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Summer Living Across the Seas

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In June, American students will be headed to all parts of the world. Under the auspices of the Youth for Understanding International Student Exchange Program, 2,200 of them will live with overseas families in 23 countries around the world. These travelers include students from area Catholic high schools. Though, at the moment, they have not been notified exactly with whom they will be staying they shared with RapAround their thoughts about living in foreign lands this summer.

Bishop Kearney sophomore Dorothy Koczot, who will be off to the Netherlands, is used to overseas travel. She has been to Poland twice; once to visit relatives and again, in 1977, with a dance group.

Dorothy, born in Canada, has visited that country many times and also has toured Florida. In talking about her coming adventure as an exchange student she said she had chosen Holland because of the country's beauty and the fact she had always wanted to see it.

"I can't wait to go," she exclaimed not able to hide her excitement about meeting the people and learning their culture.

In preparation for her visit, she's been reading about Holland and learning Dutch for travelers. The one activity she is really looking forward to is visiting the art museums, especially the one in Amsterdam which which houses Van Gogh's paintings.

Besides her interest in travel, Dorothy belongs to the Kearney ski club, is an avid tennis player and plays the piano. Her favorite subject is biology.

Fellow BKer, senior Tamara Bilyk, will be spending her summer in Japan. In describing her interest in that country she said, "It's a different culture and I'm looking forward to absorbing a whole new different world."

Tamara is also reading books about her summer home. Though she speaks Ukrainian fluently and understands most Slavic languages, she finds learning Japanese difficult. "And I'll never understand the writing," she exclaimed.

Tamara, who will be entering the University of Rochester's pre-med school in September, loves to travel. In recent years she has visited France, Germany, England, Italy and Mexico. She was a member of Kearney's ski club and played in the band. She has taken piano and musical theory at the Eastman for 12 years and her likes in music range from the classics to progressive rock.

Classmate Mike Milonni will also be in Japan. In a previous interview with RapAround, Mike noted that his primary interests in Japan were its religious cultures and philosophies as well as visiting Hiroshima to see its development since World War II. Mike is a member of the school's student government and the National Honor Society. He's a pianist who enjoys giving recitals.

BK junior Anne Marie Abel is completing first year German and will have the opportunity to practice the language as her destination will be West Germany this summer. It was on the recommendation of a friend who had visited there that she chose Germany. And though she admitted to being a bit frightened about staying in a foreign land her primary target for exploration will be the cities.

Anne considers herself an average teenager and as such expects to project a favorable image of American youth. At present she is on the BK yearbook staff and plays intermural sports. She has taken dancing lessons (ballet) since she was a child and has an interest in photography. She expects to go to college and at the moment her interest lies in political science.

Over at Our Lady of Mercy, junior Jane Craver is also looking forward to staying in Germany. It will be her first trip abroad (she has visited Quebec, Canada) but Germany is not unknown to her. While her father was in the military he was stationed there; her grandfather came from Bavaria and her brother speaks the language.

Jane herself takes Spanish but her real interest is art. She has taken many of Mercy's art courses including graphics and studio art. She has also participated in pottery and jewelry classes at the Rochester Art Gallery. Her special likes are abstract and landscape paintings.

These young travelers will have an exciting summer gaining knowledge of the cultures and people who inhabit the world. But they have their task cut out for them. They will be in the spotlight, displaying the American character and life style.

Mooney Athletes Place as Finalists

Among the finalists in the Manufacturers - Hanover Greece Athlete of the Year Awards were William Begy and Mary Ellen Hart from Cardinal Mooney High School. Winners of the Award were Amy VanDenBerghe and Robert Locke, both seniors at Greece Arcadia High School. Other finalists included Patrick Doran, Hilton; Patrick Jacoby, Arcadia and Scott Virkus, Olympia. Female finalists were Nancy Drum, Arcadia; Kathryn Ann Mangan, Arcadia and Barburs Northrup, Arcadia. These athletes were chosen for honors from 46 nominees out of the 6,400 high school students that reside in the Town of Greece.

Amy was All County in soccer and basketball for three years (1976-78), and All County softball last year. She was selected as the county's most valuable player in basketball in 1976. Her other awards include the fall athlete Most Valuable Player (soccer) in Greece in 1976; one time WBBF Athlete of the week for basketball; and Athlete of the Week for soccer for the Times Union in 1977. She is an honor roll student and is currently secretary for the National Honor Society.

Bob has played soccer, basketball, and baseball for the past three years and in 1977 was nominated for the All-American Soccer Team. In 1977 he was also named to the first team All-County as a baseball pitcher and a fullback in soccer. He was elected team captain in his senior year for all three sports. Bob is a 1978 National Honor Society member and a Regents Scholarship winner. He has been offered scholarships to Roberts Wesleyan, University of Rochester, Ashland College, Niagara University and Ithaca College.

Winners 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 our publication date, he or she will receive $5. This week's photo was taken at Our Lady of Mercy during a typing class. The person circled above should bring the clipping to Joan M. Smith, Courier-Journal, by noon, Tuesday, May 30 to receive $5.