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Ambassador of Good Will

By Joan M. Smith

Venice, Austria, Hungary places everyone dreams about visiting but it was Kathy Rice, a junior at Geneva DeSales High School, who had the good fortune of actually living in these faraway places.

As a member of the "People to People" organization, Kathy was chosen along with 18 other students to be a high school ambassador who represented the United States in Europe for 39 days this past summer.

"People to People" was originated by the late President Dwight D. Eisenhower. Its aim is to send young envoys of good will abroad to give our European neighbors a view of American youth. There is no doubt Kathy's enthusiasm, confidence and sense of adventure impressed them. She certainly enjoyed herself and glowed when talking about the trip, the people she met, and the exciting places she saw.

Her summer adventure started in Washington, D. C. where she attended seminars in foreign diplomacy. Then it was off on a jet to Amsterdam in the Netherlands. From there it was by bus to Italy where she boarded a steamer for Greece.

Along the way, Kathy stayed with families in Germany, Austria, and in Greece. All the homes had daughters of Kathy's age and she was always treated as one of the family— even helping with the household chores. The people delighted in showing her their countries and introducing her to their native dishes. Though communication was difficult because the people spoke little English, Kathy said, "hand signals usually solved the problem."

She had fantastic weather though it rained in Venice. This, however, didn't cause too much unhappiness as she had the unique experience of seeing the famous San Marco Square underwater.

Though Kathy traveled through many countries, including Yugoslavia, it was Greece which captured her heart. "I really became close to the family there,"

she declared, "and they all cried when I left." The home she lived in was in a small village outside Athens.

Did Europe surprise her in any way? "I didn't think it would be as progressive. After studying history, I thought it would be more traditional." And then there were the Pepsi Cola signs even in the most remote places.

"The truly astounding discovery," they think all American kids are hippies. They have a 1960 image of us. To emphasize this fact she laughed, "They all thought I would be tall and blond and be wearing a mini-skirt."

Besides giving a plus side to the American youth image, Kathy herself learned much. "Mostly to get along with people," she observed. "You get to talk easier with people."

Though her trip has ended, Kathy will certainly have enough remembrances of the adventure, like the 360 photos she snapped of which she said, "Some came out."

Also waiting for her when she arrived home were letters from the many friends she had made in America.



KATHY RICE



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 the 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 Geneva DeSales during an assembly. The person circled above should bring the clipping to Joan M. Smith, Courier-Journal, by noon, Tuesday, Sept. 28 to receive \$5.

Student News From St. Agnes

According to St. Agnes High School's communication "Intercom," Barbara Krenzer attended the 1976 Case Institute of Technology's summer symposium in Science and Engineering at Case Western Reserve University. As one of the 300 students from Ohio and nearby states to attend, Barbara was introduced to the career and educational opportunities available to students in the science and engineering fields.

As reported by the Intercom, the dean of student affairs commented, "Your student was well-qualified and eager to learn, reflecting the excellence of her educational background."

The Society of Distinguished American High School Students has announced its 1975-76 list of members which include 12 students from the class of 1976; Elizabeth Krenzer, Patricia Hall, Margaret Schuleuter, Catherine Loomis, Mary Ellen Carey, Maryann Curtin, Paula Meade, Susan Imhof, Mary Jane Maher, Andrea Morano, Maria Pabalan, and Candy L'Esperance.

Also, senior Alicia delCerro received a certificate from the University of Rochester after attending a six-week summer work study program in Physics and Astronomy.

Aq Plans Parents' Night

The first general meeting of the Aquinas Parents Association will take place Monday, Sept. 27 at 7:45 p.m. at Aquinas. There will be a brief general meeting in the auditorium and then the parents will attend each one of their son's classes.

Each teacher will give an explanation of his particular course and what he hopes to accomplish with his students during the school year. A social hour in the cafe will follow and this gives parents a chance to meet teachers and other parents. Stan Ren, president of the association, says that when over 700 families work together, even the biggest job becomes small.



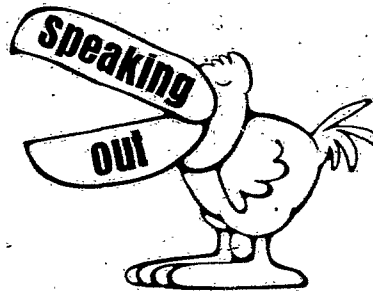
Photo by Ben Susso

BK Soccer A Winner!

Bishop Kearney's soccer team met West Irondequoit on Monday, Sept. 13, for the opening game of the season. BK won handily on their own field, 3-0, and with only 12 games left on the schedule, are quite confident they will be competing in the City-Catholic League Championships. In the above photo, Steve Grey of West Irondequoit, 38, tangles with Jim Lucey, a junior, for the ball, before a capacity crowd.



BY CATHY NESSER
Bishop Kearney



Many people enjoy listening to various musical organizations but few realize what actually goes into making a show. If an outsider were to ask a member of a musical group how they put a show together, they would answer, "practice!" A good group must spend hours together learning their music and their drill, and then combining the two.

A new player may think that the band finally has the drill perfected, when the band director says, "O.K. That wasn't too bad. Let's do it one more time." The new member may look at more experienced members and wonder why they don't look the least bit relieved. "Hey! We've only got to do it ONE MORE TIME!" The experienced member will look up at the enthusiastic newcomer with dull, lifeless eyes, and say, "Yeah, ha! One more time—sure!" After 10 more practice drills, the new member begins to understand.

The practices, the newcomer assures himself, are the worst part of it. The shows will be glamorous and exciting. But he may find the shows something less than glamorous, especially the ones in the rain, hail, or sleet. (It is hard to

be glamorous when raindrops are forming on your nose. I shudder to think of what happens in colder weather).

Not every person in the audience is a fan. For a new member, the hardest thing to do is to ignore the jeers and the mocking laughs from the sidelines. One possible outlet for this suppressed anger is biting down hard on your instrument. Of course, this may be an expensive outlet if it is necessary to buy a new reed for every show.

In spite of these shortcomings, the performers enjoy the show more than most of the spectators. It is a great feeling for someone to know that his instrument is contributing to a terrific sound. Those long, grueling practices are the beginnings of many lasting friendships, and it is all well worth it.