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TO BFHS/HACI ALUMNI ASSOC
FR. ROBERT M. MCCRONE HACI '47
RE. NOMINEE FOR DISTINGUISHED ATHLETE @ HACI. (2)

GENTLEMEN:

I NOMINATE ROBERT RANDACCIO (HACI '45 or '46)
NOT SO MUCH FOR HIS ATHLETIC PROWESS BUT, FOR HIS
OUTSTANDING ACT OF SPORTSMANSHIP DURING A CATHOLIC
HIGH SCHOOL TRACK MEET (CIRCA '45/'46)

AS I RECALL, HACI WAS PITTED AGAINST ST JOE'S
and CANISIUS IN THE STRAIGHT 880 YARD CHAMPIONSHIP
RACE HELD AT THE OLD 74TH ARMORY ON BUFFALO'S
WEST SIDE. EACH SCHOOL HAD TWO OF THEIR BEST
RUNNERS ENTERED - ONE SUPPOSEDLY TO SET THE
PACE FOR THEIR TEAMMATE TO 'CLOSE' IN THE
STRETCH.

BOB RANDACCIO WAS OUR PACE SETTER and
AS HE ENTERED THE FINAL LAP LOOKED OVER HIS
SHOULDER TO SEE THAT THE ONLY "COMPETITOR"
WAS TEAMMATE ROCCO LAMPARELLI. THE ST JOE'S
and CANISIUS RUNNERS HAD FADDED OUT OF
COMPETITION. JUST BEFORE THE WIRE, RANDACCIO
STOPPED and WAVED ROCCO ON BY, ALLOWING HIM (R)
TO WIN THE RACE!

THAT WAS A PROUD MOMENT FOR ALL OF US AT HACI.
FORTUNATE ENOUGH TO SEE THIS DISPLAY OF UNSELFISHNESS
and SPORTSMANSHIP! THANKS!

Bob McCrone HACI'