

RAP AROUND

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Frosting on the Football Cake

By Joan M. Smith

The football season is winding down and on the horizon loom the championship finishes. For the college teams it's the Rose Bowl; for the pros, the Super Bowl. While the teams have been struggling to determine who will compete in these games, those responsible for the extravaganzas surrounding them have been planning for months. Included in these colossal displays are the spectacular halftime shows which Joseph Godios, director of the Buffalo Bills' halftime productions, said he wouldn't mind coordinating if they gave him all the money and people needed to do the work.

But whether on the spectacular, professional, college, or high school level, what would a football game be without the halftime show? Just as with the game itself, much hard planning and marathon practicing go into producing a show for the fans.

Like football scouts who canvass games for athletic ability, so does Godios, who has been handling Bills' halftime shows for 17 years, scout for band talent. He attends band shows and parades, and is constantly following up on tips about exceptional bands. He starts planning for the fall season in March and by



Godios and Shahin at Rich Stadium before the Marching Kings' performance during the Cleveland Brown/Bills game, Nov. 1. Besides his halftime duties, Godios is a substitute musician with the Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra and plays club dates with an area band. He's proud of the fact he hasn't missed a Bills home game since 1960.

May. "I'm really rolling," he said.

Once his band scheduling is completed, his work just begins. A week prior to every home game, he has to submit to the Bills' front office the number of band members, chaperones, and parents

attending the game, performance timetables, and, because of royalty rights, the music selections to be played. Come game morning, he can be found on the field while the band rehearses. He'll wander up into the stands to listen and observe and then, like any pro coach, will

confer with the band director about changes due to timing and field conditions.

And the field is a big factor. While Godios is putting the finishing touches to his season's halftimes, Ray Shahin, music director at Bishop Kearney, is preparing the Marching Kings for their appearance. For the last two years the BK band has performed at a Bills' halftime, and long before its scheduled Sunday, Shahin is gearing practices to the Rich Stadium field. Whether practicing inside or out, he constantly reminds band members to keep their eyes on the scoreboard. According to him, it is important they think scoreboard because marchers can become confused on an enormous field not only because of the different markings, but also because the pre-game show is performed from one direction and the halftime show from another.

Halftime shows don't have it easy. They fight game excitement, huge fields, restless crowds. But the Marching Kings have met the challenge. In their 1980 performance they wowed the fans with their canon-firing rendition of "The Battle Hymn of the Republic." At their recent appearance in Buffalo, their version of "America the Beautiful" made the fans sit up and take notice.

And that's what it's all about for Joe Godios — spectacular performances.



Happy Visitors

Grandparents Day was one of the special events of the recent St. Agnes Human Development Week. Students' grandparents were in evidence throughout the day as they came to see what contemporary high school was all about. Above, Liz Fein, freshman, and her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Frederick O'Brien from Watertown, in the Afro-Asian class. Below, Mrs. Ethel Flannery joins her granddaughter, freshman Patty Flannery.



By Giving, Students Celebrate

The Action for People Association (AFPA) at Cardinal Mooney High School sponsored a food drive to assist needy families at Thanksgiving. Students donated canned goods, non-perishable food items, and money toward turkeys and other foods for the Thanksgiving tables. These food baskets are being delivered to needy families in time to celebrate Thanksgiving.

According to Father Thomas Bartone, AFPA moderator, the project allowed the student body to show concern, in a tangible way, for the poor and the needy in the Rochester area. Through the drive, students became aware of their own blessings and had the chance to share their blessings with their less fortunate neighbors.

AQ Play Dec. 4

The Aquinas Institute Drama Club will present "God's Favorite," a Neil Simon comedy, at 8 p.m., on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 4, 5, and 6 in the school auditorium.

Winner

John Tomanovich, a senior at Aquinas Institute, was the recipient of the Winner's Circle \$5 for the week of Nov. 11.



Getting to Know You

Nazareth Academy uses special calendar events to bring the students together. Above, Junior Emily Zicari and her freshman little sister, Veda Nyoth, had an opportunity to expand their acquaintance at the school's Halloween party.

Action at Aquinas

Don Lalka, coach of the Rochester Flash, was guest speaker at the Nov. 12 Aquinas soccer banquet at the Lodge on the Green. The festivities included awards being given to Eric Trabold as most valuable player; Joe Trabold, most outstanding player; Bob Wise, most improved player.

Aquinas curriculum by Father Richard Ranalletti, assistant principal.

The football team finished its season with a 7-2 record and captured the City/Catholic title. Selected to the league's All Star team were: Todd Battaglia, senior tailback; Bob Bleier, senior quarterback; John Bosco, Ken Damiano, George Leva, and Mark Wisniewski, senior linemen; and Tim Lambert, senior split end.

submitted by David Wehner

A Purpose To Running

Thanksgiving is here and what better way to begin the festivities than with a turkey trot. Today, Nov. 25, at Cardinal Mooney, that's exactly what is on the agenda. Mooney runners have been busy gathering sponsors for the marathon around the campus. A special event has been added this year, a relay team event, for those unaccustomed to the distance running. The winners of each separate event will receive dressed turkeys, and proceeds from the trot will go to needy families in the area for Christmas.

Education Featured

Regent Mary Alice Kendall will discuss the recently released State Education report on the "Efficiency and Effectiveness of Occupational Education," 7:30-8:30 a.m.,

Wednesday, Dec. 2, at the Third Presbyterian Church, corner of East Avenue and Meigs Street. A light breakfast will be available for a donation of \$1.



What About a News Career?

Joan M. Smith was invited to participate in the Nov. 12 career day sponsored by Webster E.W. Spry Junior High School for its students. Above are the students in Mike Suffoletto's seventh grade. She also spoke to the eighth grade students of Joan Ugino.

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