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Have Cheers — Will Perform

By JOAN M. SMITH

They all have a touch of clown in them, so said the McQuaid cheerleaders. In fact, one enthusiastic member declared, "I have two and three touches of the clown!"

Being an extrovert helps in performing before crowds and the eleven versatile gentlemen who make up the McQuaid squad are just that — extroverts with senses of humor and confidence in their ability to entertain. And they do entertain.

During the games they keep the fans involved with their "get rowdy cheers". During halftimes and periods they take over center court or field and make as much noise as possible although they claim it's organized noise. They have their traditional cheers as well as favorite acrobatic specialties like the pyramid, the domino and they fall down a lot. A particular stunt which keeps the crowd roaring is Michael O'Leary and Company racing around the field and then running into a wall.

"We're not professional cheerleaders," explained Bill Gibbons, although a teammate, acknowledged (tongue in cheek). "I've had offers from colleges!"

"We provide entertainment," declared Tom Chiarella. "We even get the opposing fans laughing."

The McQuaid cheerleaders adhere to the positive side of sportsmanship, never cheering

against an opposing team. They also consider themselves in the crowd control business. They carry this task out by mingling with the fans during the game and involving them in the cheering.

Belonging to the cheering team is a senior privilege; anyone can sign on and there are no try-outs. If at first the group appears like a loosely knit organization, O'Leary, designated "head honcho" by teammates, emphasized, "We have to stay organized". A tough order because they are all involved in other activities — drama, yearbook and newspaper staffs and sports. They manage, however, to coordinate their efforts to represent the school's athletes.

They're working extra hard this year because "We expect to be invited to compete in the Section 5 Cheerleading Championships," they chorused while nimbly performing for RapAround.

Are they ever razzed about their cheerleading activities?

"A lot," laughs Tom.

And a chuckling Rich Dixon added, "We're asked where our skirts and pom poms are!"

But the boys take it all in good fun. Their job is to please the crowd, bolster McQuaid athletic efforts and have a good time — and they do it all with a vaudevillian flair.



Photo by Terrance J. Brennan

Doing their specialty (pyramid cheer) are from left, bottom row: Tom Chiarella, Michael O'Leary, Kevin Casey, Bill Gibbons; second row; Mark Biche, Tom Byrne, Rich Dixon; third row; Pat Smith, Steve Mancini with George Falcon having top spot. In front is squad's lucky drum which gets a workout during the games by fellow students, Mark Palermo and Mark Walker.

A Guiding Vocation

College information nights, financial aid seminars, drug-alcohol programs, academic and job counseling sessions are all tasks within the realm of a high school guidance counselor.

Guidance demands dedication and a definite bent for organization. "You have to have the ability to work with different types of people," declared Sister Margot Mann, Geneva DeSales guidance counselor; "parents, students, college and community representatives, and employers."

Sister is in her third year at DeSales with seven years of counseling experience from St. Agnes High School in Rochester. There is no doubt she's enthused about her vocation. It reveals itself in her eager descriptions about previous programs as well as those scheduled for the future.

Recently, at a college info seminar held at DeSales, it was a group of college students rather than school reps, who discussed college with DeSales students. Coming next semester, is a project sister has been working on with the Ontario County Youth Counseling Association. It will be aimed



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at sophomores, giving them an opportunity to develop self-esteem as well as positive attitudes for building toward their futures.

Also on the Spring agenda is an alcohol information program which sister indicated may be handled through the religion department.

All in all, a major role of sister's in dealing with young adults, is the attempt to direct them into making final decisions about their future after high school graduation.

On The Go

AQUINAS
Saturday, Jan. 13 — Entrance exam.

BISHOP KEARNEY
Jan. 12-14 — Winter weekend ski trip to Holiday Valley.

Saturday, Jan. 13 — Entrance exams; Winter Weekend Dance.

CARDINAL MOONEY
Wednesday, Jan. 10 — Mens Guild meeting.
Thursday, Jan. 11 — Freshmen football team dinner.

Saturday, Jan. 13 — Entrance exams; Holy Name CCD party.
Monday, Jan. 15 — Student Council meeting; Mens Board meeting.
Wednesday, Jan. 17 — Sophomore retreat begins.

DESALES
Saturday, Jan. 13 — Entrance exams.

MCQUAID
Wednesday, Jan. 10 — Parent-teacher meeting, 7:15-7:15 and 8:45 p.m.
Friday, Jan. 12 — Assembly, 9:35 a.m.; dismissal, 2:27 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 13 — Entrance exams.

Monday, Jan. 16 —

Benjamin Day for students in city schools.

Tuesday, Jan. 16 — Penance service, 8:47 a.m.

Wednesday, Jan. 17 — Faculty meetings; dismissal at 1:28 p.m.

NAZARETH
Wednesday, Jan. 10 — Assembly, Rochester Philharmonic 1:35 p.m.; dress up day.

Thursday, Jan. 11 — Junior class ring ceremony, 8:15 a.m.; sophomore class meeting, gym, 8:30 a.m.
Friday, Jan. 12 — Black Student Union assembly, 8:30 a.m.

Saturday, Jan. 13 — Entrance exams.
Sunday, Jan. 14 — Mass for deceased alumnae, 9:30 a.m.

Monday, Jan. 15 — Faculty Workshop Day at St. Agnes, 9-2 p.m.; student study day.
Tuesday, Jan. 16 — Department meetings; Student Council meeting, 2:40-3:30 p.m.

NOTRE DAME
Sunday, Jan. 14 — Liturgy, 10 a.m.; registration for new students, 11-4 p.m.
Monday, Jan. 15 — Registration for new

students, 3-5 p.m. and 7:30-9 p.m.; club meetings, 8:45-10 a.m.; Women Athletic Association, 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Jan. 16 — Faculty prayer meeting, 7:30 p.m.; sophomore supper.

Wednesday, Jan. 17 — Future Secretaries Association contest; department head meetings; Religious Activities Committee meeting.

OUR LADY OF MERCY
Thursday, Jan. 11 — Parents Board meeting.
Saturday, Jan. 13 — Entrance exams.
Sunday, Jan. 14 — Winter Concert.

Tuesday, Jan. 16 — Homeroom moderator meeting, 3 p.m.

ST. AGNES
Wednesday, Jan. 10 — Early dismissal, 1:30 p.m.

Thursday, Jan. 11 — Administrative Council meeting, 9:30 a.m.
Saturday, Jan. 13 — Entrance exams, 8:30 a.m.
Monday, Jan. 15 — No school, joint faculty meeting with Nazareth Academy.

Tuesday, Jan. 16 — Parents Club dinner meeting, 6:30 p.m.