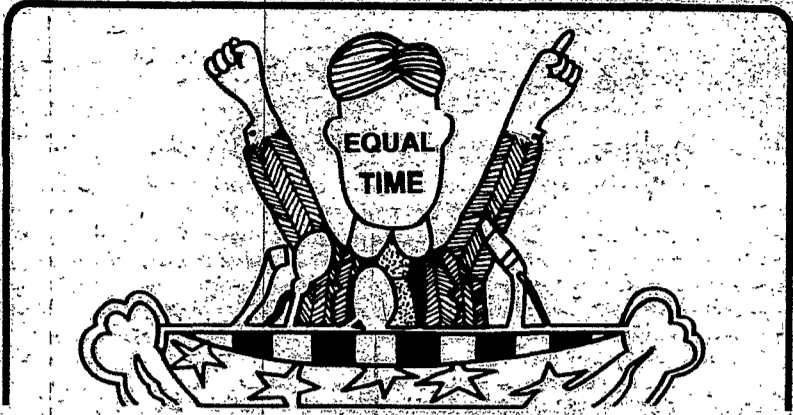


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What does Christmas mean to you?

### ST. AGNES

**Patty Powell, senior**



cards should just be sent to those you are close to."

"It is a time for everyone to get together and forget problems. It is a time for preparing for Christ. I look forward to putting up the Christmas tree because we all do it as a family. I feel Christmas

**Laurie Frame, sophomore**



get together at home where the families gather to get ready for Christmas."

have a lot of younger brothers and they're too young to buy for others but it gives me a special feeling watching them open my presents to them. I like Christmas Eve because we have

**Anne Schleyer, junior**

Christmas is too commercial. People should think more about the real meaning of the day. It's a day for family get-togethers. The best part of the season is when the whole family gets together on Christmas Eve for the dinner and to open the gifts from each other."



**Abbey Kuppel, senior**



Christmas, however, is too commercial. I think the stores could wait a little longer before they decorate. Happy Holidays!"

Student Senate "It's a very warm and spiritual time and it means a lot to different people. It's the sharing of love at home. I love Midnight Mass. It is a beautiful celebration."

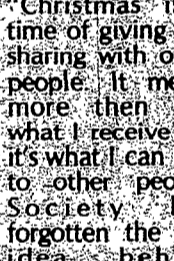
**Claudia Megia, sophomore, volleyball team**



Christmas at midnight on Dec. 24 when the family sits around plays music, opens the gifts and then goes to Mass. We cook special Spanish dishes for Christmas."

"I think it's for being together and sharing your feelings with friends and family. It is a time to be thankful. I'm from Colombia, South America and we celebrate

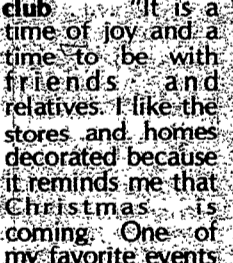
**Diane Yang, sophomore, art**



Christmas. People should remember that Christ was born on that day. I like Midnight Mass the best of all Christmas events."

"Christmas is a time of giving and sharing with other people. It means more than just what I receive but it's what I can give to other people. Society has forgotten the real idea behind

**Maureen Lynch, sophomore, ski club**



Also, I enjoy seeing snow on Christmas."

"It is a time of joy and a time to be with friends and relatives. I like the stores and homes decorated because it reminds me that Christmas is coming. One of my favorite events during the Christmas season is my birthday. At my church we have a procession to the Manger to place the Christ Child in the crib. And that is my favorite Christmas event."

**Donna Rausch, sophomore, ski club**



the best because it brings you the feeling that it really is Christmas with its true meaning. Christmas is too commercial. If you ask the little kids what it means they say Santa Claus and toys because they don't know the real meaning."

"I think it is a time for families to share and be with each other. It being the time of Christ's birth and we all being Christians the season should bring us together. I like Midnight Mass

## Eighth Graders Win Speech Scholarships

Three eighth grade students talked their way to winning scholarships to Aquinas Institute in the Sunday, Dec. 12 speech competition.

First place winner was Joseph LaVilla whose winning speech was entitled, "The UFO Phenomenon." Joseph attends Nazareth Hall.

Second place honors went to Thomas Leasure who attends St. Lawrence School. His topic was "Mao Tse Tung, The 20th Century's Greatest Revolutionary."

The final scholarship went to Phillip Schultz who also attends St. Lawrence. His topic was entitled "Aerosol Spray Cans — Life and Breath."

Judges for the competition were John Baynes and Fathers Thomas Miller, Michael Cerretto, and John Murphy. The event was under the direction of Father Stephen Martin, director of Forensics at Aquinas.



Photo by Ben Susso

Father Leon Hogenkamp, McQuaid principal, congratulates Phil on his scholarship win and high score. According to Father, with all the media coverage on Phil, "Everyone will be asking for his autograph."

## McQuaid Student Ranks High in Scholarship Win

Phillip Feller, senior at McQuaid Jesuit High School, readily smiled when asked about his not only winning a NYS Regents Scholarship but his being ranked fourth in scoring for Monroe County.

Knowing his academic abilities he thought he might have a chance at a scholarship but didn't expect the high ranking. With only six months left until graduation Phil is looking into the field of engineering and will attend Rensselaer Polytechnical Institute in Troy, N.Y.

It was difficult for him to pin down a favorite subject as he enjoys them all but he did single out Psychology and English as perhaps the most interesting of his courses. Phil credits his four years at McQuaid for the basis on which has built past accomplishments and future endeavors. "The atmosphere has helped," he stated, "especially the faculty because they take a special interest in students."

Throughout his years at McQuaid he has been involved in school

activities. In his freshman year he was a member of the Student Government; sophomore and junior years were spent in the History Club; and as a senior he was a statistician for the football team.

Phil's outside interests include bike riding, snow skiing, and he enjoys all sports. He's confident about his future but admits, "I'm a little nervous about it, it will be something totally different."

## St. Agnes Speech Contest

St. Agnes student, Barbara Krenzer, won her school's Voice of Democracy Speech Contest which was sponsored by the Veterans of Foreign Wars on "What America Means to Me."

Her taped speech will be sent to compete at the county level where a prize of \$200 is offered. Mrs. Bette Geen is Barbara's speech coach.

## Top Speakers

On Dec. 4 the Bishop Kearney Forensics Team won the Sweepstakes Trophy at the Liverpool Tournament. First runner up was Aquinas Institute.

In the category of Dramatic Interpretation B.K. winners were: John Miller, first place; Pam Melroy, third place; and Peggy Schnurr, fifth place. Aquinas' Larry Costanza placed second.

Extemporaneous speakers Steve Strnisha of West Irondequoit and B.K.'s Maurice Verrillo placed third and fifth respectively.

Jeanne Adams, also of Bishop Kearney, finished first in Original Oratory.

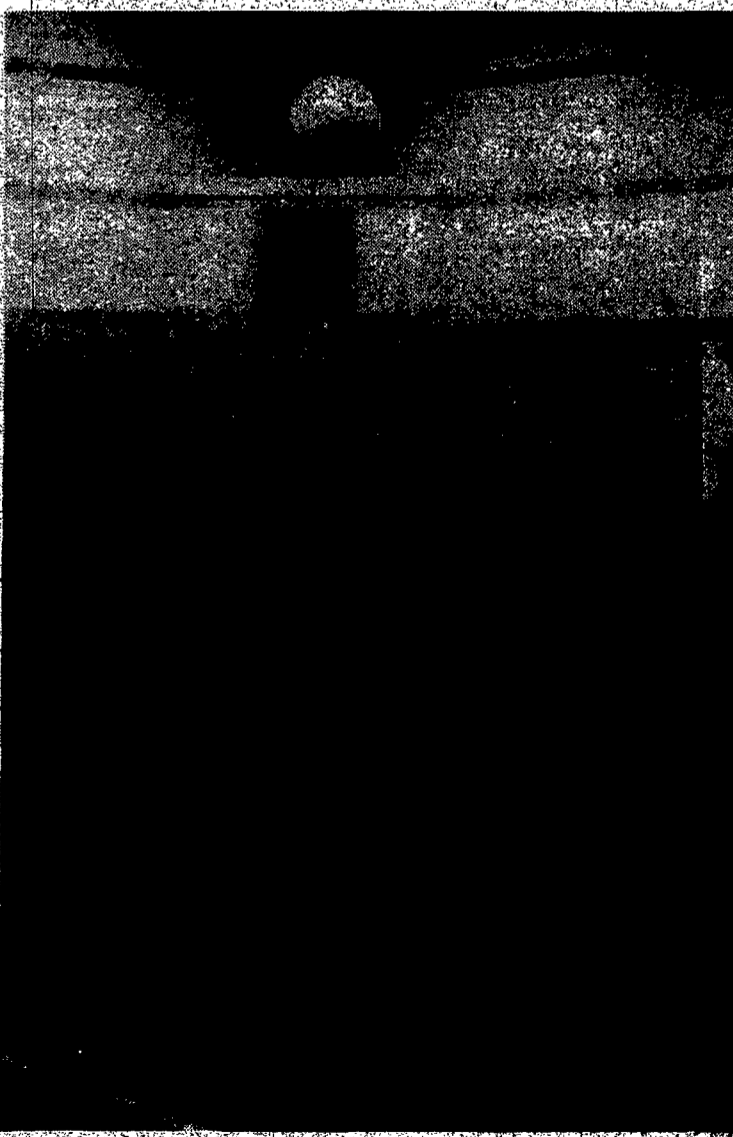


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## Scramble

Passing the ball around during recent volleyball action in the photo at left are Eileen Smith (13), Louise Kuipers (10) and Margy Meath (23). Handling the ball for Bishop Kearney in the above photo are Cathy Mueller (21) and Patty Carges (24). Mercy won and continues undefeated.

## ON THE GO

- BISHOP KEARNEY:** Wednesday, Dec. 22—Christmas Dance, Mapledale Party House, 8 p.m.
- CARDINAL MOONEY:** Thursday, Dec. 23—Christmas Formal, Holiday Inn.
- MCQUAID:** Thursday, Dec. 23—Final Exams; Christmas recess begins.
- NAZARETH:** Thursday, Dec. 23—Christmas Formal, Holiday Inn (airport); 8-12 p.m.
- ST. AGNES:** Wednesday, Dec. 22—Christmas recess, 2:30 p.m.
- OUR LADY OF MERCY:** Wednesday, Dec. 22—Golden Mass, 3 p.m.; dismissal.