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Mercy's Quadruple Doubles

By JOAN M. SMITH

Can you believe four sets of twins in the same school and class! Well, Our Lady of Mercy's freshman class has them and if you think that a unique situation, Notre Dame in Elmira also has a crew — but that will be another story.

Though the Mercy twins didn't think it unusual they wound up in the same school, RapAround decided to talk with them about being twins and their choice of Mercy.

Karen and Kelly Barry from St. Bridget's decided Mercy's education would give them a better chance at a college education. Cathy and Teresa Regan from Blessed Sacrament wanted to go because of the activities and the fact Mercy is close to home. Lisa and Lynn Foley, Our Lady Queen of Peace, followed in an older sister's footsteps. In the case of Alicia and Anita Alesso, St. Rita's, it was Alicia who decided and Anita followed along which brought up the question — did one twin generally dictate ideas and decisions.

The girls said this wasn't the case although Cathy did say that of the two Regan twins, Teresa was the more independent. Regarding ideas, all the twins agreed that they generally knew what their counterpart was thinking. They also pointed out that though many of their interests were similar it didn't mean they didn't pursue individual directions.

The Barry twins both like music but Kelly thoroughly enjoys horseracing, owns a thoroughbred, Gold Circle, which she hopes to race in a few years. Though Karen likes riding her main focus is on other sports — soccer, baseball, hockey and the challenge of skateboarding.

Alicia and Anita are also equestrians and both girls have horses. Alicia is training her stallion, Super Amber, to jump and has shown her two year old Arabian stud, TC Jubilee, at shows. Anita's Arabian mare Ezahra and stud colt, NF Special Cupid, both have show ribbons. But apart from the horses, the girls travel different paths in interests — Alicia enjoys sewing, a project that didn't seem to interest her twin.

Cathy and Teresa, who call themselves the Halloween twins, both like musical drama. Teresa, however, is a baseball enthusiast while Cathy goes in for cheerleading and creative writing.

Both Foley girls play piano and softball but then Liza branches off into tennis while Lynn plays basketball.

They've all suffered the traditional mistaken identity bit, but since beginning high school they claim it hasn't been so bad. Students tend to mix them up but according to the girls, whether a good omen or bad, the faculty seems to have their identities pegged.

As far as dressing alike in their younger years, three sets of the twins did with the Foleys declaring they rebelled in fourth grade, going their individual ways in dress style. The Regan's claimed they never dressed alike.

What was impressive about the girls the fact they were more than twins .... more than sisters ... they were friends. Their bubbly natures belied any notion of personality complexes derived from being a twin. However, whatever the four years at Mercy hold for them, you can be certain it will be shared in twos ... twos ... twos ... and twos.

Practice and More Practice!

One of the fastest growing sports in America is soccer especially popular with the woman athlete. Here, Mercy players prepare for a gruelling afternoon of practice.

St. Agnes Newsperson

It will be Barbara Hellenschmidt who will be keeping RapAround informed as to what is happening at St. Agnes High School. But unless she receives information from all the classes — freshman, sophomore, junior and senior — as well as the individual school departments and clubs she can't forward the news to the RapAround desk.

So, to keep St. Agnes in the RapAround pages, contact Barbara, Miss McEvoy's homeroom, 212, with any and all news. Barb will be assisted in her RapAround duties by Tammie Dinolfo who is also a senior.

BARBARA HELLENSCHMIDT

New Vice Principal Over at Kearney

Sister Kyllene Bodum, SSND, has joined the Bishop Kearney staff as vice principal. Actually she arrived at BK last March on a teaching assignment and then started her administrative duties this September.

Sister has a BA in English from Notre Dame in Maryland and received her MA in administration and supervision from Loyola University. She has pursued studies at numerous institutions including Villanova. Having been chairman of the Guidance department at St. Mark's High School in Delaware, sister is acquainted with that field. Her previous teaching assignments include a two year stint in Liberia, West Africa.

In her spare time, Sister Kyllene enjoys reading, walking for exercise and dabbles in outdoor gardening.

SR. KYLLENE BODUM

As a member of the BK community, she looks forward to a continuance of the BK spirit, progression in this area as well as in academics.

Speaking Out

By LINDA SHEIFEN
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For the past two or three years, the American public has been absorbing and enjoying television shows and movies portraying the "fantastic fifties". Shows like "Happy Days" and "Laverne and Shirley" have appealed to a great majority of the television audience. Because of the sudden desire to relive these memorable days, movie corporations have worked diligently to release productions such as "American Graffiti" and "American Hot Wax". Why are modern Americans so eager to relive the 50's?

There are many different reasons why that era seemed to grasp the interest of a variety of viewers. For those who were a part of the 50's generation, it is a vehicle of entertainment and a means of reminicsing their adolescent years. However, some people who were products of the 50's do not think life was as it is portrayed by these shows.

What appeals to the youth of today seems to be the freedom and independence of the youth of yesteryear. The portrait of a 50's teen is one of fun, laughs, pranks and dreams. No mention is ever made of scholastic achievement tests, regents exams and final exams. This does not mean these were not problems these teens had to deal with. They were, as they are now, an important part of the growth process.

The difference lies in the added pressure of society on adolescents of the 70's. There is a great deal of emphasis placed on the importance of a college degree, obtaining a job and settling into the work force. Years ago, decisions about college and careers were not as critical a part of the growth process as they are today.

Evidence of our eagerness to participate in the 50's mood is shown by the enormous number who attend movies such as "Grease". Also, students have found sock hops and 50's dances and music to be fun and enjoyable.

I often wonder when our children and their children look back on our era what will be significant of our times? Will we be looked upon as a denim jeaned, disco dancing generation or will we be looked upon as most teens of today feel, as a generation of career oriented students?

Will the 70's seem as carefree and exciting to our children as the 50's is to our generation?

Aquinas Theater

The Aquinas Parents Association will present the musical comedy "I Do! I Do!" starring Kathy Lynd and Dick Loewenguth, Saturday, Sept. 23, 8:30 p.m.

The event will include dinner beginning with hors d'oeuvres at 6 p.m. — dinner at 7 p.m. and after theater dancing. Ticket prices for the complete evening are $8 per person; show only, $3 per person. Dancing will be to the music of The Peter Candela Trio.

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