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SPOTLIGHT AWARD WINNER- Mr. Gagne

By Tim Haefner

The Staff of the SPOTLIGHT is proud to announce that Mr. Phil Gagne has been selected as the 1974 recipient of the annual SPOTLIGHT Teacher of the Year Award. He is the seventh recipient of this prestigious honor, with previous winners being Mr. Frank Strasser, Father James Burson, Mr. Bob Pacholski, Mr. Charley Holtz, Father Bill Rowland and Father Donald Soucy.

This annual award, held in high esteem by members of both faculty and the student body alike, is presented yearly to a member of the faculty who has distinguished himself by his high regard for the students and Dougherty itself. The recipient is one who proves himself to be a dedicated and outstanding member of the Dougherty family.

MATH TEACHER

Mr. Gagne, who attended St. Louis University, the University of Maneton and the University of Ottawa, teaches Math 9, besides Religion 9 and 10. Father Rowland, Dean of Studies, had this to say about Mr. Gagne's teaching performance, "Mr. Gagne came to join us at Dougherty with the following recommendation, 'distinguished merit and able to perform services of exceptional nature.' As the Dean of Studies, I am proud to admit that he has added much to our curriculum in math, where a strong foundation is imperative, and in the many extra curricular activities that he has organized, helped and supported.

The "Commissioner's" involvement doesn't end in the classroom. Last year he was Varsity Tennis Coach and this year he has reorganized chess competition and helped Dougherty to enter interscholastic chess competition, serving as team coach.



Mr. Gagne takes times at meet

Mr. Gagne is the moderator and organizer of the Dougherty Intramural Floor Hockey League and serves as moderator of the Intramural Touch Football League.

LITTLE THINGS

But the real value of Mr. Phil Gagne is not simply in the groups and organizations he works with as moderator. There are so many other "little things" he does for this school that no one even realizes. He works at the gates of football and basketball games.

He is active in home room spirit, and works hard to maintain pride and

tradition amongst Dougherty students.

If you go to Cross Country and Track meets, you see him there, taking times, helping to tape ankles and few people know that many times he drives that "extra car" that is needed to get Dougherty athletes to many meets.

As Mr. Bob Pacholski, Director of Activities, put it: "Phil always is willing to do those little things -- which most people forget to even thank him for -- without which, we could have no viable activities or athletic program."

The SPOTLIGHT is proud to honor Mr. Phil Gagne -- a member of Dougherty's faculty -- who indeed seeks to serve others and make our educational experience a truly rewarding one.

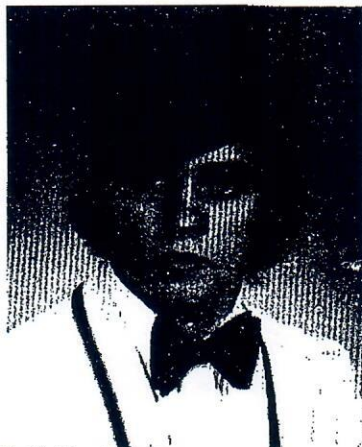
Matt Mariacher Leads Grapplers

Fully recovered from early season injuries to key personnel, Dougherty's Wrestling team is now in the midst of the Smith League portion of their schedule, with realistic hopes of improving on their 1-3 slate. The Cards will face DeSales of Lockport, Notre Dame of Batavia, St. Mary's of Lancaster and Archbishop Walsh of Olean, before returning to the second round of competition against Burke League opponents in February.

The bright spot in the first third of their campaign has been the fine 4-0 record posted by senior Matt Mariacher, who has now definitely established himself as an All-Catholic contender. Mariacher has posted 21 points for the Cards in their victory over Turner and losses to Neumann, Canisius and O'Hara.

DICILLO RETURNS

The close losses to Canisius and O'Hara were especially frustrating to first year Coach Leo Hill's grapplers, because injuries forced moving up personnel to higher weight classes, which resulted in the loss of key points.



Matt Mariacher

The return of 112 pounder, senior Mike DiCillo, also enhances Card hopes for a winning season. The experienced DiCillo sat out the first three matches due to an extended illness, which kept him out of school. In his return against O'Hara, he scored an easy pin. DiCillo is also seen as a prime All-Catholic championship contender for the Cards.

WINNING MARK

The only other Card grappler with a winning record to date is junior Vito Passero. Wrestling at 119 pounds, Passero has a 2-1-1 slate, with his only loss being a 4-3 last second decision to top rated Bill Lansom of O'Hara.

Junior Terry Tubridy has surprised at 128 pounds, positing a 2-2 record and scoring nine points. Gary Boston, also a junior, is 1-1-0 at 135 pounds and has scored a victory at 142 also.

Freshman Ange Amato has shown surprisingly well at the tough 155 weight class, despite a 1-3 record.

DeSALES TOMORROW

The results of the Cards' last match against St. Francis were unavailable at press time. The next encounter is tomorrow here at the Dougherty Palestra when the Cards take on the tough DeSales Knights at 10:30 A.M. A January 31st match against the undefeated "Little Irish" of Notre Dame in Batavia is the only other home meet on the schedule in January.

Keglers Aim For Winning slate

Dougherty's Bowling team enters the last three weeks of its season next Thursday with hopes of finishing in the first division of the Monsignor Martin Catholic League. The Cards have posted an 11-13 slate up to date with results of yesterday's match against last placed Diocesan Prep not available at press time.

The "Card Keglers" are hopeful of turning around last year's dismal 11-25 record and perhaps finishing near the top in this their second season since bowling returned to Cardinal Dougherty High School.

VALENTI TOPS

Sophomore Mark Valenti has led the squad with a 182 average and is in the thick of the race to finish as one of the top five in the league for an All-Catholic spot. He has rolled two 600 sets, including the season's top of 655.

The highlight of the Card season has been a 1,018 game against Canisius, the best in the league so far this season. The Cards have posted high sets every week and their championship hopes have been silenced only due to five losses by eight pins or less.

INEXPERIENCE HURTS

Coach Bob Pacholski has been very pleased with the squad's work and points to inexperience as the biggest factor, accounting for the team's many close losses. "People forget that our two top bowlers are underclassmen and we have four returning members of this season's squad," noted the optimistic coach.

Only two members of this year's team, Valenti and Dave West bowled on last season's 11th place finisher. Dave Ortolano, a junior, has a 173 average and senior West is at 168. Senior Dave Ksiazek, in his first year is at 169. Junior Ange Vitale is at 164, soph Jim Olchawski is averaging 158 and senior Marty Dedchak is at 149.

The Cards face St. Francis on Jan. 24, arch-rival Fallon on January 31 and Position Roll Off is slated for February 7th.

Haefner Wins Scholarship

Tim Haefner, a senior at Dougherty and Editor of the SPOTLIGHT, is the winner of a \$3,000 full two year accounting scholarship to Bryant and Stratton Business Institute. Tim won the scholarship on a test administered to students from some 500 schools. He outscored a student from Mt. St. Mary's Academy by one point to win the grant.

A graduate of St. Gerard's, Tim has a 94 average last quarter. At Dougherty, he has been active in Track, Cross Country, Tennis, Basketball, Student Council, the French Club and the Signet.

He has also applied to Erie C.C., the University of Dayton, University of Buffalo, and Arizona State University.

BUY YOUR TICKET

CARD GAME TONITE - 6 P.M.

MEMORIAL AUD - SEE MR. P.