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An Award Winning Group

By JOAN M. SMITH

Recently, RapAround was proud to receive the National Catholic Press Award for best youth coverage in the nation. As in all endeavors it is never just one person who is responsible for a successful venture. Besides the editorial, photography and composing staffs' efforts and dedication, medals are also deserved by the high school coordinators without whose help RapAround would not be the informative, popular voice of youth that it has become.

RapAround regrets losing this year's graduating coordinators who have been such a great help but we wish them the best of luck in reaching their goals and seeing their future dreams fulfilled.

Tom Rosica from Aquinas has been with RapAround since its first issue on January 15, 1975 and has survived the ordeal! He efficiently managed all the last minute requests for student interviews and cries for help in obtaining speaking outs and articles. He and the RapAround section have come a long way from those first days when the students wondered who and what were Equal Time and On-The-Go, (of course it didn't take them long to figure out Winner's Circle!)

No matter how busy Tom was he kept Aquinas an active part of RapAround. His many school commitments included chairman of the Student Service Program, yearbook editor, and Student Council member for three years.

His outside activities have included being a writer for the Tenth Ward Courier and a resident service aide at St. Ann's Home and he has just been appointed to the Diocesan Pastoral Council as youth representative.

Tom will continue his education at St. John Fisher College where he has been accepted as an associate of the Basilian Fathers in the expectation that he will join the order. After attaining his BA he will attend St. Basil's in Toronto for his MA. His future plans are to teach and then work as a hospital chaplain.

About young adults committing themselves to being involved Tom stated, "The ideas of education don't serve a purpose unless you are involved with the outside world. The ability to work with people is an ongoing process."

It's off to St. Bonaventure

University for a BA in English for Bishop Kearney's **Cathy Nesser**.

Cathy's journalistic abilities contributed greatly to RapAround's format. She entertained our readers with her speaking out articles on being a member of the Marching Kings and a humorous insight into cafeteria activities. She also shared with us her adventure in flying with fellow classmate and licensed pilot Peter Hasby.

No matter how hectic her schedule became, Cathy always had the On-the-Go dates in on time even if it meant cajoling her father into dropping them off at the Courier office in the morning.

Besides her tasks as coordinator, she was a member of the Kearney Band having taken up the tenor flute last summer just so she could join it. She played in many of the school musicals including Camelot, Super Star and Bye Bye Birdie. She was also a three year member of the Kearney singers.

She hopes to find a summer job but will also find time to bike, swim and just plain relax before beginning her college career.

Cathy's advice to those still in high school is, "To become involved and do things," adding, "you meet so many people and it gives you something to look forward to at the end of the day — not just homework."

Tom Brickler is a happy go lucky person. Whether you meet him in Cardinal Mooney's halls or at his job at Wegman's Super Market he greets you with a cheery hello, only too willing to chat about his beer can collection. Presently his collection numbers 1100 cans making him a Grand Brewmaster. In fact Tom contributed a feature to RapAround about this hobby and had the pleasure of seeing part of the copy used in Peter Taub's column.

Besides his beer can collecting, Tom will be spending his summer restoring a 1940 Pontiac which will keep him busy until he departs for Dayton University in Ohio where he is enrolled in a pre-law program.

Tom's four years at Mooney have been active. An avid sportman he's participated on the baseball, soccer and track teams. He has also been involved in CYO basketball at Mother of Sorrows. In his

junior year he was a member of the yearbook staff.

"To be as active as possible," was his advice to those still in high school. In his opinion, being involved opens more doors to opportunity.

"He's a go getter," agreed Ed Tracy, principal of Geneva DeSales High School, when he described **Chris Lavin** and his numerous commitments.

At the head of Chris's list of accomplishments is his basketball career at DeSales. He played all four years and finished up the '77 season being named to the Class C Section 5 All Star Team. Aside from his starring role with the team, Chris managed to participate in the Geneva Little League Association, be involved in fund raising campaigns, and direct a radiothon.

He is also well known in community organizations. The Geneva Rotary, throughout the year, invites a student from DeSales and Geneva High to sit in on their meetings. They thought so highly of Chris they gave him the honor of presiding over their meeting as acting president.

Because of his position as a reporter for the Geneva Times, Chris's contribution to RapAround was that of a professional.

He received a scholarship to Fordham University but declined the offer to attend Hobart College where along with his studies he will be involved with the school's publicity department.

In talking about his involvement with CHE, McQuaid's community service group, **Pete Radell** once said, "All through my life I have felt I've been blessed by God with talents and the important thing about being a Christian is to share what you have with others." And that is exactly what Pete has done during his four years at McQuaid. Besides giving his talents to RapAround he has contributed to the basketball and track teams not only as a capable player but team captain. He has also shared his basketball expertise, through his membership in CHE, with the youngsters who attend Holy Childhood School.

"It's time for me to leave McQuaid," he sadly stated but regretted having to leave his many friends and teachers. Pete finished his four high school years with

the honor of giving the graduation speech. He told his listeners how important it was to be involved in as many things as they can because of the people they will meet and the friends they will make. He underlined the fact that education is more than what is learned in the classroom.

Pete will enter Georgetown University this Fall to pursue a liberal arts course with an eye on expanding into Sociology or government.

Active is **Molly Fennell's** middle name. During her four year's at Notre Dame she has served on the school newspaper staff, played in school musicals and worked on the backstage crew.

She has been an asset to RapAround crew with her journalistic experiences attained by attending the summer programs at The Blair Journalism School.

Besides being a Regents alternate and an honor graduate, Molly was the recipient of the Elmira College Key Award.

A new experience awaits her at the close of the school year, the Fennell family is moving to El Paso Texas and Molly plans to attend the University of Texas, majoring in journalism.

Molly is sad at leaving her school but she observed, "The most valuable thing Notre Dame has is the people who go here, and are glad they go here. That's one thing I'm really going to miss."

"By getting involved you

get to know what's happening around you," was the way **Christy Laws** described the benefits of being active during the high school years. And one thing Christy has been during her four years at Mercy High is active. She has been a Christian Movement Association and a Catholic Student Mission Committee representative and also an assistant rep for the Student Government. As a member of the Junior Achievement organization Christy was a finalist for the Vice President of Manufacturing Award in 1976.

She is fascinated with the theater and has played in many of the McQuaid — Mercy musicals including "Wiley" and this year's "West Side Story." Her theatrical endeavors also include an association with the Brighton Summer Showcase group. Though at the moment her future plans aren't settled, one thing is certain, she attends to follow her interest in the stage.

Christy advised students to not be afraid to try out for things "People," she said, "respect you if you do try out for things instead of just sitting back in a corner and not getting involved."

Alicia del Cerro from St. Agnes has been with RapAround two years and she along with assistant coordinator **Karen Koster** has kept St. Agnes in the news. They have produced coverage for many unique stories such as the Gilded Age dinner and a Medieval banquet, and obtained for RapAround an interview with the late Egyptian President Nasser's grand-nephew.

Alicia has been extremely active in the National Medical Explorers Association and will serve as its vice president next year. She has been president and vice president of Post 519 as well as president of the Otetiana Council of Medical Explorers. She will be attending a conference at Princeton this summer which will combine the expertise and material from both the March of Dimes Association and the National Medical Explorer's Association.

Her endeavors with these groups will serve as a great background for her future. In the Fall she will be attending the University of Rochester as a member of its pre-med program, the first step toward her MD in psychiatry which will include four years of undergraduate work, four years of medical school, one year internship and a residency of three years. It all means a full future but Alicia is no stranger to hectic schedules. While at St. Agnes she was a member of the yearbook staff and a 1976 Youth Cares Award recipient.

According to Alicia, opportunity is the greatest benefit of being involved. "It gives the individual an awareness of what is going on in the community," she declared.

RapAround is also losing the services of assistant coordinators Tom Scheg, McQuaid, Terry O'Brien, McQuaid and Karen Koster from St. Agnes. Margaret Mary Rimore of Nazareth and Mark Hill from Aquinas will remain on the RapAround staff.



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