

# Around Rap Around Rap Around Rap Aro

## Speaking Out

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*"Two roads diverged in a yellow wood and I, I took the one less traveled by, and that has made all the difference."*

Robert Frost

I wonder how Robert Frost would have reacted to the thousands of dead bodies huddled together as a result of the tragedy in Guyana? Also, I wonder if there was something more to this poem than a literary masterpiece? Could the situation have been prevented if people had followed Frost's philosophy?

The idea that thousands of innocent people looked to another person for meaning in their life is a sad affair. It is even sadder that these vulnerable

people had to find an Antichrist for the person who would do so much for them.

I find myself pitying those people. They had such a poor sense of worth that they had to look elsewhere to enrich it. The whole principle of individualism keeps coming to mind and I can't let it go unsaid.

The road traveled by so few is the most important journey a person will ever take. It is the people who don't realize this that end up like those in Guyana. Yet sadly enough, they aren't the first and the situation is not uncommon.

This type of thing has happened several times in history. Look at the popularity of cults and communes during the 1960s. It was the same

problem then. Instead of looking to themselves for answers, people overlooked their most precious attribute and looked elsewhere. They doubted their own existence and worth and depended solely on someone else. They also were hurt.

A very wise lady who has come to mean a great deal to me pointed out that Guyana never had to happen if people would have trusted themselves. You have to realize that you make your life what it is and it is only those who wish to compromise that fact who get hurt. You have to experience, to decide and to succeed. No one can do it for you. If only people would open their eyes to their own identity, the road to success would be a constant traffic jam.



A family of musicians, The Mike Lester Trio put their talents together to produce a special brand of entertainment.

## High School Grads In Music Business

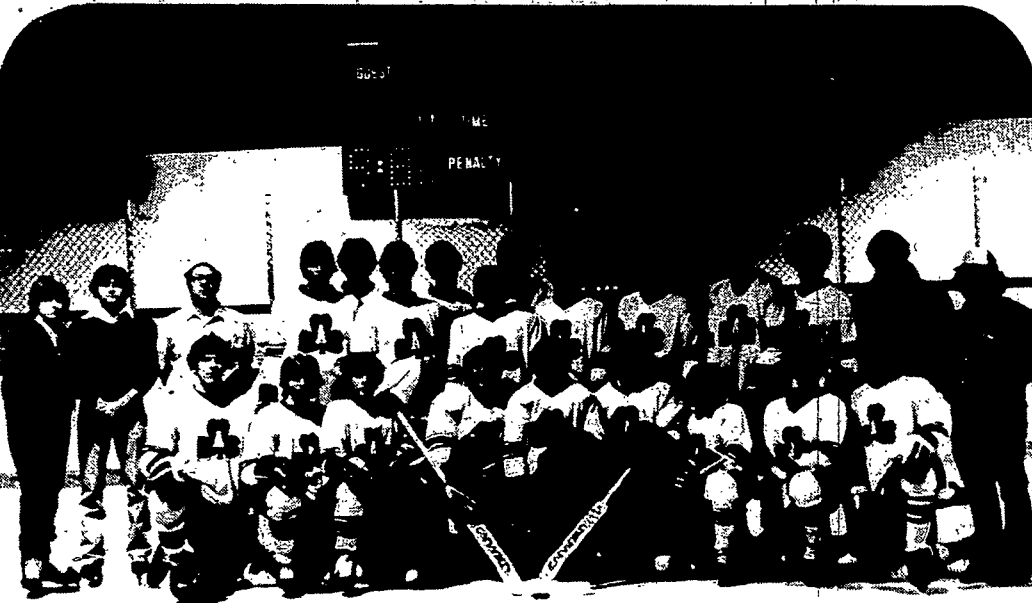
The Mike Lester Trio is family.

teaches dancing in Rochester.

Mike, the trio's leader, graduated from Aquinas Institute in 1971 and went on to Ithaca College where he majored in music. Currently he teaches music in the Honeoye-Falls Lima Central School District. Brother Steve who graduated from Aquinas in 1973 is finishing up his work on a master's degree at Alfred University. Their sister Jody graduated from Nazareth Academy and the University of Buffalo and

Mike who has been entertaining in the area for nine years started as a folk guitarist in local establishments. It was six years ago when he Steve and Jody decided to put their act together.

The group plays a variety of music; everything from the sound of the 40s to the present musical hits. Their repertoire also includes jazz and polkas. It will be a homecoming for the two brothers on Feb. 3 when the trio plays for the Aquinas Crystal Ball.



## Power Hockey

The Aquinas Little Irish hockey team will take on the Irondequoit Indians at the Community War Memorial on Friday, Jan. 26, 4:45 p.m. Following this game the Rochester Amerks will play Philadelphia. Tickets may be purchased at the War Memorial. Prices are: \$5.50, \$4.50, \$3.50. Amerk student discount cards will be honored at the ticket window.



## What's in the News!

Recently when the Courier Journal arrived at St. Agnes, our photographer happened to see Tammie Dinolfo, Barbara Hellenschmidt and Sister Christina Wash sneaking a quick peek at the RapAround section.

## Students To Visit Europe

A group of Aquinas students plan to visit Madrid and Paris over Easter vacation. In addition to the sights of Madrid they will take excursions to Toledo and the Valley of the Fallen, where Franco is buried. Climbing the Eiffel Tower is only a small part of the Paris itinerary which will include a trip to Versailles. A member of the Aquinas faculty will accompany the students on this tour which is being arranged by the American Institute of Foreign Study.

## Winner

Marie Buttarazzi, a junior at Bishop Kearney, was the recipient of the Winner's Circle \$5 for the week of Jan. 8.

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