

Rap Around Rap Around Rap Around Rap

A Chance to Participate

By JOAN M. SMITH

On every other Thursday strange sounds emanate from Aquinas Institute... slapping of ping-pong balls... swishing of artists' brushes... strumming of guitars.

On these days normal class periods are cut to allow for a final 40-minute period, before dismissal, for Club Day activities which are a combination of relaxing endeavors and learning experiences.

Every corner of the school becomes busy with the varied activity of 32 clubs which are geared to the students' particular interests like chess, billiards, debate, bridge, biology, physics, motorcycles, snowmobiles, photography and gold.

The Club Day idea began as an experiment last spring for the benefit of those students who because of athletic practices and scheduled bus transportation

were unable to share in the school's extracurricular activities.

The experiment met with success and is now a regular part of the school program. An estimated 600 enthusiastic students have become active participants in Club Day.

Junior Bernard Kelly said the idea was great because "it adds excitement to the everyday business of school."

Classmate Mike DeGregorio agreed, "It gives people a chance to be involved in things they wouldn't have at home like ping-pong and billiards."

But the games are only a portion of the experiences offered the Aquinas students. Club Day presents a wide variety of interests which range from the scholarly to the social. According to Father Dennis Andrews, vice principal, the stressing of this student development in the academics as well as the social was another reason why Aquinas implemented this type of program.



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The Pep Club's duties are to create and repair the various posters, banners and props used for athletic meets. Above, junior Mike Reilly shows freshman Kevin Foy and fellow junior Bob Stevenson the decorative drum in need of work.

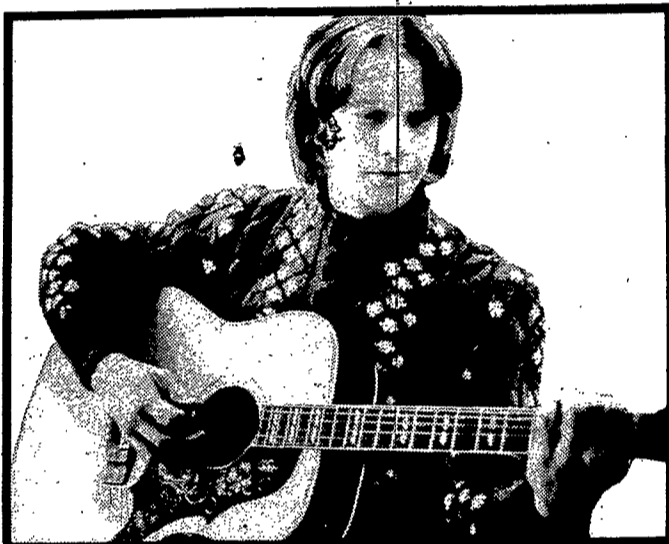


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Allan Walts adds his musical talents to the Guitar Club.

Notre Dame And Mark Twain

The great American author Mark Twain did much of his writing in Elmira, and recently a community group, The Mark Twain Society, was formed to promote Twain in the area.

The Notre Dame student body is represented in this society through the Student Council officers, Peter Maloney, Patti Cough, Chris Nichols and Mike Shields.

The society has been instrumental in having river front park named as a Mark Twain Memorial, and are planning a festival for sometime next year.

Winners!

Recipient of the Winner's Circle \$5 for the week of Nov. 19 was John Hart, a student at Geneva DeSales High School.

Winner for the week of Nov. 26 was Barbara Rooney, a senior at Nazareth Academy.



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Paul Roland is elated as he picks up a tricky shot.

ON THE GO

AQUINAS:
Thursday, Dec. 18—Christmas Assembly; slide show.
Monday, Dec. 22—Student song concert at Monroe County Home; Christmas recess begins.

BISHOP KEARNEY:
Thursday, Dec. 18—Christmas Mass; Kearney Singers Christmas Concert.
Friday, Dec. 19—Christmas liturgy followed by dinner.

CARDINAL MOONEY:
Friday, Dec. 19—Christmas Band tour; Staff Christmas Party, 6:30-11:30 p.m.
Saturday, Dec. 20—Christmas Concert.
Tuesday, Dec. 23—Christmas recess begins.

DeSALES:
Wednesday, Dec. 1—School Penitential Service.
Dec. 18-24—Student Council Christmas Tree sale.
Friday, Dec. 19—Christmas concert; School vacation begins.
Sunday, Dec. 21—Christmas concert at Hobart College, 3 p.m.

McQUAID:
Tuesday, Dec. 23—Final Examinations; Christmas recess begins.

NAZARETH:
Thursday, Dec. 18—Choral Belles on the Eddie Meath Show.
Friday, Dec. 19—Freshmen Chorus to sing at assembly.

NOTRE DAME:
Friday, Dec. 19—Golden Mass.
Sunday, Dec. 21—Christmas Dance.

ST. AGNES:
Thursday, Dec. 18—Christmas concert.
Friday, Dec. 19—Christmas vacation begins.

OUR LADY OF MERCY:
Friday, Dec. 19—Golden Mass.

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