

Campus Dateline

Debate League

Aquinas Institute has joined ranks with Victor Central School to conceive and bring into being the Rochester Area Debate League.

This is possibly the first time public and parochial high schools have banded together to form a league in any field of extra-curricular activity.

Personnel behind the project are Donald Averill, debate coach at Victor and Mr. Norman Kolb, C.S.B., assistant moderator at Aquinas.

Seven schools are represented in the league: St. Andrew's Seminary, Victory Central School, Aquinas Institute, McQuaid Jesuit High School, Irondequoit High School, Webster Central and Bishop Kearney High School.

Consisting of two levels, semi-experienced and novice, the league's primary purpose is to give young debaters of the area the necessary practice to allow them to become proficient in the art of debating. Thus the league will meet every other Saturday morning with each school taking a turn as host. Aquinas will convene the next session on Dec. 15. Students, parents and representatives of area schools are invited to attend.

The schedule:

Dec. 15 Aquinas
Jan. 5 McQuaid
Jan. 12 Webster
Jan. 19 Irondequoit
Feb. 2 St. Andrew

Science Tour

Mercy's advanced biology class was guided through the science departments of the University of Rochester recently by Mr. William Downs, U. of R. professor. The group's teacher, Sister Mary Augustine, accompanied them.

The three-hour tour acquainted the class with the atomic energy section, the store room for iodine isotopes, experimentation on various levels, and the radiation counter.

Christmas Concert

A combined band of Nazareth Academy and Aquinas Institute students and a choral group composed of the Sacred Heart Cathedral boys choir and the Aquinas glee club will highlight the annual Christmas concert at Aquinas Institute Dec. 15.

Rev. Cyril R. Udall, C.S.B., M.M., director of the Aquinas music department, will conduct the 85 piece band in a variety of musical offerings ranging from John Philip Sousa's El Capitan march, through selections from the Music Man to a medley of familiar Christmas themes.

Featured presentation for the uniformed band will be Wag-

ner's "Elsa's Procession" from Lohengrin.

The Aquinas Glee Club and Sacred Heart boys choir will share the program with the band and will render several selections including "Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring," Psalm 99 and "Salve Pater," arranged by Sister M. Irmina, S.S.J. Frank J. Pilecki is director of both groups.

Louis Ugino, director of the Nazareth Academy band, will be guest conductor during the program.

All seats for the performance in Aquinas Auditorium are unreserved. Tickets may be purchased at the door or from members of the band.

NCTE Runner-Up

Catherine Dobbertin of St. Agnes High School is one of 870 outstanding students of high school English in the country. The National Council of Teachers of English has named her a 1962 national runner-up in its annual Achievement Awards competition.

Last spring a committee of English teachers from the high school nominated Catherine to represent St. Agnes in the competition. The nation's schools nominated almost 6,200 students for the NCTE citation.

In announcing the winners, James R. Squire, Executive Secretary of National Council of Teachers of English, said that the Council recommends these students for college scholarships in 1963. In previous years, 99% of the Awards winners entered the college of their choice. Approximately 80% of those applying for scholarships received financial aid.

The NCTE sends to all winners and runners-up scrolls of recognition. It honors their high school departments with certificates of merit. The Council also sends the names of these students to their respective congressmen and governors.

Mrs. Robert Murphy, Sr. Anne de Porres, and Sr. Mary John have been Catherine's English instructors at St. Agnes. Her parents are Mr. and Mrs. Clemens A. Dobbertin of 25 Hedge Street.

The National Council of Teachers of English, which recently held its 62nd annual convention in Miami Beach, with its 75,000 members and subscribers among English teachers from elementary grades through college is the largest subject-matter organization of teachers in the United States.

Recollection Day

The Rev. James J. Marvin of St. Andrew's Church will conduct St. Agnes High School's first Sodality Day of Recollection, Sunday, at the school at 1:30 p.m.

Following three afternoon conferences, will be Benediction at 5:00 and a talk on the Blessed Sacrament. Between conferences, students may purchase books and pamphlets for spiritual reading. A dinner, catered by Gritman's of Lake Avenue, will close the Day of Recollection. Tickets may be obtained from Linda Villa, Sodality prefect, or from St. Agnes Socialists. Price of the tickets is \$1.25.

Golden Mass

Mercy students will assist at the school's traditional Golden Mass Thursday, Dec. 13. Rev. P. David Finks, chaplain, will be the celebrant.

Before Mass, students will walk in procession into the auditorium bearing food and gifts for Christmas baskets for Rochester area. Prior to the

ter Anselm, "It has shown the school that our fellow Catholics at the other end of the world have our interest very much at heart."

At Convention

Sister Agnes Cecilia, principal of Nazareth Academy, and Sister M. Annunciata, vice principal, are attending the 76th Annual Convention of the Middle States Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools in Atlantic City, New Jersey, Thursday through Saturday, Dec. 6-8.

The program opened with a general session at which the Rev. Lawrence J. McGinley, president of Fordham University, gave the invocation. Open commission meetings were held at 3:30 p.m. The academy administrators will attend the meeting on "Effective Use of the Evaluative Criteria in the Secondary Schools."

Friday's sessions will open with the keynote address: "The Changing Nature of the College and University and What This Means to the Freshman," by Steven Muller, associate professor and director of the Center for International Studies, Cornell University. About 30 workshops are scheduled from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The National Catholic Educational Association, an affiliate association, will meet on Saturday. John B. Mannion, executive secretary of the Liturgical Conference, Washington, D.C., will speak on "Liturgy and Religious Education."

College Life

Mercy's college-bound seniors and juniors accompanied by their parents attended a panel discussion on various phases of college life at the high school on Nov. 28. Rev. P. David Finks, school chaplain, moderated the panel.

Panelists included Rev. Richard Tormey, chaplain of the Newman Club at Cornell University, who spoke on "The Catholic Student on the Non-Catholic College Campus."

Rev. Russell Pendergast, C.S.B., treasurer of St. John Fisher College, discussed the financial problems involved in college attendance. Miss Kathryn Meyer, a Mercy graduate and Associate Professor at Monroe Community College, covered the topic, "Advantages of Attending a Catholic College."

Talent, Fashions

The senior class of Our Lady of Mercy High School will entertain their mothers on Saturday, Dec. 8, at a combined Talent and Fashion Show.

The affair has been organized by class president, Ellen McCorry, and secretary-treasurer, Pat Meagher, according to Sister Mary Bryan, class moderator. Paula Kirby will be the emcee and is responsible for publicity. Kathy Ashenbary has written the fashion commentary and is organizing the talent for the show.

Prominent among senior talent will be Molly Walsh as a female Bob Newhart, Mickey Griffo will sing folk songs to her own guitar accompaniment. Gabriele Wickert will dramatize a Shakespearean heroine.

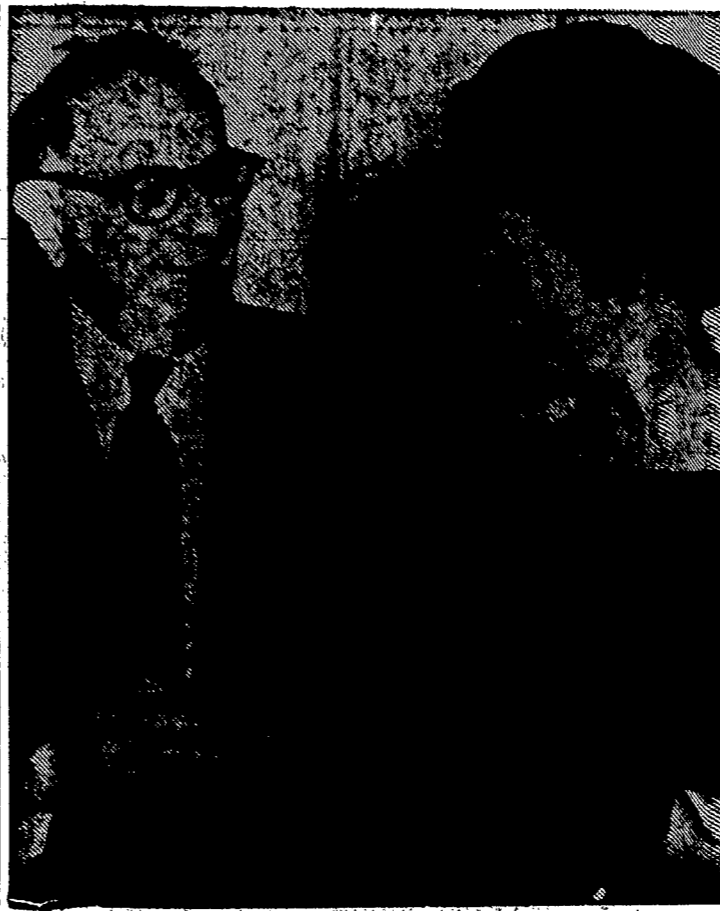
Peggy Weston will be the commentator for the fashion show. Fashions from Peck and Peck will be modeled by the following seniors chosen by their homerooms: Donna Phillips, Gabriele Wickert, Anne Grownney, Kathy Jeary, Kathy Naughton, Renee Ermattinger, Barb Stenglein, Sheila McConville, Norma Schirmer, Sharon Tallie, Barb Langdon, and Tina Fisher.

Refreshments will be handled by the senior officers' mothers, with Mrs. Emmett McCorry as chairman.

Books for Africa

Books donated by St. Agnes High School students will provide increased interest in reading and scholarship for East African high school students.

St. M. Anselm, Franciscan missionary in Uganda, East Africa, has notified St. Agnes Mission Council that textbooks shipped last spring have arrived, more than doubling the size of the library at Mt. St. Mary's in Namagunga, Lugazi. Of particular value are the encyclopedias and English literature sets. Ugandese students will write their thanks, sending pictures of their school. Says Sis-



Phyllis McGinley Honored

New York — (RNS) — Poet Phyllis McGinley, author of "Times Three" and other best-selling collections of poems, holds the 1962 Spirit Medal of the Catholic Poetry Society of America. Presenting the award to her, is John J. Brunini, editor of Spirit, the society's poetry magazine. Walter Kerr, author, playwright and drama critic of The New York Herald Tribune, was the principal speaker at the society's 31st anniversary dinner.

Yule Party At Tom Sawyer

Elmira Ladies of Columbus will hold their annual Christmas party at the Tom Sawyer Motor Inn on Tuesday, Dec. 11.

Dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. Gifts will be exchanged and entertainment will follow.

Mrs. Paul Scanlin is in charge of arrangements and will be assisted by Mesdames Victor Barone, Frank Kubiak, Wayne Szabutra, Francis Matthew, Truman Painton, Robert Pautz and Anthony Bellizia.

Five Commended

Five seniors at Nazareth Academy have received a formal Letter of Commendation from the National Merit Scholarship Corporation, according to Sister Agnes Cecilia, principal.

To increase their opportunities to obtain financial aid if they need it, the Merit Corporation sends the names, home addresses, and test scores of all commended students to the two colleges that they indicated as their preferred choices at the time they took the qualifying test.

The National Merit Scholarship competition is open to all high schools in the U.S. and its territories. Awards are made from the resources of the National Merit Scholarship Corporation and through sponsoring business corporations, foundations, unions, associations and individuals.

Commended students are as follows: Sue Arbor, 64 Lozier St.; Catherine Frank, 209 Nantucket Rd.; Mary K. Le Brun, 257 Kisingbury St.; Joanne Sauve, 54 Ketchum St.; and Norma Tracy, 127 Clifford Ave.

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Albert R. Christiano, a member of St. Thomas More Church, is now an associate with the George Heffenberg law office.

A graduate of Harvard University and Georgetown Law School, Christiano was admitted to the New York State Bar in October, 1959.

He was formerly an attorney with Allstate Insurance Co.

Mr. and Mrs. Christiano live with their three children at 161 Cloverland Dr.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Francis R. Christiano, 42 Maxwell Ave., Geneva.

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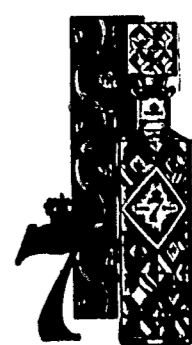
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