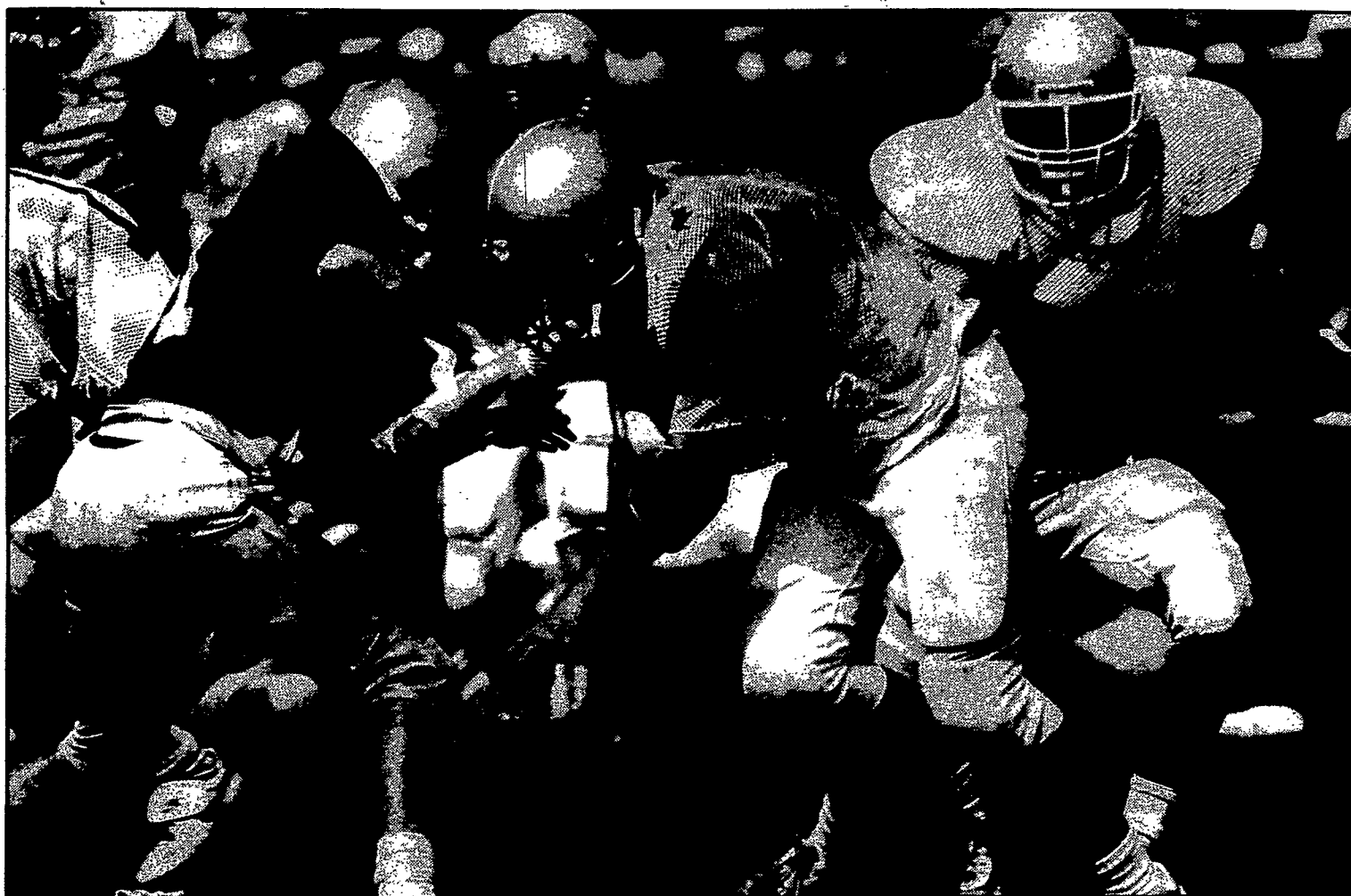


Sports



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**Black n' Blue games**

Grid players at Bishop Kearney High School took a break from two-a-day practices last Saturday, August 27 to take part in the traditional Black n' Blue scrimmiages at the Catholic high school. Players from the varsity football, soccer and volleyball teams were out in full force in front of the home fans, trying to show coaches they had the right stuff to earn a spot on this year's rosters. The football Kings will scrimmage this Saturday, September 3, and open up their regular season Sept. 10.



**Aquinas names new athletic director**

By Richard A. Kiley

Pat Connelly was part of a team of archaeologists who uncovered several interesting artifacts during a five-week dig in Israel in mid-August, but the Aquinas theology teacher discovered an even more surprising find when he returned to Rochester.

Connelly, who is about to begin his fifth year on the faculty at the Dewey Avenue high school, was offered the job as athletic director at Aquinas.

"(School principal) Father (Harold) Gardner delivered a letter to my parents before they left for Toronto to pick me up at the airport," said Connelly, who spent his summer in Tel Aviv studying biblical archaeology. "It was the offer for the athletic director job; it was completely unexpected!"

After recovering from his long trip from the Middle East and the initial jolt of the administration's offer, Connelly accepted the post.

"When they first offered me the position, I said to myself that this was something I'd like in 10 years," said Connelly, who was graduated from Bishop Kearney in 1978. "But the administration and the coaches are so helpful here that it made it easier to accept."

Connelly becomes AQ's third athletic director in two years. He replaced Tom Gigliotti, who announced his resignation early last month. Gigliotti, a 1970 graduate of Aquinas, said he has accepted a teaching position at Greece Athena Middle School, and will also be doing some coaching within the district's cross-country and track and field programs.

Gigliotti — who arrived at Aquinas in 1974 — was named athletic director in 1986 after Dennis Sadler vacated that post to become the school's assistant principal.

Although he has not been a faculty member very long, Connelly has been quite active during his term at AQ. In addition to guiding the school's cross-country team and assisting Gigliotti with track and field duties, Connelly

also assisted Rich Gamble with the Little Irish ice hockey team. Aquinas won the Section 5 ice hockey championship from Batavia last March.

Connelly has also had a hand in one of the school's great athletic accomplishments year after year, the Aquinas Relays.

Like Gigliotti did during his two-year tenure at AQ, Connelly plans on utilizing Sadler's experience until he can become better acquainted with the job.

"I'm still trying to find my way around here, but having him (Sadler) here is a great advantage," Connelly said. "He has great contacts,

and I know he was a real help to Tom."

Connelly has already overcome one obstacle, finding a "home" pool for the girls' varsity swim team to use this year. AQ does not have a pool, but members of the three-year-old program will be able to split practicing between Frederick Douglas Junior High and Nazareth College.

"Trying to find a spot for them to practice was one of my biggest problems," Connelly said.

Maybe that five-week dig in Israel has paid off already.

**Students win scholarships**

Bishop Kearney High School has awarded 26 students Monroe County Scholarships. The scholarships are given to graduating eighth-grade students based on superior academic achievement.

**Program seeks host families**

Host families are being sought for high school students from all over the world for the 1988-89 school year. The program is sponsored by the American Intercultural Student Exchange (AISE), a non-profit tax-exempt educational organization dedicated to fostering world understanding.

The students — aged 15 through 17 — will arrive in the United States in August of 1988, attend local high schools and return to their home countries in June of 1989. All of the students are fluent in English; have been screened by their school representatives in their home countries, and have spending money and medical insurance.

AISE is also interviewing American high school students aged 15 to 17 who would like to spend a school year or semester in Australia.

Families interested in either program should call (716)637-6494 or toll free, 1-800-SIBLING.

The winners for the 1988-89 school year are: Joan Adamo and Nancy Archino of Webster; Brian Damaso, Peter Pirro and Jennifer Lynch of Penfield; Scott Scott and Kimberly St. Clair of Henrietta; Lisa Augenstein, James Kost, Brian Tiede, Catherine Molinari, Matthew Sherman, Amanda Fantauzzo, Alice Wolpuik, Brian Siesto, Thomas Kennedy, Lisa Tellier and Kirk Pero of Irondequoit; and Todd Agnello, Kathleen Zicari, Joseph Fantigrossi, Jennifer Klee, April Zeller, Audrey Bourgoin, Kelly Nicolosi and Michael Keenan of Rochester.

**Training program planned for ministry volunteers**

Rochester Interfaith Jail Ministry (RIJM), an organization serving prisoners in the Monroe County Jail, will hold a training program for prospective volunteers on the evenings of Wednesday, Sept. 7; Thursday, Sept. 8; Wednesday, Sept. 14; and Thursday, Sept. 15. Sessions will take place at Downtown United Presbyterian Church, 121 N. Fitzhugh St., Rochester, from 7 to 9:30 p.m. Participants are required to attend all four sessions.

Call RIJM at (716)325-1942 for information.

**Sports Shorts**

**Golfing for a good cause**

The first-ever Catholic Family Center charity golf tournament has been scheduled for Penfield Country Club September 12. The honorary chairman for the tourney is Bishop Matthew H. Clark; John Greisberger is general chairman.

Open to both men and women, the tournament will be based on an individual game format. Entry fee for tournament participants is \$100. For non-golfers interested in attending the lunch and reception, the fee will be \$20. Registration and lunch precede a 1 p.m. shotgun start for the tournament.

Call (716)546-7220 for information.

**Coaches clinic set**

Six basketball coaches, including Mike Daley and Mike Decillis of Nazareth, will be featured speakers at the eighth annual Kodak/Nazareth College Basketball Coaches Clinic Saturday, October 1.

Joining Daley, the men's basketball coach at Nazareth, and Decillis, the women's basketball coach at Nazareth, will be Mike Dement, men's basketball coach at Cornell University; Sister Maria Peres, women's basketball coach at Marquette University; Jim Baron, former St. Bonaventure University player and current men's coach at St. Francis College in Pennsylvania; and Don Graham, veteran coach at North Carolina High School in Pittsburgh, Pa.

The clinic will be in the Robert A. Kidera Gymnasium on the Nazareth College campus. The program will begin with registration at 8 a.m., followed by the first speaker at 9 a.m. Lunch will be served at noon.

Daley has compiled a record of 39-17 in two seasons at Nazareth, while Decillis — in just four seasons — has become the winningest women's basketball coach ever at Nazareth with a record of 74-31.

Dement has a career record of 32-21 in two seasons with the Big Red. His 1987-88 team finished 17-10, captured the Ivy League title and earned a berth in the NCAA Tournament.

Sister Maria Peres has received national recognition for being the only major college coach who happens to be a nun. A native of Buffalo, she coached at Sacred Heart Academy for 13 years, compiling a record of 229-10. In her first season at Marquette in 1986-87, she was featured in such publications as *Sports Illustrated*, *USA Today* and *The New York Times*.

The clinic is open to coaches on all levels. The cost for the session, which includes lunch, is \$30 in advance and \$35 on the day of the clinic. Reservations can be made by contacting the Nazareth College athletic department at (716)586-2525, ext. 420.

**Sensational senior**

Andrew Doyle, a parishioner of St. Helen's Church in Gates, brought home four medals at the New York State Senior Games earlier this month. The games, which feature recreational and competitive events, were held at the State



University of New York College at Cortland.

Doyle, who took home three gold medals at last year's games, earned silver medals in racketball and the 800-meter run this time around, as well as bronze medals in table tennis and the competitive long jump. The strong showing earned Doyle a trip to the National Senior Olympics, which will take place in St. Louis later this year.

More than 1,200 senior citizens participated in the games in such events as archery, billiards, cycling, softball and more. Doyle competed in the 55-59 age bracket.