

... "A FLAG OR A DOOR MAT" ...

by Mary Stalgaitis

The Summer Olympic Games are perhaps the most thrilling of all sports events. Through these games, bitter rivalries between nations are converted into friendly competition. The Olympic athletes usually strive to set an example of good sportsmanship. Politics is banned from the games.

Naturally each athlete wants to win, and if he achieves his goal bursts with pride when after being presented with his gold medal, he listens to his national anthem. The behavior of Tommie Smith and John Carlos on the victory stand after receiving medals in the 100 meter dash was a shocking break of Olympic tradition, and a radical display of smugness, bigotry and bad manners. What should have been a proud moment for the athletes and this country became an embarrassing situation when these two representatives waved clenched fists in black gloves during the National Anthem.

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Demonstrations such as this are unexplainable and certainly do not enter under the realm of the Olympics. Carlos and Smith may have been proud to be "Black Americans", but the fact remains that there is no separate tally of medals won by negro or white athletes.

One can imagine the chaos that would prevail if demonstrations like these were permitted to occur, if the Polish protested Soviet rule or if perhaps South Korea slandered North Korea. New events would have to be incorporated into the games, with gold medals awarded for mudslinging and picketing.

Fortunately, the behavior of the other contestants were more conventional. This "Black Power" incident was as embarrassing to the United States as a hiccup in the middle of a solo would be to an opera singer. It marred the beauty of this international event, but did not detract from the total dignity of the Olympic Games. Yet, it certainly would have been better had the incident never occurred.

WHO'SE LEGS?

Plans are being made for the annual Faculty-Student Comriety Show. Last year's production was well received. Students still talk about Dr. Staudenmaier's legs. Those interested in helping with the show or those who wish to perform are asked to sign up or see Mr. Shaevel, who is in charge of the event. Students are urged to attend the performance. They may see a side to their teachers they never realized.

FACULTY SPOTLIGHT MR. DEFINA

Our teacher in the news this time is one of our engineering profs -- Mr. Defina.

When asked what his attitude toward a traffic light at the entrance of Highacres was; he replied with, "A light will be a hazard." He is definitely against having one and suggests that two stop signs with flashers would be better and should serve.

We couldn't let the presidential race slip by without asking a view on that. He says, "keep your mind open to the last minute before you vote."

Switching to a lighter subject we find that Mr. Defina also likes some of the "young beat" music of today. "All new art forms should be given a chance to develop, but some are weirdo."

In summary, we asked what he felt was most rewarding in his teaching? He answered directly with, "When students are enthused and happy about any accomplishments and discoveries they have made, even though I have contributed little to it."

Mr. Defina has been teaching for fifteen years (and we are glad to have him here at Highacres).

CAR RALLY HELD

The Circle K car rally was held on Sunday, Oct. 27 at 1:30 pm. The winners were: first place, Bob Rovnack, driver and Kathy Veranda, navigator. Second place, a tie between Fred Bachman, driver and Mary Ellen Kapuschinsky, navigator; and Pete Notaro, driver and Barbara Bachman, navigator. The car rally was held under the direction of Leonard Damico, activities chairman.