



Catcher Darla Baraden anticipates a ball that never reaches her mit as Mercy's Beth Wamback bunts for a single.

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## Mercy Mashes Marshall, 22-8

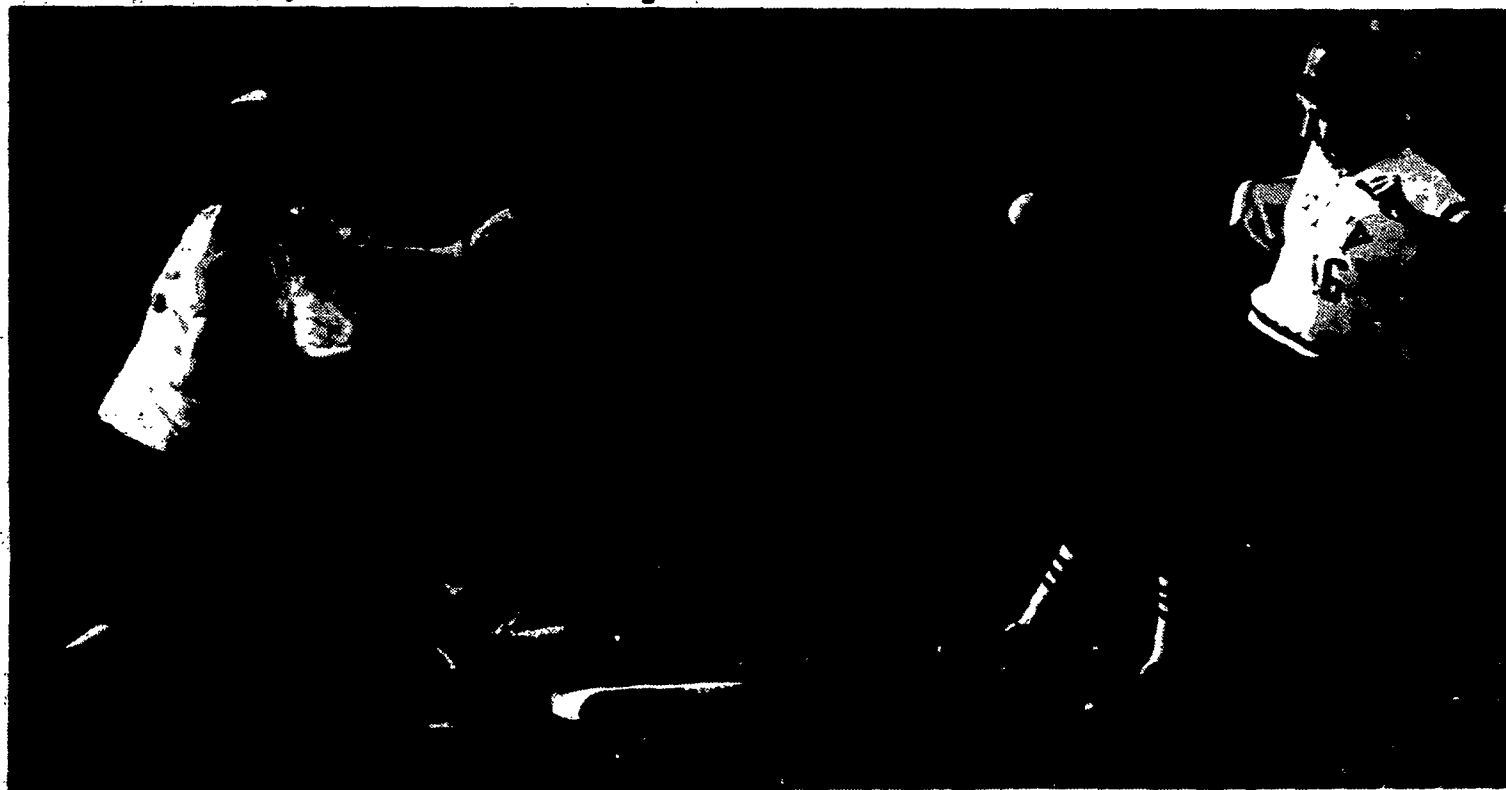
With Mercy scoring 11 runs in the first inning and 12 in the second, the girls' softball team had the game in the bag Tuesday, May 7 against Marshall. This win with a final score of 22-8, brought their season total to 5-4.

"The strong lead in the first two innings allowed a lot of the second-string players to play and get some good practice in batting and fielding. With only four seniors on the team this year, all the experience that the younger players get can only help next year," said Mercy Coach Paul Walker.

With the 9-4 win against Bishop Kearney on May 9, Mercy has a good chance of making it to the sectionals where they would face undefeated Cardinal Mooney.



Mercy's catcher Julie Eckert tags out Marshall's Amy Payneut as she tries to score at home plate.



Beth Wamback heads toward second base, as the ball approaches from a hit to right field. Wamback and the ball reached the base at the same time, and the tie went to the runner.

## Bishop Tutu

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Since 1977, Tutu has been general secretary of the South African Council of Churches, representing 12 million Christians.

The bishop began his remarks Sunday by thanking the audience on behalf of millions who might wish to be there themselves.

"By your demonstrations in American colleges — by education to exert pressure to bring about peaceful change, you say you care ... you care that God's children have their noses rubbed in the dust for no other reason ... than the color of their skin," Tutu said, further noting the paradox of South Africa as a country that celebrates a public holiday honoring family life, but pursues

policies designed to undermine family life.

Tutu said that publicity which accompanied Sen. Edward Kennedy's recent visit to South Africa gave Americans a first-hand look at the horrors of life under the apartheid system.

"There are alternatives to being predatory on ourselves," the bishop said, adding that society ought not to be "grasping, rough and hard, but compassionate, caring and sharing." He cited Mother Theresa's work with the poor in India as another alternative, saying "we can all feel slightly better that she is around."

"It matters to be human — it is good to be peace loving and here to mark a level of achievement in society by caring for those least able to care for themselves," Tutu continued.

He concluded by asking the audience to become partners with God in transforming our world. "May the kingdom of the world become the kingdom of God and his Christ, forever and ever, Amen," he said.

The bishop has become a major proponent of non-violent opposition to apartheid, a system he has called "one of the most vicious since Nazism."

Tutu and his wife, Leah, have been arrested for their participation in anti-apartheid demonstrations. The bishop has also consistently campaigned for the release of political prisoners in his country, including Nelson Mandela. The government of South Africa has several times, notably in 1980 and 1981, withheld his passport, forcing him to obtain special permission for speaking trips.

Despite threats and opposition, Tutu is quoted in a collection of his speeches as saying "The most awful thing that they can do is to kill me, and death is not the worst thing that could happen to a Christian."

## Pastoral Council

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and formation programs among priests, religious and lay ministers" and "the continued budgetary impact that results as priests and religious are replaced by lay personnel."

4. "... that the bishop direct the division directors to study overlapping of services in youth ministry and family life.

5. "... that the division directors provide to the MRC a count of personnel, July 1, 1981 to July 1, 1985, a separate listing of priests, religious and lay personnel by August 31, 1985.

5. "... that prior the presentation of budget and programs for 1986-87 that a philosophy of fee structures and a proposal for consistent application of fees for all diocesan services be developed and presented."

The DPC also heard a report from its Task Force on the Laity. The task force presented a four-part proposal to the DPC:

1. "that the Courier-Journal provide space on a regular basis for articles featuring

laity who bring their faith lives into the workplace. The task force has contacted people who will write these articles.

2. "that the DPC request that the task force be funded for the 1985-86 fiscal year in the amount of \$1,500 for its ongoing activities. These will include further research with both laity and appropriate diocesan personnel in preparation for a specific proposal of education for the laity to be presented at the November, 1985, DPC meeting.

3. "that the September 1985 Convocation on Shared Ministry under the direction of the Diocesan Needs Process include workshops addressing the needs of the baptized person.

4. "that the DPC executive committee consider an agenda item for its November, 1985, meeting, if possible, the subject of education for the laity, both designated ministers and lay people. Representatives from all diocesan departments concerned with this issue would be invited to advise the DPC of their activities and plans.

The DPC will vote on the proposal of the task force at its next meeting Saturday, Sept. 21, at St. Stephen's, Geneva.

## Put Spirit Alive on Your Calendar

Spirit Alive, an all-diocesan festival set for Saturday, June 8, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on the grounds of St. John Fisher College, is a celebration of "the sacredness of life and the beauty of God's creation," planners say. It will be a fun day with time for prayer, picnicking and games.

Everyone in the community of the Diocese of Rochester is invited to the event. That includes the Southern Tier and the Finger Lakes areas, as well as non-Catholic friends who wish to join in the festivities.

The day will start at 11 a.m. with a gathering and procession led by Bishop Matthew H. Clark. There will be a marching band, balloons, banners and lots of smiles. The parade will process into the St. John Fisher gymnasium for a prayer service, with liturgical dancers and an audio-visual presentation. Then the picnic begins. People are asked to bring their own food, and beverages will be provided.

Entertainers from around the diocese will be performing during the picnic. These will include singers, dancers, clowns, etc. Anyone who wishes to contribute his or her talents to the festivities is invited to call the diocesan Communications Office at 328-3210.

Spirit Alive is sponsored by the Diocese of Rochester, the Challenge of Peace Steering Committee, and Catholic Charities Ministry with the Disabled. Handicapped accessibility has been a priority in the planning of the event.

Information packets are being sent to all parishes. For more information, contact the diocesan Communication Office.