



**Stars, Stripes and Frosting!**

Students at St. Mary's school (left to right) Kelly Clark, Doreen D'Javaheri, Brian Teachout, Tim Shepard, Brenda Sauerbier, Ray Chasey and Sally Bacon, get ready to sample a flag cake following their recent bicentennial play during a special salute to Catholic Schools Week. Other parish events included a Grandparents Tea, Open House and Mass.

**New Lawyer's Guild Sets 'Brain Death' Panel**

The St. Thomas More Lawyers Guild will sponsor a forum tomorrow night entitled "Defining Death — a Moral, Medical and Legal Dilemma." The public is invited to attend the meeting, at 8 p.m. at the Academy of Medicine, 1441 East Ave., Rochester.

using available and currently accepted criteria.

The American Medical Association opposes any statutory definition of death as "neither desirable nor necessary" at this time.

Featured will be four speakers with varying views on this issue. They are: Dr. Richard L. Bureson, director of the Organ Transplant Service of the State University of New York, Syracuse, N.Y.; Father William Donnelly, chaplain at Monroe Community College and a director of the Rochester Euthanasia Society; Dr. Harold L. Hirsh, a lecturer in law at several universities, an internist, and an assistant clinical professor of Medicine at Howard University, Washington, D.C.; and Father William B. Smith S.T.D., Catholic professor of moral theology at St. Joseph's Seminary, Yonkers, New York.

The American Bar Association supports a statutory definition of death as "the irreversible cessation of total brain function." There is no statutory definition of death in New York. New artificial systems of support have created a question whether the common law definition of "death" as the "irreversible cessation of the respiratory and circulatory systems" is any longer adequate.

The New York State Legislature is considering a bill which would determine "death" by use of a "brain death" concept in certain situations where artificial systems are capable of maintaining the respiratory and circulatory systems.

The N.Y. Uniform Anatomical Gift Act leaves the final determination of what constitutes "death" to the attending physician and The American Medical Association has suggested that "death" shall be determined by the clinical judgment of the physician.

**PHOTO CONTEST**

A photo contest, designed to be both a bicentennial promotion and a salute to the American worker, is offering more than \$75,000 in national and local prizes. Jointly sponsored by Manpower, Inc. and Minolta Corp., the contest features cameras and trips to U.S. cities as awards. Entry blanks for the contest are available through camera dealers, drug stores, and at local Manpower offices. The contest closes April 30.

other relationships also are significant as long as they do not harm others or interfere with their rights to sexual expression.

"... the need to limit population growth, the widespread use of effective contraceptives, and developments in reproductive technology have made the procreative (child bearing) aspects of sex less significant today."

"... men must recognize the right of women to control their own bodies."

"Extramarital sexual relationships with the consent of one's partner is being accepted by some. Premarital sex relationships, already accepted in some parts of the world, will become more widely so. This will very likely also be true of homosexual and bisexual relationships. The use of genital associations to express feelings of genuine intimacy may then transcend barriers of age, race and gender."

"... taboos that cause people to feel that viewing the genitals is an obscenity, or that any verbal or visual expression of the sex act is pornographic undermine objectivity."

"Involved in the right to birth control is the right to voluntary sterilization and abortion."

"Physical pleasure has a worth as a moral value."

"Childhood sexuality is expressed through genital awareness and exploration. This involves self-touching, caressing parts of the body including the sexual organs. These are learning experiences. Masturbation is a viable mode of satisfaction for many individuals and should be fully accepted."

Remember please that these are the sentiments of people who teach the teachers, who write the textbooks, and direct and/or distribute and/or recommend the films and tapes used as sex education audio-visuals.

**Life, Liberty and Law**

**Nancy Murphy**

[Third in a series]

His name isn't exactly a classroom word yet but his philosophy is.

Lester A. Kirkendall Ph.D. former Professor of Family Life with the Oregon State University, is one of the founders of SIECUS. In 1975 he was on the Editorial Board of SEXOLOGY magazine. He is presently on the Advisory Panel of SIECUS as well as the Editorial Board of the Humanist Magazine. He is a signer of the Humanist Manifesto. Two of his books, *Sex in the Childhood Years* and *Sex in the Adolescent Years* were written with the late Isadore Rubin Ph.D. (former treasurer of SIECUS, and until his death in 1970, editor of SEXOLOGY) and are recommended by both SIECUS and Planned Parenthood.

Lester Kirkendall wrote the *Bill of Sexual Rights and Responsibilities* (the Humanist magazine, January 1976). The bill was signed by seven other SIECUS members, Allen Bell, Deryk Calderwood, Evalyn Gendel, Daniel Labby, Judd Marmor, John Money and Ira Reiss, in addition to James Prescott of HEW, Ms. Gina Allen of the NOW Sexuality Task Force, and Sol Gordon (whose books are recommended by both SIECUS and Planned Parenthood.)

Briefly: "Although we consider marriage, where viable, a cherished human relationship, we believe that

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