

SENIOR PROFILES

JOHN IACOPONI

By KELLY SALETAN

"It's an individual sport. Whatever I put into it is what I get out of it in return. I know if I have worked hard, I will have achieved my full potential," replied John Iacoponi, one of Northern Highlands' varsity wrestlers.

John's interest in wrestling developed during his days as a student at Cavallini School. His older brother Jim, who performed for the school's wrestling team, taught him many of the moves and techniques needed in this highly technical sport. John compiled an outstanding record at Cavallini. John presently wrestles in the 129 lb. weight class, and has comprised a very commendable record this year.

Last year, John placed third in the district tournament, and has set a goal for himself of capturing this year's championship. John feels that the team at Northern Highlands is very strong, and hopes to make his

senior season an individual and team success.

A superior student, John has been accepted to the University of Notre Dame. He is currently waiting to hear from Harvard, Stamford, MIT, and Northwestern. John plans on majoring in engineering or in the biological sciences.

"Compared to other high schools I've seen, Northern Highlands is in better condition and the students care," commented John. This talented senior believes that the diversity of the subject matter at Highlands will be of great benefit to him in his future studies. For example, John's background in Calculus in high school will enable him to participate in advanced math courses in college.

In addition to wrestling, John was also captain of the soccer team. As a member of the year-book business staff, he has seen and participated in the financial aspects of putting together a school annual. One

of his finest accomplishments during his years at Highlands was being selected as a member of the prestigious National Honor Society.

Scouting has been an integral part of John's life. For the past seven years he has been an Eagle Scout and has accumulated a total of thirty-nine merit badges.

The third oldest of seven children, John strongly believes that the opportunities afforded him through living in Upper Saddle River are numerous. "The society in which we live has sheltered us from the hardships of the world, and provided us countless opportunities for us to succeed." Judging from John's success, he is a prime example of what the best of Highlands is all about.



BARRY MARSHALL

By AMANDA CRAMES

Barry Marshall has often been described as a talented and interested student in the area of liberal arts and acting.

Presently, Barry is a member and president of the Madrigal Choir, which deals with renaissance music, as well as an active member of the drama club. He is very enthusiastic about making acting a major part of his future.

"To make others happy by doing what makes me happy," is his goal as a theatrical enthusiast. He has applied to North Western University, U.S.C., Boston University, Carnegie Mellon University, and Penn State, the latter of which has already accepted him. He has hopes for an acting career and a musical-theatrical education as well.

Barry will play a major role in "Two Gentlemen of Verona," the music department's spring presentation. He encourages everyone to come and see the show. He is a member of the New Jersey All-State Choir, and Barry sings in his church choir every Sunday.

Aside from liberal arts, Barry is very active in a different aspect of recreation called "New Games".

New Games are a select group of games developed in

the 1960's. A man by the name of Stuart Brands developed the idea to relieve the war time tensions of the time. The theory was that conflict and competition was good if no harm could come of it. The object is that everybody plays and nobody loses.

New Games can cost nothing or they could cost as much as \$2000 depending on the games to be played and the creativity of the people involved.

Barry became interested in New Games two years ago after attending a few of the New Games festivals. He enjoys them so much that he suggested them to the Student Council as a way to get the entire student body together in some fun.

"New Games were rejected because they were something new and different, and the other activity to choose between had already been tried and proved successful. There is no doubt in my mind that anybody who went and played would have had a genuinely good time," Barry commented.

Barry is a referee of New Games and believes they would be a definite asset and successful form of entertainment for all. He plans to bring this idea before the Senior Council

in the near future.

Barry, among his other activities, is involved in the A.V. committee. He does the morning announcements once a week and is skilled in using the cameras and video equipment. Backpacking and traveling are Barry's other hobbies. He has been to every state in the U.S. except for Alaska and Hawaii.

Barry states his high school experience has been busy, and a time in which he has learned a great deal about himself and others. He is content that Highlands is the best school he has ever seen, referring mainly to the planetarium, library, and the faculty. Within these past four years he feels the school has changed very little, and yet the students have changed a great deal. In Barry's eyes, the student body has become more of a whole, rather than small groups.

Having had a very happy and successful four years at Highlands, Barry looks forward to the future with fond memories of his high school years.

