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# Crusaders Finish 22-4

By Martin Toombs

Elmira — Notre Dame's basketball team came up two points short against Lyons in the regional championship game March 22 at the Rochester War Memorial, and three days later Coach Michael Johnston still was feeling the affects of the 46-44 loss.

Although not favored in some quarters to win their league championship much less achieve the success they did, the Crusaders finished the year with 22 wins against only 4 losses, and won the school's fourth Section 4 championship in the past five years. The year the team didn't win a sectional title, 1978, was the year they won the state championship.

In the game against Lyons, the Crusaders were down by as many as 11 points during the second half, but fought back and took a 40-38 lead in the fourth period. The game was tied at 44 with only 15 seconds to play on a foul shot by Ron Tryon, but a pair of free throws by Lyons' Kenny Kemp sealed the Crusaders' fate.

But looking back over the season, Johnston admitted that at the beginning of the year he didn't really know how good the team would be. The leading rebounder and leading scorer from last year had graduated, and none of the returning players had averaged in double figures last year.

"This year these people worked themselves into a good team," he said. "They accomplished far beyond my expectations."

Keys to the season's success were the seven seniors, he noted, who will be sorely missed next year. Probably most significant was the contribution made by senior Gary Vecellio, who hadn't started last year, and stepped in this season to lead the team in scoring with 15 points a game, and added eight rebounds.

Another important contributor was Jim Schiefen, another senior, who averaged 12 rebounds a game. Senior Bill Crandall stepped into the lineup at guard this year, and contributed good defense, Johnston said, always guarding the opposing team's top guard.

John Farr and Ron Tryon also were important to the team's success, he noted, and along with other players, contributed by taking up the slack made by the team's several injuries this year.

Other team members were seniors Tom Tierney and Robert Kelley, juniors Joe Ransley, Marty Fennell and Dan Sullivan and sophomore Dave Agan. Sophomore Ed Farr will return next year with the experience he gained as a member of the varsity during the playoffs.

The key for next year, Johnston said, is for the returning players to learn from what the seven seniors accomplished this year — learning to work together to form a winning team.

Johnston did have some criticism for one facet of the school's experience of playing in the regional playoffs. He expressed an impatience with the questions he gets as to

why Notre Dame doesn't play in Class A in the playoffs.

Johnston's explanation is simple. Notre Dame is not a Class "A" sized school, and has only 412 students in grades 10 through 12. It would be "unjust to us" to be forced to play larger schools in the championships, he said, and unfair to the players.

Notre Dame plays the Class A schools during the regular season, he noted, for two reasons. First, the schools in the area are larger than Notre Dame, and in order to play schools its own size, more travel would be required.

Secondly, the tough competition prepares the team for the sectionals, he said, noting that he tries to schedule the team against competition that will challenge the players.

Johnston agreed that the pressure the school receives to play larger schools in the championships is a problem that any private school with a successful program has to face.

## BK Musical

On the BK stage, April 24, 25, 26 at 8 p.m. and Sunday, April 27, at 2 and 8 p.m., the musical comedy "Pippin" will be presented. Tickets can be obtained by calling the school, 342-4000.

## Winner

Alice Groton, student at Lady of Mercy, was the recipient of the Winner's Circle \$5 for the issue of April 2.



## 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 St. Agnes during assembly. The person circled should bring the clipping to school office to be forwarded to Joan M. Smith, Courier-Journal, by noon, Tuesday, April 22, to receive the \$5.



Lisa Wasnock, Cardinal Mooney senior, has received the 1980 Rochester Institute of Technology Outstanding Freshman Scholarship Award.

## The Way it Was April 16, 1975

Father William C. McCusker, SJ, director of counseling services at McQuaid, received the Award for Outstanding Contribution to Guidance in Catholic Schools. The honor was given by the National Catholic Guidance Conference.

DeSales senior Dan Knight was putting the finishing touches to a huge mural, depicting a commercial jet, on one of the

classroom walls.

Aquinas sophomore, Frank Petrone, composed a folk Mass that was performed at St. Anthony's.

Bishop Kearney students were rehearsing, under the direction of Brother T.C. Severino, for "Camelot." Kevin Morton and Tom Florak were cast in the lead of King Arthur. Cindy Frowley and Mae DiNardo alternated as Lady Guenevere.

## Sports Who's Who

Some 3,800 fans jammed into RIT's Ritter Memorial Ice Arena to see McQuaid (21-1) successfully defend its Monroe County High School Hockey League championship, a 3-2 overtime victory over Irondequoit (18-5). Mark Howard scored two goals, including the winner 44 seconds into overtime, and Mike Lortie added one to avenge the Knights' only loss of the season. The Indians had edged previously unbeaten and state-ranked McQuaid, 6-5 in overtime, in the state tournament qualifier three weeks earlier. Knights' goalie Jim Herzog was named the game's most

valuable player. He made 28 saves, including 13 in the final period.

Dave Albee and Todd Dawes each scored two goals for Aquinas but the Little Irish (14-6-2) lost to Pittsford Sutherland (13-9-0), 5-4, in the consolation game of the county playoffs.

Aquinas football coach Nick Teta and Jefferson basketball coach Jack Foote were awarded trophies in recognition of their coaching achievements over the years at a recent state Coaches Association meeting at the Concord Hotel in the Catskills.

Cardinal Mooney is among six schools that are

finalists to receive the Tom Emmanuel Sportsmanship Award, based on the conduct of their fans, cheerleaders, players and coaches. The other schools are: Barker (Genesee Region), York (Livingston County), Gates Chili (Monroe County), Romulus (Finger Lakes) and Red Creek (Wayne County). The Cardinals are the representative from the City-Catholic League.

GRAD-NOTES — Senior Rich Salamone (ex-McQuaid) has been named co-winner of the 1980 Bucknell University Wrestling Sportsmanship Award.



LORRIE VASILE

## Soph Wins Award

Lorrie Vasile, sophomore at Cardinal Mooney, has won the Junior Tape Recorder contest for the accordion that is sponsored by the American Teachers Guild. Her winning tape was sent to the European contest and she placed fourth in the competition.

Lorrie, who attends Mother of Sorrows parish, has been playing the accordion for 10 years and says the daily practice "teaches me discipline." She has shared her musical talents with the school by participating in the Gong Show and is also a member of the school's chorus and ski club.

## Nazareth Senior Wins Merit Award

Elizabeth Hinkelman, senior at Nazareth Academy, will receive a 1980 Eastman Kodak Company Merit Scholarship Award. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hinkelman of 348 Ripplewood Dr., Greece. Her father works at Kodak Park Division.

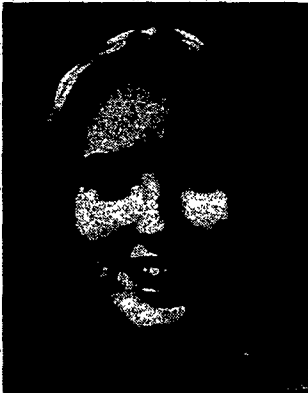
Elizabeth has received several Red Cross certifications, has been active in the Girl Scouts, is a member of the National Honor Society, is news editor of the school newspaper, a member of the choir, and has performed in school musicals. She plans a scientific writer's career after graduating from St. Lawrence University, Canton, N.Y.

Kodak scholarship finalists

## Jeff Weston Banquet Guest

Jeff Weston, lineman with the New York football Giants, will be the special guest speaker at the fifth annual Manufacturers Hanover Greece Athlete of the Year Banquet Thursday evening, May 8, at Mother of Sorrows Church Hall.

The top male and female athletes from Greece, as



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qualify on the basis of test scores, academic records, leadership and extracurricular accomplishments. Elizabeth is among 24 high school seniors, sons and daughters of Kodak people throughout the U.S., who have earned awards ranging from \$500 to \$3,000 annually.

selected by a panel of coaches and athletic directors, will be awarded \$1,000 scholarships by the bank.

Tickets for the roast beef buffet dinner, sponsored by the Mother of Sorrows Men's Club, are \$6 and may be purchased at the Mother of Sorrows rectory.

## Short Takes

Aquinas Institute has slated two sales. The first is a garage sale set for this Saturday and Sunday in the gym. The event, sponsored by AQ parents, will feature housewares, small appliances, furniture, books, antiques, art, plants, clothing and baked goods. Chairperson of the event is Mrs. Leaf Spinelli. Contributions to the sale are welcome. Contact: 865-5622.

The second event is a Book Fair, running through the week of April 21 on the second floor of the school. Paperback books of all types are being displayed. Sponsors are the library staff, Mrs. Carol Coletti and Ms. Christine Denk.

Nazareth Academy seniors recently celebrated their "100 days before graduation," a special day which included breakfast, cake at lunch, and special pleasantries given them by faculty and students throughout the day.

Bishop Kearney students are going into the final stages of preparing for their production of the musical "Pippin," under the direction of Brother Mark Cavanaugh, CFC, and Jim Young. The comedy about the son of Charlemagne will run April 24 through 27.

St. Agnes High School will

be treated to a fashion show by its black students on Thursday, April 17.

DeSales in Geneva will stage a new production of the Cole Porter smash musical "Anything Goes," April 18 and 19 at 8 p.m. in the high school's auditorium. Included in the melodies of the show are "You're the Top," "It's Delovely," "I Get a Kick Out of You," and, of course, the title song. The production is under the direction of John Englert. Tickets are available at the school office. In light of last year's crowd-attending the school's production of "Godspell," advance purchase of tickets has been recommended.

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