

Echo

# Crews race the calendar to complete new McQuaid facility

By Pat Shaw  
McQuaid Jesuit High School

There is a race going on at McQuaid — a race against Mother Nature. The new track and field facility stands on the verge of completion, as workers hurry to complete the complex before winter arrives. Thus far they are behind, but the scheduled completion date is in approximately a month according to school officials, who have their fingers crossed.

Spurred by alumni, students and faculty who saw a need to upgrade the school's facilities, work on the new project began a year ago. In the beginning, the plan allowed only for a track. This idea, however, evolved to including a football and soccer field and finally a lacrosse field.

"We wanted a first-class track and field for a first-class school; something the students could be proud of," said Father Leon C. Hogencamp, SJ, coordinator of fund raising at McQuaid.

Thanks to major contributions by alumni, who are responsible for a third of the funds raised for the project, this is exactly what the McQuaid community is getting — a first-class addition to its school.

Early rumors of an AstroTurf field and a lighting system for night games proved to be false, but the natural grass field being built is an incredible complex for a high school. And certainly, the new facility takes on a collegiate-level appearance when compared to McQuaid's old field and track. Designers of the field have apparently taken into great consideration Rochester's unfavorable weather patterns. Included in the elaborate new design to counter inclement weather are automatic underground sprinklers to provide irrigation. These are complemented by a drainage system effected by a sloped field and underground pipes that drain excess water. Farewell to the mud-bath football games of yesteryear.

The field is surrounded by the track which is the icing on the cake. It, too, is elaborately designed, consisting of three layers — of crushed stone, asphalt and a top surface of polyurethane. The track took on an unique shape to accommodate the lacrosse field. Widening of the field pushed the track outward, causing the bends or curves in the track to be more concave. This is a benefit to runners who anticipate faster times on such a track.

But other programs also anticipate great improvements. The track team has become accustomed to running to Monroe Community College's track for practices. This proves a good warm up, but training away from home diminishes team spirit and the sense of community with McQuaid.

The rising soccer program at McQuaid also has been inhibited by little quality field space. The new field will solve this problem, and hopefully bring more fans to home games. The most fortunate program, however, will be McQuaid's newest — lacrosse. Lacrosse players will walk onto a brand new field this spring if things go as planned.

The new facility will most of all organize athletics at McQuaid, making jobs easier for athletic administrators and coaches. The track and field will serve this basic necessity, but administrators also have future plans.

Father Hogencamp envisions a concession stand and upgraded bleachers some years down the road. Nor is the dedication of the field being immediately addressed, something to think about in upcoming years.

By Robert Ellis  
Cardinal Mooney High School

Last month, I was watching the Geraldo Rivers show when the topics of AIDS and AIDS education were featured. One of the panel members was noted conservative Phyllis Schlafly. She showed a clip from an educational videotape the New York City School Board produced about AIDS. Several times during the show, Schlafly referred to the tape as "evil!"

The section of the tape Schlafly kept referring to as "evil" consisted of three girls having a conversation about sex, AIDS and birth control. More specifically, they discussed condoms. The discussion between the three was frank, open, and for the most part, realistic.

One of the three girls was having sex regularly with her boyfriend, and the other two questioned her about what they did for birth control. She was asked if she worried about getting AIDS or becoming pregnant. The girl talked about her boyfriend using condoms and how they both shared the responsibility for carrying them.

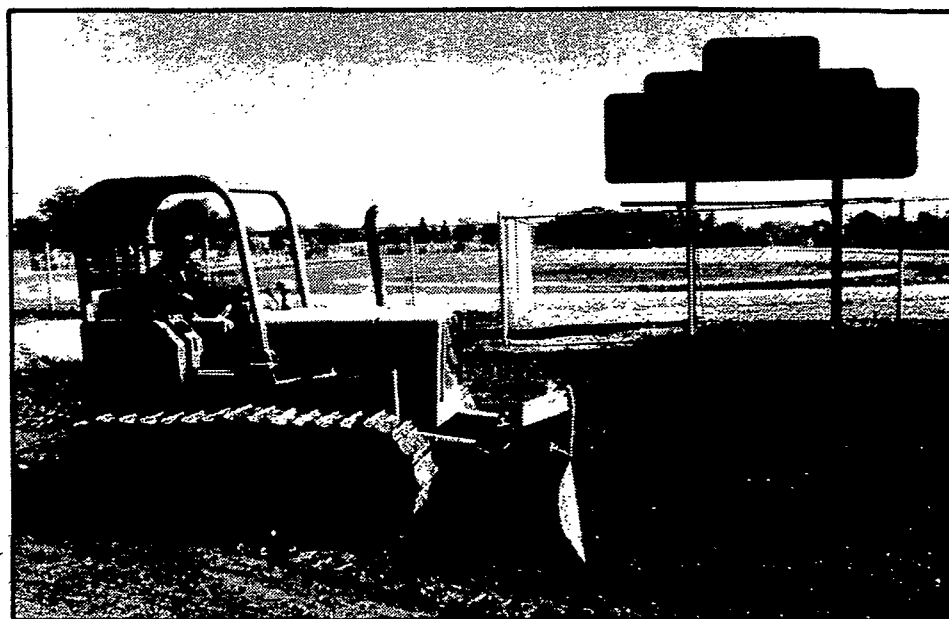
Apparently, Schlafly found the message of the talk and the video itself offensive. She also stated that the New York City School Board, which financed the making of the video, should not show it in its schools.

## Speaking Out

I am a 17-year-old senior at Cardinal Mooney High School. I saw the video as part of my morality class in junior year. I found it informative on a very scary subject that cannot be ignored — AIDS. Schlafly and many others may be offended by the topics of sex, AIDS and condoms being talked about so openly, but I find death a far more offensive topic.

Schlafly and her constituents may hide their heads in the sand or complain about age-old taboos being broken, but the fact remains that AIDS will kill you. AIDS education is important, and as United States Surgeon General Everett Koop said, "Barring abstinence, condoms are the most effective way to prevent AIDS."

So, logically, shouldn't the use of condoms be mentioned as an alternative in a well-rounded, responsible educational program? Of course it should be. The alternative is too frightening to think about.



Scott Shove of Wesley Paving Co. levels the ground surrounding McQuaid's new track and field facilities in preparation for grass seed, as crews put the finishing touches on the field.

## At Bishop Kearney

# Students ponder candidate field for 1988's presidential elections

MARK SWAGLER, junior

There is a wide range of candidates for the '88 presidential election. I think it's great. But the problem is no candidate represents the middle and lower class. All those who are running are rich. The real battle is who can stay in the running financially longest.



AMY HERBERT, senior

I feel the wide range of candidates for the 1988 presidential election means much competition among the candidates. This means they have much pressure on them to campaign effectively and to find slogans that appeal to the majority.



THOMAS BURKAT, senior

The presidential election seems to be putting forward a wide range of candidates that may appeal to a diverse population. For those content with the Regan administration, the experience of candidate George Bush is well accepted, although some may consider him as a wimp. For the business-oriented public, Trump may be a wise choice who says that the public needs a man of power, although some may

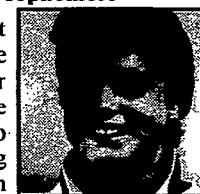


## As Teens See It

say that he lacks the compassion needed to run a country. Democrats look forward to a new administration under (Michael) Dukakis.

PATTY CLEMENS, sophomore

I think it's great that so many people are participating in our democracy, yet at the same time, with so many people running it is difficult to discern the issues and the candidates' viewpoints on them.



ANNE NICOLETTI, junior

There is such a wide range of candidates for the presidential election. I feel that with this variation of candidates that the one that does win will generally be the best choice. Each candidate has a different cause that he is hoping will help him win. I hope the best one does win.



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We received 9 correct entries identifying Eric Clapton's hit song, "After Midnight."

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**MUSIC TRIVIA**

**This week's question:**  
 From what Police song do the following lyrics come from: "Since you've gone I been lost without a trace, I dream at night, I can only see your face?"  
 A: \_\_\_\_\_

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Address** \_\_\_\_\_  
**City** \_\_\_\_\_ **State** \_\_\_\_\_  
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We received 4 correct entries identifying Reggie Jackson as the person to hit 3 home runs in one world series game.

The winner was Mike Shay of McQuaid Jesuit

**SPORTS TRIVIA**

**This week's question:**  
 Name one of the two teams that joined baseball's American League in 1977.  
 A: \_\_\_\_\_

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**City:** \_\_\_\_\_ **State:** \_\_\_\_\_  
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