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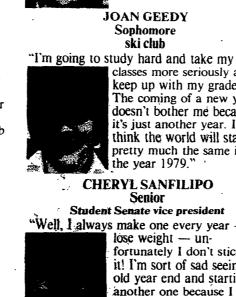
## Equal Time Will you make New Year resolutions? ST.AGNES LISA SAMELA **JOYCE PALMER** Senior Senior volleyball Tai Kwan Do "No, I'm not. I'd rather look back and see "Yes. I make resolutions every year but I what I've already done make them and then after a rather than talk about what few months, I forget about them. I'm going to try and I'm going to do. Regarding resolutions, I find people be more patient with people make them and don't and work harder. There's bother to keep them. The going to be a lot going on in the year 1979 with ear 1979 looks like it's going to be a good year for graduation and college. All my years have been good.' JANET KRESS **MARY FLOW** Sophomore WTNT Senior "My resolution is to come to grips with my "Yes. I'm going to try and stop being smart decisions. I have to make a with my parents and take decision about college. I my classes more seriously. 1 want to achieve better think a new year is kind of marks in my classes. 1979 scary because of graduating and going to college but looks like it's going to be a I'm looking forward to normal year for me.' 1979.

**CATHY NOLAN** Junior 4-H Club

'I generally make resolutions then tend to forget what they were. 1979 is going to be a better year. I intend to put more effort into looking for a job and I want to do better on my midterms — not cramming like other years. New Year's Day is my birthday!"

**KATHY LYND** Sophomore :

"Probably. Resolutions are good ideas but people don't keep them very long — just a couple of months. There's nothing special that I'm looking forward to in 1979. I'd like to get my average up in school. I like seeing a new year because you can get a fresh start."



classes more seriously and keep up with my grades. The coming of a new year doesn't bother me because it's just another year. I think the world will stay pretty much the same in

Student Senate vice president "Well, I always make one every year - to lose weight — unfortunately I don't stick to it! I'm sort of sad seeing an old year end and starting another one because I know I'm getting older and I'll have to leave a lot behind but there are challenging things to look forward to. I want to have art in my college years.

# Social Study Awards

Nazareth Academy's Social Studies Department gives special recognition to outstanding effort and achievement. First quarter achievers who placed highest in their class received awards in Asian-African Cultures, European Studies, American Studies and Street Law. Several others were recognized for particular

projects. Freshman Lisa Tantalo and Pamela Costello merited honors in their Asian-African course. Sophomore Iris Vierra was honored for her excellence in a peer teaching activity and Ann Rice for her outstanding notebook work.

Juniors Sue De Matteo, Angela Paris, Elizabeth Vargo

and Marcy Fiorica claimed honors for their project on immigrants and Eileen Connelly, Christine Nitzman, Christine Pospula, Kathy Ward, Letizia Bartolone, Lori Napieralski, Ann Saia, Mary Beth Stone, Kathy Fegan, Terri Schirmer, Lisa Walts. Elizabeth Hinkleman and Patti Mahns for theirs on American People.

**Speaking Out** 

newspaper, involving a minimum amount of news and a maximum amount of "human interest". One section is devoted to features, the local sections are quickly becoming devoid of all local news as such. Recently, features have started to appear on front pages of newspapers. This trend towards a

lower intelligence level within the media is epitomized by the trivial magazines in the country today. These magazines supposedly introduce one to today's celebrities and interesting people but they are slickly produced gossip columns; articles ridiculously short and written for people with a fourth grader's attention span.

We regard ourselves as an intelligent, civilized culture which has achieved much on earth. However, if we were to be destroyed tomorrow, and one thousand years from now some anthropologist came poking along, trying to reconstruct our society, what would he think if he were to come upon tapes of our popular television programs? Can we honestly say that we are proud to be a part of the culture that has inspired "Mork and Mindy" "Wonder Wornan" and "The Incredible Hulk"?

Without a doubt, the mindless television programming of today is the worst product of the media. Completely devoid of any vestige of in telligence, these shows feature ridiculous plots, vapid dialogues and absurdly shallow characters. These shows fail to be intellecutally stimulating and aren't executed well enough to be escapism. These are generalizations, of course, but mature, intelligent shows are infrequent among the major networks.

The reason that I find this lack of intelligent communication - 50 distressing is because the ordinary human being is a sensitive, astute person capable of considerable intelligence. Why he should accept such emptiness as "The Love Boat" is a frustrating question. As long as we, the public, continue to watch and read such banality without complaining, the masters of the media will continue to shovel it to us, like a mother spoon feeding her infant horrible tasting strained prunes. Eventually, he will rebel and so I hope, will we:

## **Botanical Giant**

There's a tree growing in Nazareth Academy's English Resource room! Back in 1960. an eight inch schefflera plant was moved into room 212 along with several other

feet and measures five feet However, a new owner is across. The tree adds a beauty of its own to the study area, is a great conversation piece and serves as a natural divider. between two sections of the

being sought for the plant -someone who has a highceilinged home to offer it.

intellectual level that the media operates on has, in many cases, plummeted. In newspapers, this lack of intelligence is readily shown in the increased usage of the feature story. The news feature is a prepackaged story or

**By CHRIS KOLLER** 

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More than anybody will

readily admit, we are

controlled by the media.

When society speaks to us

through television or the

In the past five years,

however, the media's

has

simpler and simpler; the

biography written days or

weeks in advance for a

become

newspaper, we listen.

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