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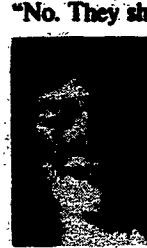
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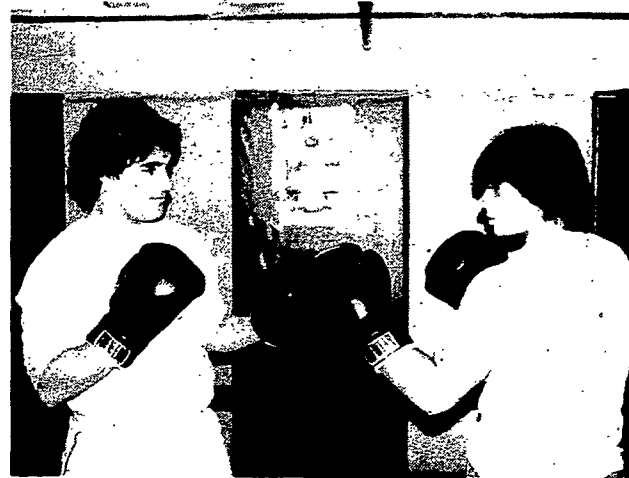


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Junior



## Fifty Years of Memories Join Boxers at Ringside

The finals of the Aquinas Championship Bouts scheduled for 7:30 p.m., Friday, March 12, will mark the 50th anniversary of this event. Under the chairmanship of Robert Bell, class of '37, a committee has been named to honor the anniversary in a special way. A commemorative program is being printed which will detail the history of the bouts, outstanding events and list each "fighter of the night" over the 50 years.



On left, junior Emil Gragnale strikes a classic boxing pose with fellow classmate Joe Fiorino in a practice session for the Aquinas Championship Bouts. Finals will be at 7:30 p.m., Friday, March 12 in the Aquinas gym.

During early preparation for the golden anniversary there was a question if it truly was the 50th anniversary. William F. McCarthy, '39, school archivist, verified that the bouts are indeed 50 years old. Max Russer, '32, informed him on the phone that he participated in the first mission fight held at Aquinas in the spring of 1932. His opponent was John A. Mastrella, class of '30. Ac-

ording to Pat Shannon, '32, who also participated in the first bouts, Mastrella was "an intercollegiate champ from Syracuse University."

Porta in the first fight. It ended in a draw.

Russer now runs a successful meat business near Cowlesville. Mastrella is now the Honorable John A. Mastrella, a New York State Justice of the Supreme Court. Shannon is living in retirement Geneseo.

The bouts began when Father Joseph O'Grady, principal, announced that Max Russer had permission to use the gym to raise money for the missions. Admission was ten cents at the door. Shannon reported that in addition to the above named persons, other members of the class of '32 who took part were: Hugh Marks, Michael Pellino, Chester Maliborski, Mark Finocchiaro, Denis Tanis, James Allan and Richard Fink. Shannon's opponent was Gerard Della

Dominic Arioli, '73, is coordinator for this year's bouts in which 60 boys will be participating. Preliminary fights begin the week of March 8.

Ringside seats for the finals are \$4 and general admission tickets are \$3 and can be obtained by calling the school at 254-2020.

## Easing The Pain Of Hunger

Eleven members of McQuaid's student government, with the assistance of a Red Cross Youth Incentive Grant, purchased food, cooked it and served it on a recent Sunday at St. Joseph's House of Hospitality, student officer Dan Cardinali said last week.

Cardinali said the grant of \$75 from the Red Cross was combined with money donated by the student government for the event.

St. Joseph's House of Hospitality, a Catholic Worker facility, feeds indigent people among its programs.



Nazareth varsity basketball players Cheryl Shank and Kris Wiant board the "Nazvan" for a game at Edison Tech.

## Q Band Scores Hit

According to school sources, the Aquinas band's annual excursion to Saranac Lake was a success. On the weekend of February 12-14, the band traveled to the Adirondack town to participate in the town's annual Winter Carnival and parade. For the second year in a row, the band won first prize in the parade for best marching unit.

After the marching competition and Jazz Band concert, the band was given free time and the members went ice skating, tobogganing and skiing. After Mass and a hearty breakfast on Sunday morning the band headed home with the trophy.

## Rehearsals In Session

Cardinal Mooney High School will present its Spring musical, "Guys and Dolls," at 7 p.m., on Friday, April 30, and Saturday, May 1, and Friday and Saturday, May 7-8.

## Around Town In a Red Van

Nazareth Academy students in the past have had to rely on parents and friends for transportation to games, concerts and field trips. A new addition, however, to the school's fleet of vehicles has eliminated the transportation problems. The "Nazvan," a red passenger van, can now be seen carrying basketball players at times, bass drums at other times, and costumes and scenery for the school play at others.

The van was donated by the Parents' Club with proceeds from the annual Garage Sale held in November.

## Deadline

The deadline for submitting news to the Courier-Journal is noon on Thursday preceding the following Wednesday's publication.



## Winner's 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 in the cafeteria. The person circled should bring the clipping to Joan M. Smith, Courier-Journal, 114 South Union St., by noon, Tuesday, March 9, to receive \$5.

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"It's made a big difference, having most of the team riding in the same vehicle," said Richard Hendrick, basketball coach. "It really affects team spirit."