "Try as hard as you can and don't get down on yourself," and she further emphasized, "Be careful of the attitude 'they're out to get me' because that attitude will make it the worst four years of your life."

In discussing her future, Pat said she would like to move back West. The family lived for a time in Albuquerque, New Mexico and she remembers it as a great place. In the meantime, she is enjoying her job at Clover Pools, Inc., playing softball for their team, bowling, alpine skiing, learning judo, and taking guitar lessons.

When asked about confronting the world these last five years she laughed, "I'm still in one piece, and I've learned a lot."

Of the nine original coordinators, **Tom Rosica**, of Aquinas Institute was with RapAround the longest. He was a sophomore when tapped on the shoulder by Father Albert Gajleris, then principal, to assume the coordinator job that he stuck with until he graduated in 1977. Over the years Tom has kept in touch. Every so often a postcard arrives from LaBaule, France where he has spent the last two summers studying with students from all over the world; the first summer on a scholarship from the International Lions Club, and the second on an invitation to return as an assistant director of cultural affairs.



Tom will graduate from St. John Fisher this year with a BA in French and a minor in secondary education. At present he is in his apostolic year (first year of teaching) with the Basilian Order and recently completed his student teaching at Aquinas. How did he feel about being back at his alma mater on the other side of the desk? He admitted that coming home last summer from France he was nervous because he was to start teaching immediately, but, he thought things over and formulated a philosophy. "If a teacher is going to help the students," he said, "it boils down to loving the kids."

"If you go in with an attitude of being an adversary, you'll accomplish nothing. If you go in with a positive attitude you can move mountains."

Tom has always had a positive attitude — his commitments and achievements prove it. While at Aquinas he managed to be everywhere — on the student council, the Arête staff as copy editor, in the 10th Ward Courier with his column, "What's new at Aquinas", in the St. Ambrose CCD program, and on the community service scene at St. Ann's — and with all this he never missed a RapAround deadline.

He enjoyed his stint with RapAround explaining that it allowed him to meet other kids. He agreed with fellow coordinators that, "It provided a good community spirit between the schools."

Tom's involvement hasn't diminished with the years — if anything it has increased. On the day of the interview, he dashed in from a surprise party given him by his AQ students, and afterwards, was off to play Santa Claus at Sibley's.

What is Tom's attitude about life? "It's what you make out of it," he said, "You can't resign from life but you can design it."

Speaking Out

By Christian Cameron
McQUAID

It has been some time since we've been awakened from our insulated cocoons and shown the international scheme. America is usually rudely awakened moments before she is shoved into some military limelight from which she must pull herself together through the united exertions of her citizens. Unfortunately, events (and wars) move so quickly now that "united exertions" will not cut it with corps of computer-banks backing all sides. We may never know who got us this time, or even how many. Most of us will never know whom we shot at, if we even fire at all.

Americans have reacted to our Iranian troubles with the same calm that a panther might demonstrate when he is awakened from a content, food-enriched sleep. Many Americans, remembering the old bombing days, suggest that we should "nuke 'em into the Stone Age."

Aside from the fact that most Iranians wouldn't have to fall far to hit the Stone Age, we would effectively obliterate both our best source of oil, and our own citizens being held hostage. It might do us good to remember that we are no longer in a position to destroy anything without reprisal. If humanitarian motives aren't enough to keep us from destroying our fellow human beings (and it is humorous how fast humanitarianism succumbs to that ever flouted virtue, patriotism), we should keep in mind the political ramifications of any military actions we choose to take. It may be that we are incapable of fighting a successful brush-fire war, after our first debacle... and come what may, no section of America (political, social, or military) can bear another Vietnam.

We, as Americans, feel justifiably outraged by the news of an Iranian takeover of our embassy in Tehran. Many consider violence to be the answer to our

problem; that we should threaten (or use) force, be it blockade, airpower, or even our nuclear capability. Perhaps it is time to re-evaluate our objectives.

Americans tend to pride themselves on their "civilization", expressed through flourishing universities, abundant wealth, and an ease and freedom of communication unsurpassed. Most Americans also view themselves as Christians; that is, persons who believe in Christ, his actions, and his words. Strangely enough both "civilization" and Christianity appear to decay on the national level. While personal revenge is both anti-social and certainly anti-Christian, it appears that national revenge, involving the destruction of the lives and property of persons guilty only of supporting Iran's latest religious leader, is perfectly acceptable. This tastes of a double standard that we regretted after Vietnam — or did we?

ROJAC Reps Named

St. Agnes student, Regina Fitzgerald, and Mercy juniors, Kathy Deisenroth, Debbie Zakrzewski and sophomore Mary Jo Behl, have been nominated to attend the 1980 Region One Junior Achievement Conference (ROJAC). The girls were selected through a testing and interviewing process and will be among 1,200 delegates from a 13 state area.

ROJAC is a three day conference to be held at the Rye Town Hilton, Port Chester, New York, Jan. 18-20. The program will include business workshops, discussion, product contests and officer elections along with extracurricular activities like tennis, swimming, basketball, and volleyball.

Winner

Kevin McCarthy, a student from Notre Dame, was this week's recipient of the Winner's Circle \$5.



The Aquinas Scene

In above photo, Father Dan O'Shea offers Mass during a recent Aquinas junior, senior retreat. The day included several talks by Father, a movie on world hunger and group discussions. Below, during ceremonies at a Rochester Zenith basketball game, the Zeniths honored two Aquinas coaches. A commemorative plaque was given by Paul Cross of the Zeniths (on left) to Nick Teta, football coach and Richard Pillitter, basketball coach.

