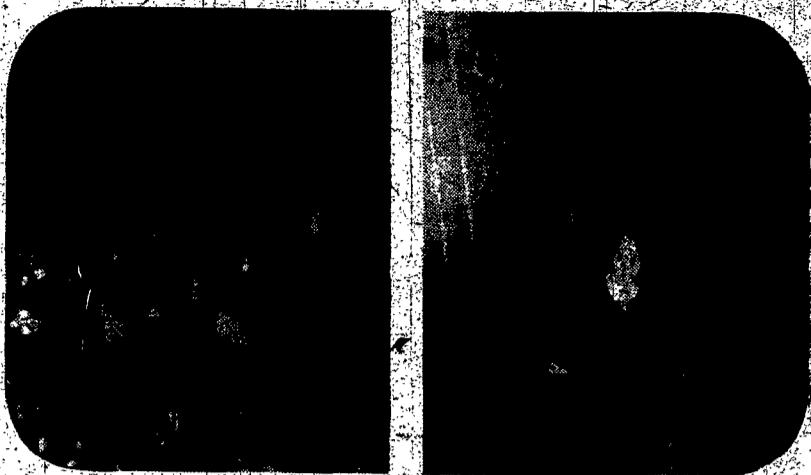


Rap Around Rap Around Rap Around Rap Around



Varsity cheerleaders livened DeSales' Spirit Week up with their peppy cheers while Jeanie Ritter and Mary Beth Walsh put their creativity into decorating the junior halls.

Spirit Week a Success

By KAREN COLIZZI

Geneva — To commemorate Catholic School Week in a special way, a "Spirit Week" was held at DeSales High School, Feb. 9-13.

A different event was planned every day and the week started off with decoration contests.

Every homeroom class decorated its hall doors with as much originality as possible. A prize was awarded to sophomore Homeroom 28 for its bicentennial theme.

Tuesday was the day that students showed their colors. Juniors and seniors wore blue and white in honor of the Bloomfield Bombers, and the freshman and sophomores wore blue and gold in honor of the DeSales Saints. The two teams met on the basketball court Tuesday night with the Bombers winning the game.

Wednesday was another decorating day. This time the

classes rallied to decorate their own halls with streamers, signs and crepe paper. Again, the sophomores took the honors.

Thursday was another "show your colors day" with the freshmen and sophomores wearing the black and yellow of the Honeoye Falls-Lima Cougars. Juniors and seniors carried the colors of DeSales, who emerged victorious from the Friday night basketball game.

Lucky Friday the 13th was the climax of the week's activities. An afternoon pep rally was held in the school gym with the whole school in blue and gold. Each class presented a skit for the occasion. The seniors and sophomores tied for first place in this event.

Everyone in DeSales is aware of what a great sacrifice Catholic education is. We are proud to be able to do our best to show everyone that Catholic schools have a place in today's society. We took this opportunity to show our spirit and to express our thanks.



Nazareth students Sarina Rolfe and Lynn Zicari barter over items which were on sale at the Oriental Festival that was held by the freshman Afro-Asian class.

An Oriental Flavored Festival

By MARGARET MARY RIMORE

On Feb. 26, 27, Nazareth Academy was transformed into a scene of Oriental Culture. During all lunch periods, freshmen in cooperation with their Asian-African Cultures Studies held an Oriental Arts Festival.

The freshmen had been studying the arts and culture of the Orient and developed this knowledge through the festival.

At the festival there were examples of every aspect of Oriental Art and Culture, including many different Oriental motifs. Flags of the different countries were featured, along with basket weaving, pottery making and even samples of actual Oriental food.

The girls created an atmosphere complementary to their activities through burning incense, playing eastern music and dressing in native clothes, such as saris and kimonos.

From the profits made through the festival, the freshman class will adopt an orphan from Bangladesh and support him/her for one year. This same process had been initiated by last year's freshmen, and they adopted an orphan girl, Regina Gomez. This year as

sophomores they held a poster sale which raised enough funds to support Regina for another year.

Chairpersons for the Oriental Arts Festival included Mary Early, Ivette Laboy, Barbara Naschke, Cecelia Rife, Eileen Riley, and Angela Mitrano.

Also, in their quest for knowledge of Chinese culture, Sister Joan's third period Asian-African Culture classes visited the May-Ling Restaurant on Feb. 11. Organized by Maribeth Erb, they were served a complete luncheon consisting of an appetizer of fried noodles with sweet and sour sauce or hot sauce, won ton soup, chicken chow mein, fried rice with soy sauce, an eggroll, tea, and a fortune cookie.

Given the opportunity to use chopsticks, most of the girls had very little trouble eating the delicious food. After the experience, the girls said they learned to appreciate the culture and art of China, through the atmosphere created and explanations given by their friendly hosts at the restaurant.

From all the activities the girls have taken part in, they feel they have greatly benefited. In class they find the learning situation to be enjoyable and interesting, but by

going out and doing things themselves, they have found it to be an inspiration to dig deeper and search out more pertinent information.

Of course, experience is the best teacher, and the girls have proven this to themselves by their extensive work and research.



Angela Mitrano as Chinese maiden



AQUINAS:

- Thursday, March 4 — Club activity day, 1:50 p.m.
- Friday, March 5 — Freshmen-sophomore retreat; no school for upperclassmen
- Saturday, March 6 — Parents' Club card party, 8 p.m.
- Wednesday, March 10 — Lenten mass; 8:40 a.m.

CARDINAL MOONEY:

- Tuesday, March 9 — Men's Guild meeting.

DeSALES:

- Saturday, March 6 — Dinner Dance, Geneva Country Club.

McQUAID:

- Friday, March 5 — Report cards distributed.
- Tuesday, March 9 — Parents, Club fashion show.

ST. AGNES:

- Wednesday, March 10 — College Bowl assembly, second trimester ends.

Bicentennial Essay Winners

Aquinas freshmen Lawrence Constanza of St. Ambrose parish, and Michael Trabold from St. Lawrence's, won first and second place in the Bicentennial Essay contest sponsored by the

Maplewood Neighbors Association.

Their essays were on display at Nazareth Academy which hosted the association's town meeting on Saturday, Feb. 28.

The Friends of Notre Dame

By MOLLY FENNELL AND MITZIE FRAWLEY

In a two-part series, Rap Around readers will be given an in-depth look at the Notre Dame family — its functions, accomplishments and goals.

Part I

For the 20 years of Notre Dame's existence, a crucial and indispensable part of her family has been the parents. In fact, it is really surprising to think just how much parents contribute to the school, not in tuition alone, but also in time and effort. Along with parents, other interested friends support the school.

The Board of Governors is one of the most prominent of these groups. It includes representatives from each parish, the valley, two from Corning and a representative for each special interest group. These include the PTO, Bingo, the

Athletic Association, the Concert Committee and the Alumni Association.

The purpose and responsibilities of the Board of Governors cover a very large area. One of these is to further the longevity of the school. A way to do this is through recruitment where representatives of the student body introduce N.D. to eighth graders in the Catholic schools and their CCD programs. Their next concern is getting the parents interested. They do this through an open house to which the parents are invited to view the facilities and meet the teachers.

The last and probably most important responsibility for the Board of Governors is to promote the school's image, keeping it in the public eye. This is done by holding dances and CYO events and getting the students involved in activities such as tutoring at the elementary schools.

The idea of Sunday morning homeroom masses originated with the Board of Governors. The idea came to Dr. Thomas Curran, a past president of the board, while attending Mass at a college. The feeling of oneness was overwhelming. "We want people to know we are a family," he said. The Mass draws the four units of our school, the students, faculty, administration, and parents together.

In the past years there hasn't been complete coordination between the units. "The student was usually left confused in the middle," stated Dr. Curran.

The Board of Governors is now working to clarify its position in relation to the other units involved; the Sisters of Mercy, the workers, and the consumer. Dr. Curran says that the Board of Governors is severely criticized for the few small mistakes it makes but stresses that its members are human and are not incapable of error.