

An 'almost impossible' dream comes true for McQuaid grad

By Teresa A. Parsons

Mark Ouweleen's initial reaction to winning a Rhodes Scholarship last week wasn't very different from his reaction to losing one the year before.

"When you lose, you take a good deep breath and you ask yourself, 'Well, what next?' and then you shake a few hands and get out of there," he said. "When you win, you take a deep breath and you pinch yourself, and then you shake a lot of hands and think to yourself, 'Now what next?'"

Which is not to say that the 22-year-old graduate of McQuaid Jesuit High School and Georgetown University is not rejoicing at being one of 32 Americans to be awarded the prestigious scholarship this year. Chosen from among more than 1,000 applicants in the United States after he applied unsuccessfully last year, Ouweleen will spend the next two years living out a dream of studying English language and literature at Oxford University in England.

Established in 1902 by British politician Cecil John Rhodes to promote world understanding, the Rhodes Scholarship recognizes young men and women around the world for outstanding intellectual achievement, character, leadership and physical vigor.

Several other Georgetown graduates were also selected as Rhodes scholars this year, but administrators at McQuaid believe that Ouweleen is the first of that school's graduates to win such recognition.

The son of Gina Ouweleen of Irondequoit and the late William F. Ouweleen, Mark believes the committee chose him the second time around because he "grew up a lot in the past year."

"I've experienced a lot of things that have given me more of a sense of direction, and I think that came across in the interview," he said. "This year, I started to live out some of the things I'd always believed, I found out that I wanted to study for a reason — to make myself capable of making a difference in the world."

After earning a bachelor's degree in English from Georgetown University in Washington, D.C. last spring, Ouweleen began work as a Jesuit Volunteer at Buffalo's Housing Assistance Center in August. There, he is one of six rental counselors who each work with approximately 2,000 individuals or families per year. Half of the center's clients, he said, live in substandard housing, while the other half are or are about to become homeless.

As a counselor, Ouweleen informs tenants of their rights and negotiates for them with landlords and social service agencies. He helps those who are homeless sign up for benefits, find apartments and organize their households.

"There is just not enough decent, affordable housing to go around in Buffalo," he said. "People move from one substandard apartment to another. It's like a mean game of musical chairs."



Jeff Goulding/Courier-Journal
Rhodes-scholar-to-be Mark Ouweleen will leave for two years of study at Oxford University next October. Currently, he works as a Jesuit volunteer for a housing agency in Buffalo.

Jesuit volunteers also live in community with one another to provide support and the opportunity for spiritual growth. "It's a great way to encourage people to get involved and to see that there really are people with families, not making very much money, who are dedicating their lives to being Christians and helping others," he

said.

One of the first things Ouweleen recalls learning about the Rhodes Scholarship was how unlikely he was to win one.

"I knew it was almost impossible to get, but I figured Oxford would be the place to study English literature," he said. "It was

Continued on Page 17

DEMARIA LAW OFFICES

Merrily

ANNOUNCE RELOCATION TO

SUITE 204

CORN HILL CENTER

301 EXCHANGE BOULEVARD

ROCHESTER NEW YORK 14608

716-232-4910

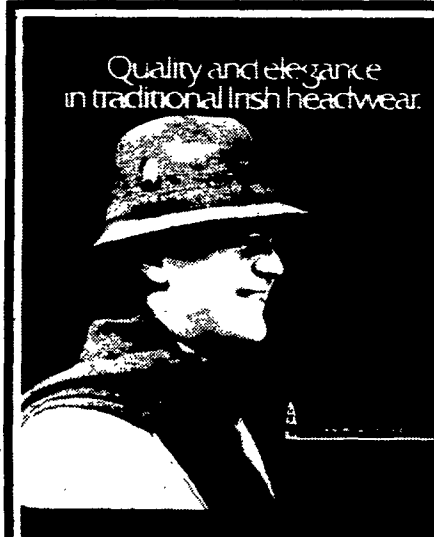
JOSEPH G. DEMARIA

JANET M. TRIPPE

THOMAS J. DISALVO

BARBARA K. MERIDA

DECEMBER 25 1986



Quality and elegance
in traditional Irish headwear.

**QUALITY & ELEGANCE
In Traditional Irish Headwear
& Scarves at Affordable
Prices.**

**Where The Perfect Holiday
Gifts For Men, Women and
Children May Be Purchased.**

Eire Connection

BOUTIQUE

672 Pittsford-Victor Rd.

Bushnell's Basin - 716-385-7700

(Next to Richardson's Canal House - Above Canal Florist)

**HOLIDAY HOURS: Mon-Sat. 10:30 - 5:30
Thurs. til 9:30, Sun. 12:00 - 4:00**



St. Bernard's Institute

1100 South Goodman Street
Rochester, N.Y. 14620

Spring 1987

Course Offerings	Time	Place
Old Testament Themes (Henshaw)	Tues. 7-9:45 p.m.	Horseheads
Authentic Paul (Falcone)	Mon. 7-9:45 p.m.	Rochester
Theology of Church (Hart)	Mon. 7-9:45 p.m. Tues. 7-9:45 p.m.	Syracuse Rochester
Moralists on Cutting Edge (Mich)	Tues. 7-9:45 p.m.	Rochester
Justice in the Church (Mich)	Thurs. 2:15-5 p.m.	Rochester
Death and Resurrection (Hart)	Wed. 2:15-5 p.m.	Rochester
Ministry as Leadership & Community Building (Mich)	Mon. 7-9:45 p.m.	Rochester
Canon Law (McKenna)	Wed. 2:15-5 p.m.	Rochester
Spiritualities of Aging (Kollar)	Mon. 7-9:45 p.m.	Rochester
Ministry of the Laity (Engels)	Wed. 7-9:45 p.m.	Rochester
Pastoral Counseling (Schwartz)	Tues. 2:15-5 p.m.	Rochester

**REGISTRATION January 5th and 6th
CLASSES BEGIN January 12th
CALL (716)271-1320 x 290**



For Companionship & Security

Is Living Alone No Longer the Answer?

Call us. Come visit. You'll be enchanted with our homey, family-like settings featuring:

- Very reasonable rates
- Quiet companionship
- Security and safety at all times
- Privacy in comfortable surroundings
- 24-hour trained assistance
- Mealtimes with great food and conversation
- Caring staff who remember medication and never forget birthdays
- Favorite activities, parties, classes, and exercises right in our home
- Outings, luncheons, and shopping sprees in our community and beyond.

Rochester's Adult Homes. Affordable Care for the Elderly.

Hilton East Residential Home
231 East Ave., Hilton, NY 14468
Contact: Elisa Loomis (716) 392-7171

Town Gate East
2006 Five Mile Line Rd., Penfield, NY 14526
Contact: Josephine Kennedy (716) 381-0282

Rochester Presbyterian Home
256 Thurston Rd., Rochester, NY 14619
Contact: Patricia Weise (716) 235-9100

Town Gate Manor
150 Towngate Rd., Rochester, NY 14626
Contact: Richard Hood (716) 225-3010

West Side Manor
1404 Long Pond Rd., Rochester, NY 14626
Contact: Peggy Secor (716) 225-7210

Each Day is Precious. Call or Visit Us Today.