

# Rap Around Rap Around Rap Around Rap



Mark Manetta strums the guitar while Pete Candella makes smooth jazz sounds on the Vibraharp for their audience.

## Jazz "Vibes" at Aquinas

"It's great to be back at my alma mater," Pete Candella told his Aquinas audience at the Nov. 19 assembly.

Pete who is a 1973 graduate of the school was happy about performing for the students and was at ease while he joked and presented his listeners with an all original jazz concert.

All the music was composed by Pete. His repertoire included a "funky thing" called "Doonesbury" named after the comic strip; "A Day at the Market"; and "Legal Procedure," which was dedicated to the Aquinas football team. The idea for this last piece came to him while he watched the Aquinas-Mooney game.

According to Candella, when he composes his music, "Sometimes I'll spend hours on it or just 15 minutes depending how the ideas come."

His group, "The Blue Aura,"

includes Tony Gringeri, a DeSales graduate, on drums; Jeremy Seligman, flute; Mark Manetta, guitar; Joe Sconfitto on base. Pete played the mallet percussion vibraharp (the "vibes") which he pointed out was the large xylophone-looking instrument on stage.

Candella has always been involved in the Aquinas music department. In his senior year he conducted the presentation of "Fiddler on the Roof". After graduation he was back at Aquinas every summer directing original musicals, and on occasion plays solo with the band.

At present, he's musical director for the amateur theater group "The Borchard Street Players".

Music is Candella's primary vocation, and it showed as he pleased the Aquinas audience with his renditions which resulted in the smooth jazz sounds from "The Blue Aura".

## Language Clubs At Nazareth

The '75-'76 language clubs, headed by new officers, are planning many activities for this year at Nazareth Academy.

Spanish Club officers are President Jeanette Santangelo, Vice President Betty Roth, Recording Secretary Michelle Vickers, Corresponding Secretary Mari Ann DiNardo and Treasurer Kathy Faraone. Miss Anna Ciancaglini is the club's faculty moderator. Club members have whipped up such Spanish delicacies as biscuits, bunuelos, bizcocho de-especies, arroz con pollo and Mexican wedding cakes. Members are considering a trip to a Spanish-speaking country.

Nazareth's French Club is newly formed this year with President Doty Robidoux, Vice President Diane Farrell, Secretary Mary Ann Goosley and Treasurer Ginger Minnehap. They publish a monthly newsletter and future activities include a dinner dance, trips to places in Rochester with a French background and attending French plays.

New officers of the Italian Club are President Sandy Gallo, Vice President Paula LoBrutto, Secretary Jo Coriazza and Treasurer Roseanne Coco. Sister Cora Marie serves as faculty moderator. Club members plan to replace their traditional dinner dance with a tureen supper. They are also working out details for a trip to either New York or Boston during the school's February recess. The trip will be open to all Nazareth students.

## Junior Miss

Elmira — Notre Dame senior Patti Gough of Horseheads was named first runnerup in the 16th annual Chemung County Junior Miss Pageant. Patti was one of nine girls competing.

## Miss Congeniality

Judith Jones, a Cardinal Mooney senior, was named "Miss Congeniality" in the 1975 Monroe County Junior Miss Pageant at Xerox Square Auditorium.



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In recent weeks if you read the newspapers you probably saw the articles dealing with the Karen Quinlan case.

For those unfamiliar with the issue, Karen Quinlan is 21 years old and has been in a coma for over six months. Her plight was brought to the attention of both the New Jersey courts and the public when her parents asked that she be taken off the respirator.

After debating between physicians, lawyers and the Quinlans, a decision has finally been made. A New Jersey judge has ruled that Karen be kept on the respirator.

In the course of the trial all the physicians, whether testifying for the State or the Quinlans, agreed on one point; if Karen ever regains consciousness the odds against a recovery are phenomenal.

Since the Quinlan case has come to the attention of the public many opinions have been

formed on the delicate subject of euthanasia.

In the Quinlan case many people feel that the right decision has been made. Others are in strong opposition to the verdict involving Karen Quinlan.

I am one who opposes the decision of the courts involving the prolongation of Karen's life. I honestly believe that it is senseless to extend a life where there is no hope for any type of normal recovery.

The argument may be that there is always hope. I tend to disagree. I believe that all hope has been exhausted. Mr. and Mrs. Quinlan made it known that there was no hope on their part when the request was made to take Karen off the respirator.

I fail to see the point to be proved by the prolonging of a life when those who suffer the most request otherwise. I do hope that when other cases such as this come into question the best possible decision for those closely involved is made.

## Mini-Project Program

The State Education Department has announced a program of small grants which will be available to school administrators, teachers, students, parents, or community groups to promote innovative educational proposals at the "grass roots" level.

Under the Mini-Project Program, individuals and groups interested in the improvement of elementary and secondary

education in New York State may apply for grants ranging from \$500 to \$3,000 for promising solutions to educational problems.

The program will provide \$900,000 which will be divided among the 18 regions in the state that comprise the Optional Education Program network and the Big Five Cities (New York City, Buffalo, Syracuse, Rochester, and Yonkers).



## End of Long Day

Bishop Kearney senior Lori Keegan relaxes in the quiet of the halls as classes end for the day. She uses her time to catch up on homework and extra studying.

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