



Father Rowland Is Winner of Spotlight Award



Fr. Rowland and frosh look over the meet results.

This year, the SPOTLIGHT editorial staff wishes to name Fr. William Rowland as the SPOTLIGHT Award winner for the school year 1971-72.

We site as requirements for this award great dedication and willingness to be of service to Cardinal Dougherty High School and its students. We feel that Fr. Rowland fulfills the criteria for this honor to a very high degree.

Father Rowland is the director of the Alumni Club, a vital organization in a young school as ours. Father Rowland has had the drive to institute and continue the Alumni Club which has failed before he was named director. He has planned and held a few reunions and has begun sending newsletters to Alumni to build Tradition at Dougherty, something that really needs to be done.

Fr. Bill has also served as Frosh Cross Country Coach. His teams have compiled a 13-5 won-lost record over the past two years, and have competed successfully in the All-Catholics.

The Editorial Staff also has first hand experience with Fr. Rowland. He is a faculty Advisor of the SPOTLIGHT, and we can say he is a credit to the Eudist order, both spiritually and as a teacher.

Fr. Rowland is very close to the students. He always seems to be available to assist anyone in need. He is anxious to be of service as a proctor or a chaperone as the situation arises. He contributes much of his energy to the fact that he himself is a graduate of Cardinal Dougherty.

We feel it an honor for us to enroll his name with the other recipients of the SPOTLIGHT award. On the same token we thank Fr. Rowland for his attitude and example as an outstanding citizen of Cardinal Dougherty High School.

IT'S ACADEMIC TEAM FINISHES THIRD

The It's Academic Team of Stan Hiczun, Rick Kucharski, and captain Larry Bowen, following their impressive first round victory on the show, returned to face Pioneer Central and Niagara Falls High Schools in a playoff game. The final outcome in an extremely close contest which resulted in a sudden-death overtime was: Dougherty 245, Pioneer Central 225, and Niagara Falls 215. This victory permitted the astute trio to compete for the championship of the winter series.

Competition in the championship game was extremely rugged, with teams from Canisius and West Seneca West also eyeing champion status and the chance to enter into the championship game of the 1971-72 school year. School size proved the decisive factor as West Seneca West came out on top with 420, followed by Canisius with 220 and Dougherty with 185.

As a result of their outstanding appearances on the show Stan, Rick and Larry each received medals and the school received a trophy from WBEN-TV.

The two tapings will be aired on WBEN-TV on March 11 and March 13. The team deserves special recognition as being the first Dougherty team to

advance past a play-off game. The success of the team reflects their hard work in preparation for the show under the devoted tutelage of Mr. Michael Rivest.

TWO WIN REGENTS SCHOLARSHIPS

Two Cardinal Dougherty students won New York State Regents Scholarships as a result of the Regents Examination administered to all Seniors in October.

Richard Kucharski and Larry Bowen qualified for the scholarship by scoring 235 and 216, respectively in the state-wide test. The scholarship is in the range of \$250 to \$1000 per year at an accredited New York State institution, depending on the financial need of the recipient.

The lowest score for a scholarship recipient in Erie County was 209. Several other Dougherty students came very close to qualifying for the scholarship, but the unusually high cutoff point denied them the scholarship.

The State has stopped naming of alternates for scholarships. It is an attempt on the state's part to decrease its educational budget.

SIGNET STAFF NAMED

Mr. Larry Sieteski, faculty moderator, has appointed Steven Pyrak as editor-in-chief of next year's yearbook. He also named George Korzeniowski and Daniel Barnobi as assistant editors. The trio have already begun discussion with Mr. Sieteski and present editor Larry Bowen in preparing the basic format and theme of next year's book.

Look for something new in this year's book, with a distinct change in style from previous years. The new format will hopefully act as a guide for future yearbooks. Mr. Sieteski thanks Bowen for "almost single-handedly turning out the 1972 Signet."

Editorial

We are reaching the end of another school year. Some of us are looking forward to the summer and the beach, or even further, to college. Some of us will be working full time.

Face it — the school year is almost over. Many of us haven't yet lifted a finger to help or support the school. But many have tried. A high school is supposed to be a society within itself. Cardinal Dougherty is almost a mortuary.

You can attribute this apathy to whatever you wish — a belated Student Council or unsuccessful athletic teams, but these are no reasons to completely surrender. Right now I would say that there are no more than perhaps one hundred students in the school that actually care how Dougherty's reputation is viewed by an outsider or even what is happening within the school.

On the other hand, those that do care are trusting only themselves in their bid to improve Dougherty as a society. There is an exception: our Student Council is cooperating with any feasible program. They cannot function without the help and support of the students. A Student Council that attempts to function under such circumstances is rendered worthless as a representative body. So far they have been highly successful in their operations. I cite as examples the dance, Pizza Sale, and the concerts, which incidentally came about through the initiative of individual students.

I am not sitting behind my desk trying to tell you what to do, or complaining that the seniors aren't contributing; but I am asking you to at least try. There is still a possibility that this school year can be looked upon as being successful.

Guidance Workshop Attended

On February 10, 1972 at D'Youville College a Guidance Counselor's Workshop program was held. Attending the workshop were students from schools in Western New York and Canada.

Representing Cardinal Dougherty at the workshop was Father Angus Beaton, with Robert Potozniak and David Penksa giving views on Guidance Counseling.

It was recognized at the conference that there is a need for change in the present guidance counseling system by both the students and counselors.

The D'Youville based workshop was held in conjunction with two other workshops in New York, to make a study of Guidance counseling and propose solutions to present counseling problems.

In the estimation of the majority of participants the program was a great success.

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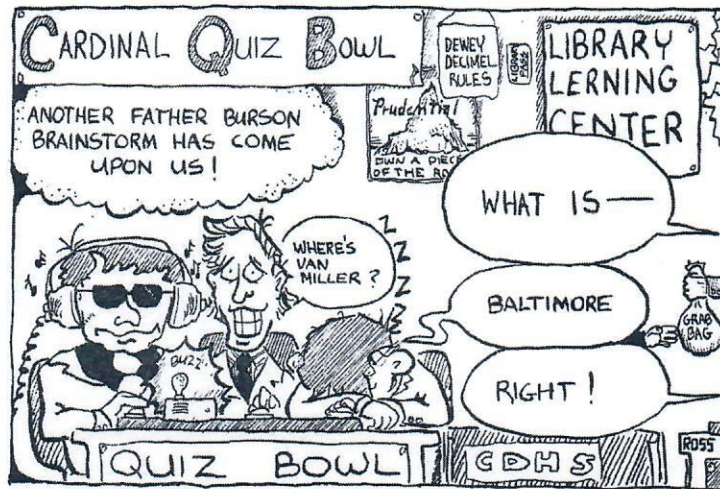
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DON'T BE DISCOURAGED ...

Having been an avid spectator of this year's varsity and JV basketball teams, I can truthfully say that there were times when I was impressed by the play of certain underclassmen. Judging from the displayed potential, I can assure you that the varsity basketball teams of the future will gain for Dougherty recognition as a top Burke League basketball power, as was the case in past years. (I can't say exactly when because it has been such a long time.)

The one thing we have lacked for the past two years has been an effective big man. Big 6-6 Jim Rosner, the subject of much criticism, has improved his own shot and still can intimidate rival shooters to the extent where they miss easy shots. If Jim ever gets down to some serious practice, he could be of great value.

The guard positions are well stacked with Bob Rath and Frank Manzella, along with up-coming JV stars Jim Krawczak and Mike Montesano, proving the effectiveness of their shooting and defensive play. John Masiello could live up to his name if he would pass the ball forward more often than backward and stop thinking that he is a good ballhandler. Rich Santarsiero and Ange Maritato should also be effective, and Carl Lomanto, whom I personally believe could be perhaps the best player on next year's team, should he crack into the starting lineup provided he remains eligible.

TWO CONCERTS PRESENTED



Blackwell

Two local groups presented concerts at Cardinal Dougherty in the month of February. In the first concert, "Blackwell" gave the students a great performance, playing selections popularized by well known artists such as Crosby, Stills, Nash and Young, John Lennon, and the Rolling Stones. Dougherty senior John Albanese played the organ for "Blackwell."

The other group, "Melvin," performed in the gym February 25th. They played selections from Badfinger, Joe Cocker, and Santana, which incidentally was their best effort.

Alumnus Mark Cudek was very instrumental in securing this local talent for the assemblies at Dougherty. We hope that more concerts will be scheduled on the school's assembly program.

The Dougherty basketball program has no choice but to go up. Believe me, it could go higher than many people expect.

An Optimistic Observer

DEBATE RETURNS TO DOUGHERTY



Mr. Sieteski and Speech Team

Forensics at Dougherty were reborn this year under the direction of Mr. Larry Sieteski who gained his experience as a debator at Canisius High School.

By participating in a half-dozen tournaments and bringing home two trophies, the orators have accomplished the

goal set forth in September, that goal being to rebuild Dougherty's reputation in Speech competition.

In Oral Interpretation, Bruce Brylinski placed second out of 25 participants in both the St. Joe's and Immaculata Speech Tournaments. Ken Nowak showed his best effort to date at the Immaculata. In the Original category, George Korzeniewski read his "Waldo the Elf" parable at the Southwestern Debate tournament. George hopes to present his speech on the dangers of rats in Urban Areas at the C.F.L. finals.

In Extemporaneous Debate, Bob Hill and Steve Pyrak placed 4th and 25th respectively in different tournaments. John Augustyn, a freshman, shows ever continuing improvement in this category.

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PENK'S PUNS

Here in this column you will find some of the corniest jokes in the world; remember when you are reading them that I said corny — not funny. If anyone of you out there knows any corny jokes submit them to me in Homeroom 208.

There exists in Africa a primitive tribe of well fed natives known as the Tumani tribe. This tribe has become well known in recent years because of the delicious dishes that are prepared by the Tumani chefs, and one of the favorite dishes is sloth meat, cooked on an open fire. That just goes to show that Tumani cooks broil the sloth. (That was terrible).

TEACHER: Mr. Strasser, Mr. Strasser, the students are revolting!

PRINCIPAL: Well you're pretty repulsive yourself.

How do you tell girl pancakes from boy pancakes? **ANS:** By the way they are stacked.

CRAZY SONGS:

The Panama Canal Song: I'm dreaming of a white Isthmus.

The Beard Song: I've Got You Under My Chin. (How was that one Mr. Rivest).

PROPER USE OF WORDS:

DIPLOMA — The faucet leaked so I called diploma.

PEDIGREED — She told her dog to heel and her pedigreed.

PERSUADE — She put her handbag on the scale to see how much her persuade.

A man walked into a Greek tailor shop with a torn pair of pants. The tailor said, "Euripides?" The man replied, "Yes, Eumenides?" (It's all Greek to me).

French III Students Visit Quebec



Through the huge success of the Pizza Sale, eleven French III students journeyed to Quebec. They traveled with Fr. Soucy and Mr. Gagne through Canada in the school van to enjoy the winter carnival in Quebec. The trip lasted from February 10th to the 14th. Most of the students lauded the idea, not only for its entertainment, but its educational value.

The Carnival offers a special occasion for outsiders to appreciate the hospitality of the French Canadian people. The atmosphere is one of festive celebration, freedom, and a meeting place for thousands of North Americans.

The trip, which included a stopover in Montreal, seems to be what French students need to develop a true understanding of our French-speaking neighbors to the north.

The highlights of the trip included the night parade, the ice monuments of San Therese St. and the "Glissade," a giant toboggan slide entirely made of ice.

STUDENT COUNCIL FUNCTIONS AGAIN



This year's Student Council officers.

With the election of the Senate following the Christmas recess, the Student Council has attained its maximum strength and is eagerly formulating new plans for the benefit of the students. Elected to the Senate were: Charles Masi, President; Robert Rath, Vice-President; Peter Hazzan, Treasurer; Stanley Hiczun, Secretary; John Migliore, Junior Senator; Timothy Haefner, (Sophomore Senator) and John Augustyn, Freshman Senator.

The Student Council has proven its efficiency and value to the school through the programs it has employed in attempting to encourage the students to strive for a common goal. Working in conjunction with the French III Class on the Pizza sale, the Student Council and all students gave the French III students a chance to practice what they had learned by enabling them to journey to Quebec. This spirit of cooperation was carried over in the Varsity Club's Dance which was the first dance here of the school year. A follow-up dance is

planned by the Council before Easter and again student support will be needed.

Everyone is encouraged to make suggestions to the Council. By doing so it can realize what you as students really want. The two music assemblies are a good example showing student initiative by bringing Blackwell and Melvin to Dougherty.

All students are invited to participate in the future activities of their Council. A student exchange, the purpose of which is to obtain knowledge of how other schools work in relation to Dougherty is being planned. A fund raising drive will be instituted after Easter. The money will be used for student tuition assistance for those in need.

Although the Student Council was slightly late on coming on the scene, it now has a solid foundation for the future. It plans to hold elections in May or June for next year's Student Council. So come out and help make our school something of which we can be proud.

LIBRARY QUIZ BOWL SUCCESS

Fr. Burson and the Library staff are sponsoring a Quiz Bowl. It is the Library Staff's main service project for the school this year. They are implementing a format similar to that of the television show, It's Academic. Each team individually answers questions in two rounds, the first lasting one minute, the second two minutes. A grab-bag constitutes the third round in which both teams compete against each other in open battle.

Competition in the Cardinal Quiz Bowl is within class year structures. There is a maximum of four participating three man teams per home room. Questions used were submitted by members of the faculty and other sources.

Fr. Burson has devised a system of playoffs through which an overall champion would be determined. Prize will be awarded to winners of their respective divisions.

Fr. Burson has spent many hours preparing this program, and everything indicates that the contest will become an annual affair. He expects various celebrities to attend the quizzes and believes the program will attract much outside publicity.

The Quiz Bowl has been highly successful to date. Participants find it refreshing to compete on this informal basis. The games give the student a lighter approach to education.

NEW HOCK-BALL CONTEST

The Hockball Guess Game appearing below is a new feature of the SPOTLIGHT. It takes the place of the Name the Caption Contest, which was abandoned because of lack of student interest.

Rules for the game are simple, making it possible for all to enter. All you have to do is circle your guess of who will win the listed NBA and NHL games. You must make a total point prediction for both teams in the spaces provided below for game no. 1 and a total goal prediction for game no. 8. This will be used in the event of a tie, the winner being the one who comes closest to the true total score. The prize is still \$5. Entries must be turned in no later than Friday, March 10, 1972. Penska, H.R.

WRESTLING TEAM FIFTH IN A.C.'s



Jim Privitera rides opponent to a victory.

AQUILINA SECOND IN FINALS

The fervent efforts of the Dougherty Wrestling program was capped off this year with an outstanding effort by the grapplers in the All-Catholics meet. The dedicated squad placed fifth with 31½ points, outscoring teams from Turner and Canisius, to whom they dropped regular season contests. Leading the Card contingent in that meet were Brian Aquilina, placing second in the 158 lb. weight class, Jim Privitera, third in the 138 lb. division, and Peter Hazzan, third in the heavyweight class. Mike Dicillo was defeated in the semi-finals of the 105 lb. weight division.

The season was one of preparation for the future, with every member returning next year with valuable experience. Aquilina, Privitera, Hazzan, and sophomores Mike Dicillo and Matt Mariarcher each ended the season with winning records. The 2-12 record was proven an inaccurate evaluation by the Card's fine showing in the A-C meet. Vacancies in the 119 and 145 lb. classes forced the team to forfeit 12 points each meet.

Coach Gary Senf is to be congratulated for his outstanding mentorship. Taking the reigns last year from original coach Dennis Sheedy, Senf has built the Dougherty wrestling program to more than just "another sport" in the winter season. His hard work will hopefully pay off with a championship next year.

BASKETBALL TEAM WINLESS

What can be said about a team with an 0 and 16 record? Most people say not much. Was it the coach's fault? Did he start the right people? Was it because the team lacked the all-important mobile big man?

Despite the record, Mr. Machado's team played well at times. The team's return to unpopular slow-down tactics kept them close most of the second half of the season.

They led Canisius and Turner at the half only to hit a third quarter drought that finished their victory hopes.

Their decelerated mode of play gave the spectators a closely contested if not exciting game. The team trailed league champion Timon by nine at the half, and matched such tournament bound teams as Duffy, Fallon, and St. Joe's until the late minutes of the contest.

The season was not fruitless, however. The reward for Mr. Machado's patience was the marked improvement in the play of his underclassmen. John Masiello, Bob Rath, Frank Manzella and Rich Santasero played well throughout the season, and will combine with three other team members; Jim Rosner, Ange to regain

J.V. Impressive

Fran Daumen took over the position of Junior Varsity basketball head coach and guided the team to an impressive season culminating in a 5-12 record. The J.V. squad dropped five games by five points or less, including a one point loss to league champ O'Hara. The high amount of spirit and outstanding enthusiasm shown by each member of the team attracted a large cheering section and much commendation.

The J.V. Cards' five victories were registered over Canisius, Fallon, Turner, Duffy and Nichols.

Jim Krawczak was the top gun on the team, averaging 18.2 points per game. Mike Montesano, known for his ball-hawking defense, averaged more than 13 points while Pete Schneider hit for close to 12 points per game. Charlie Hazzan set a J.V. rebound standard, retrieving more than 150 missed shots. Freshman Dan Pastore and Jim Crowley saw a great deal of action, both showing great improvement and that winning spirit needed to make a champion.

Coach Daumen immediately became popular with his players, the fans and the referees. Mr. Daumen was always ready to inject laughter into a game with one of his witty quips.

The freshman basketball team, coached by former Dougherty star Mike Zera, finished the season with a 3-15 mark. Outstanding players on the team were Peter Ketzner and Rick Sheridan.

DEBATE RETURNS

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The team will compete at the Catholic Forensic League finals in March.

They are applying to regain Dougherty's Forensic League Charter, which lapsed three years ago. They will base the application on this year's record, which boasts eight first places in individual rounds. They need only a few more members to put Dougherty on top of the local speech world.

IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Although the winter season was not very productive in the win column, there were many exciting and excellent efforts by several athletes.

The basketball senior captain, Paul Montesano, is the SPOTLIGHT's pick for most valuable player for the 1971-72 season. Despite Coach Machado's emphasis on experiencing juniors and sophomores, Paul amassed more playing time than any other player. Paul had a league scoring average of 13.2, placing him 12th in the Bishop Burke division in point output. Paul sacrificed a twenty-points-a-game scoring average early in the season to help the team's style of play. Also, despite his diminutive size at 5' 9", he came up with many a key rebound.

We also choose Frosh Dan Pastore as the J.V.'s most valuable player. Dan's hustle and never-ending aggressiveness was a great asset to the team. It wasn't a coincidence when the man he guarded had a bad day.

WRESTLING

Due to the wrestling team's balance, we elect to choose co-winners for the SPOTLIGHT honors. Brian Aquilina and Jim Privitera showed great dedication throughout the season and boasted individual records of 9 and 4. Brian was second in the All-Catholics in the 158 weight class. Jim placed third in the 138 weight class.

The SPOTLIGHT has decided to award trophies at the Sports Night Dinner.

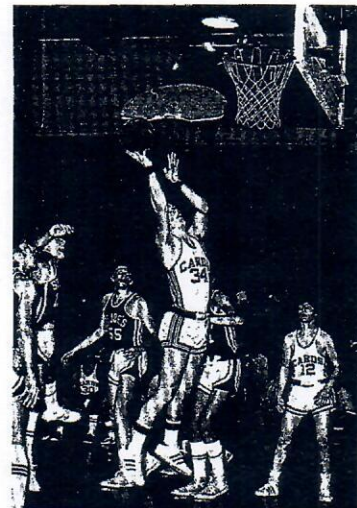
INTRAMURAL SHORTS

Bowling has caught fire in Dougherty. This year there are twenty intramural teams competing in four separate divisions at the Roc-Mar Lanes.

Mike Kosiak is presently leading the league in three categories: high game, high set and high average. Following closely behind in the high average race are faculty keggers Mr. Schmitt and Mr. Gaudy. In high game, Chuck Schaus, Mike Genau and Bob Potozniak are closing in on Kosiak's 243 total.

The intramural games are held every Friday. Anyone interested is encouraged to attend.

Intramural basketball is also a very popular activity. Mr. Niland has done a good job in organizing the competition between homerooms. The play-offs have begun with 215A and 215B leading the ABA division and 210 and 116 winning the NBA division.



Rick Kucharski goes to the bucket.