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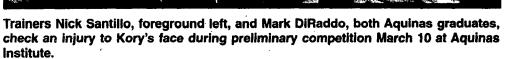
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## MISSION BOUTS

Kory Schramm warms up before his elimination bout with sophomore Paul Gangarossa March 10. Kory won the match.







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Kory, left, congratulates fellow senior Scott Amering on Scott's win over Kory in the Mission Bouts.

Staff photographer Greg Francis recently followed Kory Schramm, an Aquinas Institute senior and one of 26 boxers who took part in the 67th Aquinas Mission Bouts.

The bouts were held March 12 at Aquinas Institute. According to Dom Arioli, Mission Bouts coordinator, this is the only high school-based boxing program in the country.

The bouts began in 1932. Proceeds from the annual event are donated to the Basilian Fathers Missions.

All Aquinas students are eligible to try out for the bouts, including females. In fact, freshmen Bridget Chadwick and Asante' Shipp, squared off in the night's opening match on March 12.

Each bout consists of three rounds lasting two min-

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**66** It teaches you to have confidence in yourself and your abilities **7** 

- Kory Schramm

Kory jabs at opponent Scott Amering during the Mission Bouts March 12.

ing for more than two months, and then taking part in preliminary matches the week of the Mission Bouts.

Arioli acknowledged that boxing is a controversial sport because of the violence involved. However, he said that Mission Bouts participants wear headgear and they box with 14-ounce gloves, whereas 12-ounce gloves are the norm. The heavier gloves, he explained, reduce the impact of the blows being delivered. Arioli added that he matches up boxers not only by weight class, but also by experience level.

"If you don't run it right, it could get out of hand," said Arioli, in his 19th year as coordinator.

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