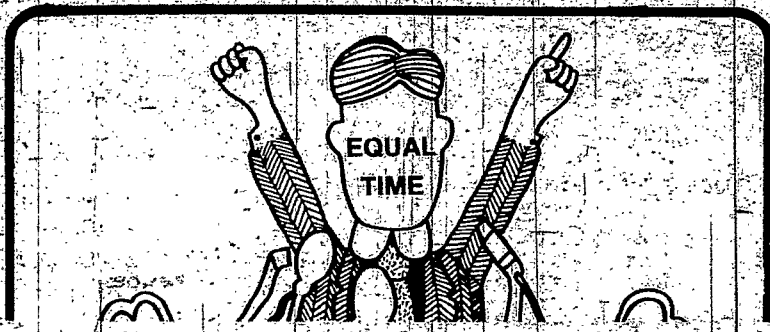


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Do you think Lent has lost its meaning for people because of less stringent rules?

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Debbie Nicolucci, senior, Future Secretaries Club

"I've always wondered about the rules we follow. I don't feel they are God's rules. In a way, people make up the rules and that could be the reason people don't bother to follow them. I don't think the Lord said you have to fast or not eat meat on Fridays. I don't think that not following these rules makes a person any less a Christian. I think Lenten sacrifice is a personal thing. A person should decide for themselves what to give up."



Laurie Damaschke, senior, Gabriel

"I don't think the Church has been stressing Lenten obligation as much as it should. Things have changed a lot, but I'm basically a traditionalist, and would like things the way they used to be. To a certain extent it should be left to the individual, but there should be absolute rules enforced. Everyone has their own way of preparing for Easter and along with Church guidelines their preparation would be fulfilling."



Renee Cringoli, sophomore, homeroom prefect

"I think the older people aren't affected much by the changes in the Lenten duties, but personally it affects me. My viewpoint has changed because religion has changed and become so much more flexible. The idea of Lent is still there but there isn't the strictness any longer."



Margaret Camello, junior, choir

"I think Lent has lost its meaning because the Church isn't stressing the sacrifice that should be connected with the season. I think it's good, the individual has the option to decide what to do for Lent, but the Church should be there with the motivation."



Marlene Adam, senior, yearbook editor

"I think even when the Church doesn't emphasize obligations, people still tend to follow the rules, though they aren't obligated. I don't see any purpose in giving up pop, or candy, or rum. I think it's best if you try to help people and do more things for them than just giving up incidentals. I think Lenten sacrifices should be left up to the individual."



Julie Christie, senior, school play

"I never saw the purpose in the solemn Lenten practices. I always considered Easter as a joyful season. We know Jesus Christ rose from the dead, so it should be a happy season. I think if a person just goes off by herself to spiritually prepare for Easter it's better than just giving up things like pop and candy. I also feel people should try to be better persons all year rather than just for the 40 days of Lent."



JoAnn Ricotta, sophomore

"I feel the meaning of Lent is lost because of the more lenient rules. The older people still go by the former rules, but for us they aren't as strict. Sometimes, parents suggest that we sacrifice by giving up things for Lent."



Maureen McConnell, senior, newspaper staff

"Lent has lost some of the meaning. People don't pay much attention to it because the rules aren't emphasized as much as they were before. I think the importance of fulfilling Lenten duties should be explained to the people."



BK Seniors Celebrate

Graduation isn't far off and the 1976 graduates are counting the days!

One senior class at Bishop Kearney will hold a '76 Day to celebrate the fact there are that many days left of their high school years. Fashionable attire will be the order of the day for seniors so uniforms will be left home hanging in the closet.

The red, white and blue decorated gym will be the center of after school activity where the seniors will participate in ping-pong games, volleyball matches and jam sessions. There will be plenty of pizza and pop on hand.

French Culture At First Hand

The North American Cultural Exchange League (NACEL) through its French program is offering an opportunity for area high school and college students to spend a month in France learning the culture and language.

A two-year background in French is advised for those students who wish to participate. They will be living with French families from July 2 to Aug. 1.

This will be the third group of exchange students to visit France under the auspices of NACEL. For further details contact Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Murphy at 265-0925 before April 2.



Winner's Circle

RapAround weekly will run a photo of a group of students taken somewhere in the diocese. One person will be circled and if that person brings clipping to the Courier-Journal before noon of the Tuesday following publication date, he or she will receive \$5. This week's photo was taken at Cardinal Mooney during an assembly. The person circled above should bring the clipping to Joan M. Smith, Courier-Journal, by noon, Tuesday, March 23 to receive \$5.

Soph Speech Program

For Nazareth Academy sophs, speech is an integrated part of their English program. Some years back, speech was taught only one day a week. Recognizing the need and value of a fuller program the English Department decided to allow one quarter of the school year for a complete unit on speech.

Students are taught speech fundamentals with experiences to develop their communication and public speaking effectiveness. Activities include student interviews, announcements, demonstrations, oral interpretations of literature, impromptu and formal speeches and lab sessions to record and critique their own work.

Ice Cream Marathon

What do Nazareth Academy students do when school is dismissed early? Last week when their teachers were engaged in business meetings with junior high teachers, 10 seniors decided to go to Buckman's new ice cream parlor, on Ridge Road West, for lunch.

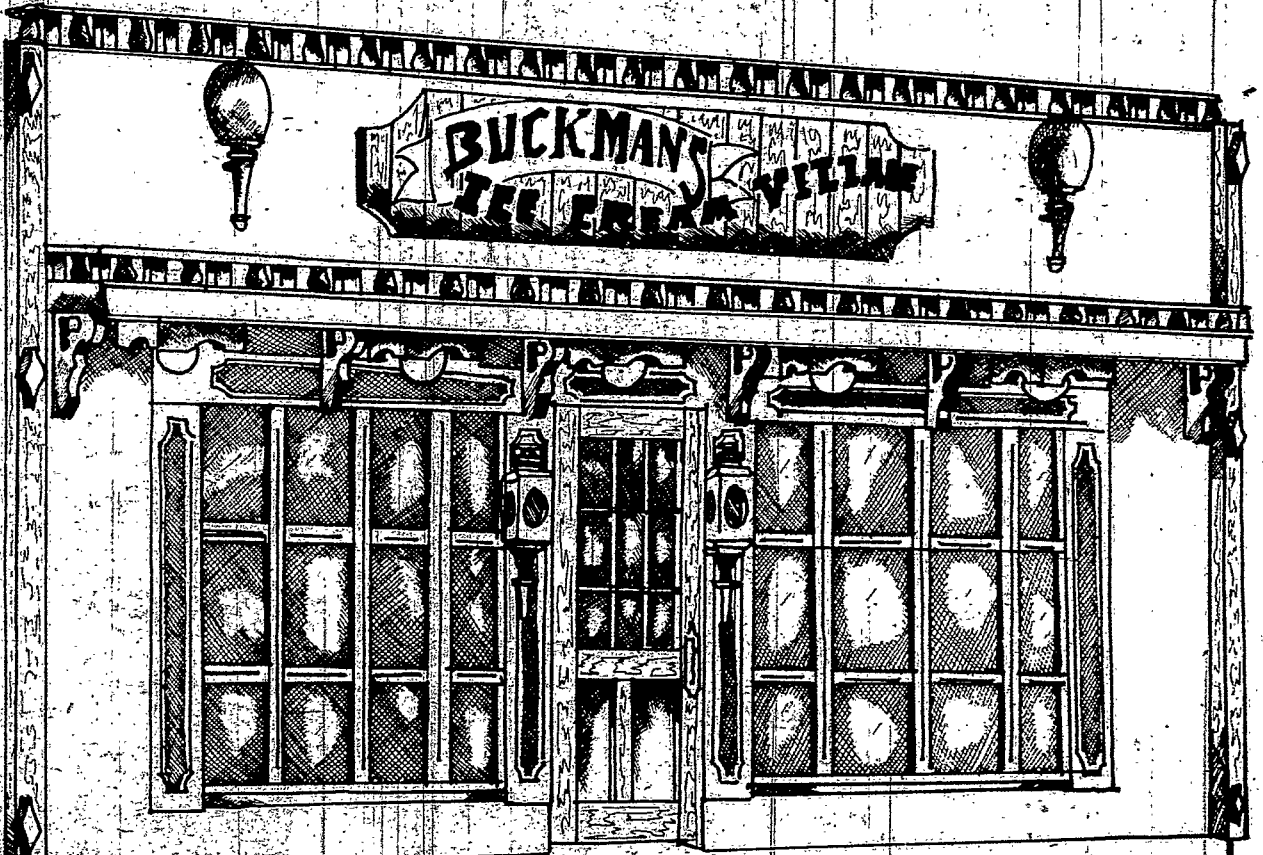
It was not an ordinary lunch! The girls ordered "Buckman's Banquet" — scoops of all the different ice cream flavors sold at Buckman's, topped with a variety of sauces, covered with mounds of whipped cream, sprinkled generously with peanuts and surrounded by bananas. And they ate the whole thing, breaking the previous record set by a group of 13 girls and boys.

The seniors who ate ice cream to

their hearts' content were Valerie Barattini, Mary Bopp, Laurie Damaschke, JoAnn and Patty Matroniano, Tracy Mitrano, Ann Moynihan, Lauren Parizek, Doty Robidoux and Mary Rose Stevenson. Ann took the prize for eating the most with JoAnn and Lauren close runnersup.

QUILTING BEE

Pine City — Friends of Mount Saviour Monastery have begun a quilting bee, with a Bicentennial theme, to raise money for the annual Fall Festival which benefits the monastery. The quilt is being prepared by a number of people, each preparing one square.



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