

# Rap Around Rap Around Rap Around Rap

## Coordinators Step Into Future

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Nazareth senior, Meg Rimore, described having been a RapAround coordinator since her sophomore year as a privilege to be part of "that exciting, happy and frenzied undertaking." No doubt all the coordinators relate to the word "frenzied" — meeting deadlines, ferreting out stories, locating students, arranging interviews and escorting RapAround on its numerous school visits. Their energy is boundless and it was their enthusiastic efforts which gave RapAround another successful year.

There are eight graduating coordinators who are headed in all directions — St. John Fisher, Corning Community College, St. Bonaventure, D'Youville, Manhattan College and Holy Cross. These institutions have the good fortune to acquire those whom RapAround has had the privilege to work with — personable, enthusiastic and caring young men and women.

Directive messages were the way Bernie Blocchi made sure Aquinas was a part of RapAround. The editorial mail always contained a note informing RapAround about what was happening over at 1127 Dewey Ave. Bernie's communications consisted of feature ideas. "A good story to cover would be the mission bouts," one such note might say, or another would be a reminder of an upcoming sports booster dinner or a roundup about a student winning a speech award.

Bernie, an enthusiastic officer for the school's Student Council always kept RapAround aware of the organization's activities. He was a prime factor in obtaining coverage of the United Students Council's first student exchange day last December.

No matter what the project, Cardinal Mooney's Chris Resch attacks it with determined gusto. Many times during the year he has come through for RapAround. Like the time RapAround asked if he could do a special assignment. Though he was preparing for a trip to Boston and finishing a term paper there was no problem. Chris completed and delivered the feature before he left on his trip.

Chris enjoys sports and meeting people and it's a wonder he has time to pursue these interests. Aside from his RapAround duties he was senior class president, served on the school newspaper staff and helped Brother David Parrish in the Mooney kitchen. Chris is just as busy after school as a part-time employee with the Lakeshore Nursing Home and a member of the St. John Evangelist (Greece) parish council.

He is looking forward to his college years at St. Bonaventure University where he will major in Psychology. Explaining about his interest in the field he said, "I enjoy working with people and I want to help them."

Chris has many fond memories of Cardinal Mooney and says he'll miss the school — no doubt what he'll miss the most is Brother Parrish's chocolate chip cookies!

Phil DiPasquale, McQuaid's Student Body president, is one of the busiest persons around. But no matter how hectic his life becomes he remains good-natured and always has time for one more job.

Phil joined McQuaid in the eighth grade and has left his mark as junior class president, member of the Athletic Council,

Dramatics, Glee Club, Magis and Big Brother organization. He's worked on the Lance (newspaper) staff, BASH and dance committees. On top of all this he's squeezed in playing intermural sports, CYO basketball and academically, has taken second place honors, overall, for his four high school years.

He says about his years at McQuaid, "I've built so many friendships. I'm not leaving with just a few good friends but numerous friends."

Phil admitted that being a RapAround coordinator was fun. "Everyone wants to know if RapAround is coming to school," he laughed and added, "they all want to be in the limelight."

Margaret Mary (Meg) Rimore, looking back on her four years at Nazareth Academy exclaimed, "They went by too fast!" But she sure crammed them full of energetic activity — playing in the band, working on the Spectrum staff as a supplement editor (junior year) and prose editor (senior year), singing in the Nazareth as well as parish folk groups, teaching CCD at Holy Rosary, singing in the Sacred Heart Cathedral choir and as a long time pianist, (12 years), accompanying student vocalists and instrumentalists in various recitals.

Her dedicated efforts have resulted in an impressive awards list. She was chosen by the Boy Scouts of America, Explorer's Division, Otetiana Council as an Outstanding Young American in 1977; received a Youth Cares Award in 1977; was a finalist in the Wells College poetry contest in 1978; her poetry has been published in the National High School Anthology; she is listed in "Who's Who of American High School Students" and the "National Register of Commended Scholars."

Meg has received scholarship offers from the University of Rochester, University of Scranton, St. John Fisher and Manhattan College in Riverdale, N. Y. where she has decided to attend and major in chemical engineering. She is also a recipient of a Fraternal Order of Eagles and a New York State Regents Scholarship.

As Meg contemplates graduation, she recalls her many friendships among the student body and faculty and she credits the Nazareth family spirit with her happy and successful years at the school.

Mike Wayne is a confident young man who is impressed with the spirit of the Notre Dame school community. "It's just like a family," he declared. And Mike was a very active family member — participating in dramatics, serving on the Religious Activities Committee, teaching religious education at Our Lady of Lourdes, playing tennis and basketball.

Mike's newsgathering job with RapAround included overcoming distance. Elmira being a two hour drive, he was unable to make a mad dash to Downtown Rochester (like local coordinators) and slip last minute information under the Courier-Journal's door. This, however, didn't deter him from keeping ND in the news.

When Mike joined RapAround, he was no novice to the newspaper business. He had worked his way up from being a reporter for the Maryleaf to being its editor — a challenge he greatly relished. As editor, Mike discovered the nemesis of all news staffs — space. "In a four page paper," he said, "there just isn't room for everything!"

Since taking accounting courses at Notre Dame, Mike became interested in the field and will continue in this career direction at Corning Community College.

Cathy Crowley and Sue Doran have been inseparable throughout their four years at St. Agnes and their friendship will not end with graduation. Not only will they both attend D'Youville College in Buffalo but they'll be rooming together. Cathy, however, is pursuing courses in special education while Sue is enrolled in the nursing program.

Cathy's work with the Rochester School for the Deaf and her involvement with the National Institute for the Deaf at Rochester Institute of Technology has created a solid foundation for her chosen career in special education. Aside from this work, Cathy has been an active student, serving as a class officer (sophomore year), member of the Student Senate and participant in the school plays and musicals. She has perfected her skiing techniques through the St. Agnes ski club and is also a member of her parish's (St. Ann's) youth group.

Cathy considered her task as RapAround coordinator an important responsibility — one she carried out with a quiet, organized efficiency.

Her partner, Sue, said about her association with RapAround, "It taught me to work with others and I met kids from all the different classes."

But Sue doesn't have a problem meeting people. She's a gregarious person, always smiling and putting others at ease. Her capability as an organizer was learned when she served as class officer (freshman, soph years), Student Senate representative. She also performed in the school plays and musicals.

Her interest in swimming became a competitive hobby during her three years with the Spencerport AAU swim team. She belonged to the school's ski club and at present is a lifeguard at an apartment complex.

Sue has always wanted to be a nurse and she is looking forward to her medical studies. Asked if her enthusiasm for becoming involved will continue in college she declared, "Definitely!"

According to Mercian Lori Beattie, being a RapAround coordinator involved her in more things in school than she would have been otherwise. "I found out what all the student groups were doing," she explained her job of tracking down story features and news items.

Lori took her association with RapAround seriously, acquiring as much journalistic knowledge about her future career as possible. She is enrolled in St. John Fisher's Communications and Journalism Program.

Her other experiences in journalism were as a reporter and assistant editor of Mercy's newspaper, The Quill. Her decision to pursue a career in the media really took hold while she interned for a TV station. Through Mercy's student community service program, Lori worked for Channel 10 where she discovered the inner workings of newscasting. Her duties included arranging interviews, clearing the Associated Press wires, and formulating slides and namelines which accompany visual news stories.

Square dancing is a hobby of Lori's. In her junior year, she participated in many foot-stomping performances put on by the Teen Twirler group.



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