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No Football for DeSales

By Terrance J. Brennan

Because of what has been called a "numbers problem" by principal Edward Tracey, Geneva DeSales High School has cancelled its 1980 varsity football season.

The Saints have not totally dropped the program, however. The school will compete on the junior varsity level this year instead, then plans to return to a varsity schedule next season.

"We were going to field a team," Tracey said. "There was no deception. We did have a fairly good nucleus for a team but they just didn't come out for the team."

The decision for the switch came about shortly after the first scheduled practice when a minority of upperclassmen turned up for workouts, including only four seniors.

The total enrollment at DeSales is only about 200, of which 85 are boys. Spread that number around four classes and it's a miracle that the school can field a team at all. Yet Tracey quickly pointed out that the total

numbers weren't all that much different last year.

"It's just that last year's graduating class was very strong athletically," Tracey said. "We knew it would hurt us to lose them."

Tracey noted that 15 boys graduated from last year's sectional championship team (9-1 record), leaving this year's duties upon a mostly inexperienced crew.

Tracey added that the majority of the players this year are freshmen and sophomores. He felt it would be unfair to bring them in under varsity conditions right now. Thus, the switch.

The only remaining problem for DeSales was to arrange a JV schedule on short notice. But Romulus recently dropped their junior varsity program, and now the Saints will play their schedule.

New Teachers At St. Agnes

Miss Kathleen Mahoney is teaching theology at St. Agnes. She is a graduate of the University of Toronto, in religious studies, and has taught at Bishop Kearney High School. During the past summer, she was a sailing instructor at a boys' camp in Michigan.

Mrs. Lee Faber Haines is teaching social studies. She has a BA from St. Bonaventure University and taught for a year at Chenango Forks Middle School. She was married on July 5.

Miss Kathy Patrick is the health teacher. She received her BS from Brockport. She spent one week this summer, camp counseling.

Mrs. Mary Lou Knapp, math teacher, has her BA from Nazareth College and has done graduate studies at Nazareth College and at SUNY, Geneseo. She has taught junior and senior high school for several years.

Miss Yvonne Lewis, an alumna of St. Agnes and a June graduate of Nazareth College, is the piano teacher.

Schools Offering Fitness Opportunities

It seems that most high school students find gym a chore, yet it is a requirement — a 16 credit requirement in order to graduate. However, according to Elaine Lawson, physical education director at Our Lady of Mercy, the school's upperclassmen have alternatives. For the last few years Mercy has offered an elective program for the juniors and seniors. Although they are still required to take four of their remaining eight credits at the school, the other four credits can be obtained in various outside activities, such as horsebackriding, swimming, body shop, exercising programs, and dance lessons. This year there has been added another option — aerobic dance and exercise

classes. This program is open to adults as well as students and there will be evening classes Monday through Thursday. Classes are directed by Patricia Drum and her staff of instructors. Ms. Drum has a BS in physical education and 10 years experience in conducting exercising programs.

The program is also being offered at St. Agnes, Sept. 23 to Nov. 13 and Nov. 18 to Jan. 29, for adults and students. Because, however, of the school's curriculum format, these classes are not an option for gym credits. There is an early bird special for these classes until tomorrow night. For further information, call 546-7350.

A Fun Day Before Business

St. Agnes' senior class held their traditional senior parade on Sept. 5. The girls arrived at the school's parking lot early in the morning where they decorated their cars with streamers, balloons, and banners bearing the class motto. They paraded throughout the city and even visited McQuaid. One group of girls was stopped by a reporter who thought they were either protesting or supporting the teachers' strike. After the parade the senior lounge was officially opened.



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 McQuaid during assembly. The person circled should bring the clipping to Joan M. Smith, Courier-Journal, by noon, Tuesday, Sept. 23 to receive \$5.

Info a Benefit To Test Takers

Sister Christine Marie, head of the guidance department at St. Agnes, has announced that students taking the

PSAT/NMSQT tests in October will benefit from additional services in 1980. These services are designed to provide students with more information about the content and uses of the test.

National Merit Scholarship Corporation. It is administered annually to more than one million students and measures verbal and mathematical abilities that are important in college work.

Drama Club Call

Aquinas students will be taking the stage on Nov. 21, 22, 23 with their production of Woody Allen's comedy "Don't Drink the Water." The show is being directed by Mrs. Kathy Lynd.

Parents who would like to help with any aspect of the play (costumes, set designs, props, etc.) are asked to call Mrs. Lynd at 482-4223.

Future plans for the Drama Club include a Spring show, "The Music Man," and will feature the Aquinas Band.

Students who plan to take the tests will receive a complete sample test for practice, along with an answer key and scoring instructions. When scores are reported in December, each student will receive a Report of Student Answers, including the correct answers as well as the answers the student gave. To allow students to refer to the original questions, schools will return test booklets with scores.

The PSAT gives students a chance to find out what the College Board's Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) is like, and helps them in planning for college; further, students who opt to participate in the College Board Student Search Service have an opportunity to hear from colleges that they might not otherwise learn about. The PSAT is also the qualifying test for students who wish to participate in the nationwide scholarship competitions administered by National Merit Scholarship Corporation.

AQ Dinner Sept. 25

The Aquinas stag, Sports Boosters Club dinner is Thursday night, Sept. 25. It will be held in the Aquinas cafeteria with cocktails at 6:30

and dinner at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$7.50 per person and may be purchased in advance by calling Dennis Sadler, 254-2020.



Sh! Artist at Work

St. Agnes senior, Janice Schwind, puts finishing touches to the mural that decorates the new senior lounge. Who can help but smile back at the lifelike Peanut characters.

Photo by Terrance J. Brennan

A Win A Loss

In football this weekend, Aquinas romped over Auburn (35-6) behind Don Be'Ans' three touchdowns including one for 80 yards.

In soccer, Irondequoit won a 4-3 victory over Bishop Kearney.

Test Dates

For seniors, according to Aquinas news notes, ACT/SAT deadline for NYS Regents Scholarships is Sept. 19. Application forms are available in the guidance office.

For the juniors the PSAT Test is Oct. 21. Test admission is on a voluntary basis. The purpose of the test is to qualify for National Merit Scholarships. Juniors will be given explanatory booklets early in October. Fee is \$4, payable on day of exam.

On The Go

BISHOP KEARNEY Sept. 18-21 — Kearney Karnival	Tuesday, Sept. 23 — Freshmen orientation.
McQUAID Wednesday, Sept. 17 — Faculty meeting; dismissal, 1:28 p.m. Friday, Sept. 19 — Benjamin Day; faculty-staff dinner. Tuesday, Sept. 23 — Catholic College Night, Nazareth College, 7:30 p.m.	Wednesday, Sept. 17 — Student Council Elections, during homeroom. Thursday, Sept. 18 — Candy for chocolate drive arrives, 1 p.m.; faculty- yearbook pictures; depart- ment head meetings. Friday, Sept. 19 — Chocolate drive kick-off assembly, 1:55 p.m.; faculty yearbook pictures.
OUR LADY OF MERCY Friday, Sept. 19 — Field Day	Monday, Sept. 22 — Liturgy preparation in auditorium.
ST. AGNES Wednesday, Sept. 17 — Department head meetings. Thursday, Sept. 18 — Faculty meetings. Friday, Sept. 19 — Activities Assembly.	Tuesday, Sept. 23 — Opening Mass by Bishop Matthew H. Clark, 9 a.m.; RCDASSA meeting at DeSales, 4-2:30 p.m.; College Night at Nazareth College, 7:30-9:30 p.m.