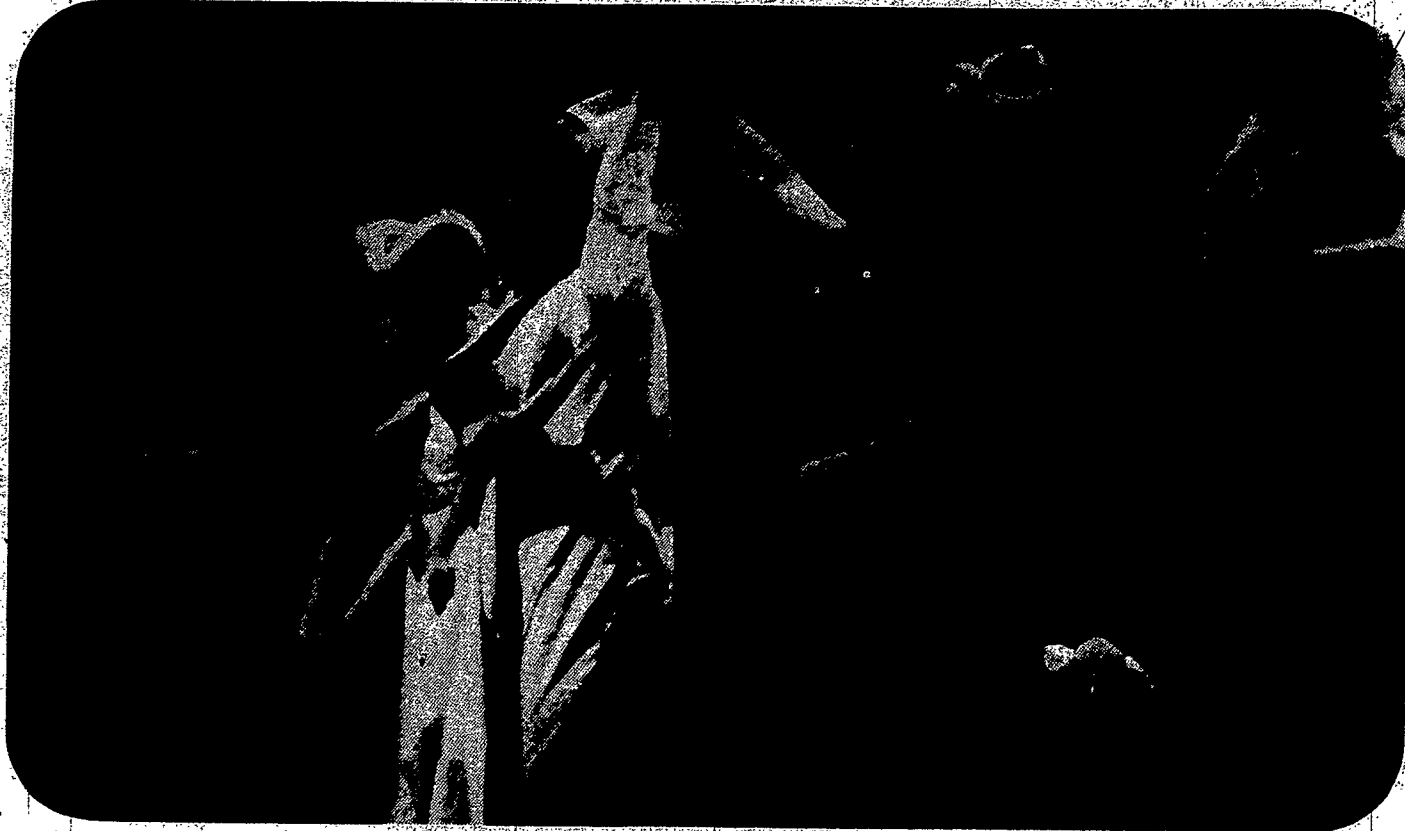


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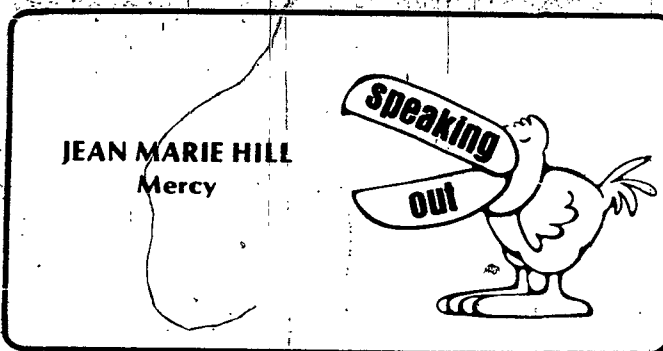


Mad Mad Magland

Photos by Susan McKinney
 On Friday, Jan. 7, St. Agnes High School launched its 1977 magazine drive. Their assembly skit was "Agnes in Wonderland," and the characters representing the fabled "Alice in Wonderland," turned out to motivate the students to achieve their selling quotas. From left is Mary Ellen Stich as the Mock Turtle; Rosemary Scherzi as the Duchess; Kathy Leckinger, the King; and Sandie Allen as the Queen of Hearts.



KAREN GEEDY



JEAN MARIE HILL
Mercy

If you had the choice all over again, would you choose a Catholic high school?

If I could start all over, I know I would. I've seen public schools and what they're like and I know what my school is like. I also have a great desire to learn about God and come from a strong Catholic family background. I know that parents have a great influence on how a child grows to adulthood. And that can make a big difference when it comes to religion.

Is God ever mentioned in the public schools? With such a difference in religions, students don't have the opportunity to learn about God. So, religious education is left up to the adults. How many parents take up that responsibility?

In a Catholic school, one has the advantage of many religious learning sources. Theology becomes the center of education. Because our faith is the one true faith all of our learning surrounds that. We are taught to love as Christ loves us and that forgiveness is a must. We learn about life, death, the sacraments and most of all, we learn about what we must do today as Catholics. We have a responsibility to God and to ourselves. We have to take it upon ourselves to learn about our faith.

Sometimes it is difficult to separate personal feelings from orthodoxy, but my conscience tells me to stick with the true faith. In Catholic schools (especially high schools) the students have the opportunity to grow and learn in more ways than academically. With the right teachings, Catholic schools have many advantages. My Catholic education has been the most important part of my "growing up."

Teacher Workshop

On Friday, Jan. 14 when students of Nazareth Academy and St. Agnes High School enjoy a day off their teachers will be involved with a workshop. The seminar will be held at St. Agnes from 9 to 2:30 p.m. The day will consist of

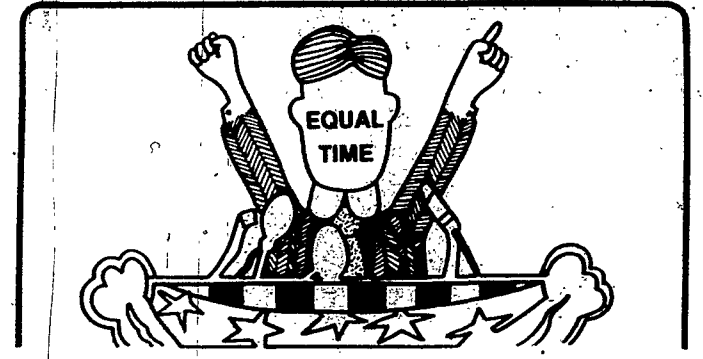
prayer service, department meetings, lunch, and guest speakers. Topics to be discussed will be Building the Christian Community, Working with Non-Regents Students, and Understanding the Black Community.



Moral Support!

Notre Dame cheerleaders demonstrated their exuberant cheering during the Wednesday, Dec. 29 basketball game between ND and Elmira Free Academy.

Photo by Martin Toombs



What causes violence?

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Mike Paris, sophomore, basketball...
 I think violence is the result of a child's upbringing say in the years from 1 to 10. His ideas are shaped by the amount of love his parents give him and the type of neighborhood he lives in. Violence in society is caused by society. It can't be solved until the problems of poverty and the inner city are solved. Violence is definitely related to social class. The rate is high among the poor. I don't think the movies or TV have too much to do with causing violence.



Pat Culhane, junior, baseball...
 I think violence begins when kids who do something wrong then get smashed by the grown-ups. Kids who are considered bullies are mostly influenced by their parents. For the people who do abuse their children a help for them would be to seek out the organizations that try to stop the situation. For people to become violent, it has to be learned. TV has a lot to do with violence especially through its influence on young kids. There should be a tightening of censorship for TV.



Gary Huether, sophomore, JV basketball...
 Violence in the home. It results in a continuing cycle of violence. Movies and TV contribute to violence. Police Story has quite a bit of violence which could be toned down. There are people born violent, like the mass murders, because I don't think people develop that type of violence. If society determines a person has a violent nature they should be placed in a mental institution.



Peter Goodwin, sophomore, cars...
 I think when kids are young and they see older people fight they tend to think that's what they should do. Maybe when they get beat up a few times they might realize that violence isn't the answer. Violence is also a result of the neighborhood especially if it's one where fighting and unrest is constant. Violence is not natural, it is developed.



Mike Zimmer, junior, varsity basketball...
 Mostly when kids are young and see it on TV they're easily influenced. I don't think violence in the home creates a continuing cycle of violence. People should be held responsible for their violent actions. People aren't born violent, they learn it. Enforcement of stricter censorship of the violence on TV would be one remedy.



Angelo Cypressi, junior, varsity soccer...
 Too much violence on TV and in the movies and I think that they should cut some of it out. Sports causes some of the violence because it has an influence on those watching it. For example, kids watch hockey and see a player high stick another player and then when they play they try the same thing.



Mike Schrader, junior, football...
 The violence on television is made-up but it has a bearing on the increase of violence in our society. Other causes of violence are the movies and books like Helter-Skelter. There aren't any remedies because you really can't change TV or the movies.



Steve Fornarola, sophomore, JV football...
 Through TV we're exposed to violence at an early age. Violence in the family is another cause. It's human nature to be violent. There aren't many remedies because you can't change human nature but one remedy for violent crime would be stiffer penalties.

