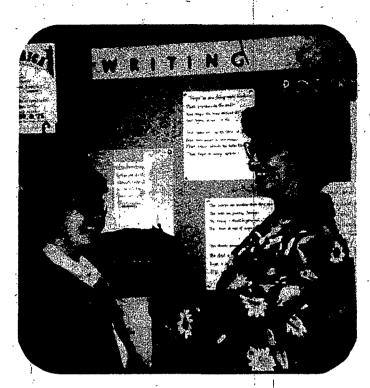
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Writing Club member Patricia McDonald. discusses the various creative writing contests with Sr. Beatrice, the club's moderator.

Active Writers

"It must be some club, if the girls are willing to meet on Friday afternoon!" commented a faculty member about the enthusiasm of the members of Nazareth Academy's Writing Club.

It is indeed, "some club." Recently the young writers made an excursion to Monroe Community College to hear Nikki Giovanni, the noted black poet, read some of her works. They also invited Mrs. Di Perna, a native of Ireland and mother of students Kathy and Elaine, to read Irish

poetry. Mrs. Di Perna who lived in Ireland until she was 16 talked about what it was like to grow up there, what school was like and how she learned to love the poetry of her native land.

The students also share their own experiences. Betsy Hinkleman discussed the writings of Lewis Carroll and showed the girls how to write acrostic poems. Many of the students efforts have been entered in competition while still others may be found in Spectrum, the school's

AQ, BK Talking Successes

Two Rochester Catholic High School teams won first and third sweepstakes trophies at the Corcoran High School Forensics Tournament in Syracuse, Saturday, Jan. 13.

Aquinas Institute with a team of twelve won first place trophy while Bishop Kearney's team of eight took third. Notre Dame of Utica won second place.

In boys extemporaneous speaking, Mark Foley of Aguinas won with Maurice Verrillo of Bishop Kearney placing second and Jonathan Thomson of Aquinas third. In humorous interpretation, Larry Costanza of Aquinas was first, Ray Enright also of Aquinas, second and Pamela Melroy, BK, third.

In dramatic interpretation Ed Galla of Aquinas won first place. It was Jeanne Adams of BK who took third in original oratory and Lore Roman won third place in oral in-

Aquinas Guest Speaker

On Jan. 15, Martin Luther American Black community. King's birthday, Minister Franklin Florence spoke to the Aquinas student body. In his address, "King and his meaning to American life," Florence stressed the idea that Martin Luther King sought equality and justice for the entire world not just the

Florence stated that an "eye for an eye" leaves everyone blind. In conclusion, he cautioned the students to make full use of their educational resources for they will be tomorrow's leaders

Rotary Offers Awards

John E. Swett, president, Rotary Club of Rochester has announced that the club is seeking young men and women as candidates for a Rotary Foundation Educational Award for the academic year 1980-81. The award must be used outside of the U.S. Candidates cannot be Rotarians or related to Rotarians.

The Foundation offers five educational awards: graduate fellowships for those who have received a BA or equivalent and are between the ages of 20-28; undergraduate scholarships for those with a minimum of two trip years of university level work a educational and living ex-

and are the ages of 18-24; technical training awards for those with a secondary education and at least two years' working experience and are the ages 21-35; awards to teachers of the handicapped for those who have been engaged as full time teachers of the mentally, physically or educationally handicapped for the last two years at the time of application and are 25-50; journalism awards, for those aged 21-28 with a minimum of two years of university level work or years as a professional iournalist.

Each award includes roundtransportation, penses for one academic year and funds for intensive language training, if necessary. An award may be used for almost any field of

Application must be made through a Rotary Club in the district of the applicant's permanent residence, place of study, or employment, Completed applications with supplementary materials such as transcripts and letters of recommendation must be received by the sponsoring club by March 1. Further information is available from the Rochester Rotary Club Office, 55 St. Paul St., 546-

Mercy's Literary Talent **Recorded for Posterity**

By JOAN M. SMITH

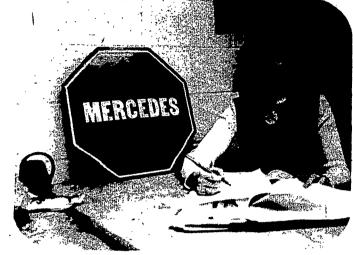
The Mercedes is the oldest publication at Our Lady of Mercy. Its golden jubilee issue took honorable mention and received a New York State rating in the 1978 Empire State Scholastic Press Association competitions. However, according to Maureen Crough, editor, this is not an unusual accomplishment for the Mercedes. She noted that every year the publication has entered the Empire contest it has received awards and she pointed to an array of plaques and certificates to prove her statement.

"The main purpose of the Mercedes," Maureen explained, "is to let students express themselves creatively either in art or writing.

In the Fall, the magazine initiates a campaign for submissions from the student body. The response is always good but this year was so overwhelming that the Mercedes may have two printings - a Winter issue and the traditional one in Spring.

"The Winter issue will be more informal, Maureen said and added, "but we have so much good material this will give a chance for more people to be published."

The magazine publishes a wide variety of literary styles — poetry, prose (fiction), plays, short stories and art. Maureen indicated that poetry is the forerunner in submissions but this year there was a slight increase in prose. Art



Maureen Crough is editor of the Mercedes and Mrs. Jane O'Brien, English teacher, is the moderator.

is submitted but when the pages begin taking shape the staff may request students to submit special art ideas to correlate with the format.

How and who does the choosing of manuscripts to be used? Maureen claimed it is a complete staff venture, Every submission, with author's name covered so there is no personal influence, is read by the 14 member staff. selections are discussed among them. among them.

Besides their time and effort in the manuscript campaign, evaluation process, editing and their weekly meetings, the staff also has the job of determining cover art and lay-out ideas.

Selection of each year's editor is made from the juniors any one of whom can apply for the job. Recommendations are then requested from the faculty and students and their input enters into the final selection.

In Maureen's case, she always wanted to be involved with the Mercedes. "While I was in grammar school (Our Lady of Lourdes)", she acknowledged, "I'd heard about the Mercedes and it was something I always wanted to do."

Though she submits to the magazine she isn't going to pursue a career in creative writing (either engineering or law), but will continue her writing for enjoyment.

Rundown on Girl Cardinals Volleyball

By ANNE RABIDEAU Girls Cardinal Mooney

As the baskethall season is about to begin in the world of girls' high school sports, now is the last chance for a quick glance backward. For the girls varsity volleyball team of Cardinal Mooney, the memories are both happy and disappointing. The Cards finished the season 7-5 overall, with a 7-3 record in the Private-Parochial league, earning them a strong second place. Mooney's only losses came to HAC and Mercy, who tied for the league title.

Coached for the fifth consecutive year by Mrs. Joette Abbey, Mooney found success with a new offensive set up. Cocaptains Marian Rhodes and Debbie Berl, along with teammates Ann Keenan and Donna Mykins, engineered the offense with consistent spiking efforts throughout the season. Mooney found strength in its setting department as well, with senior Kathy Boughton and junior Betsy Hart leading the way. Two sophomores, Bonnie Brennan and Mary Graham, also contributed greatly to the Cards success this year.

Mooney defeated such teams as Nazareth, Bishop Kearney, St. Agnes and HAC this season, along with toppling Greece Olympia to take second place in the Greece Tournament in December. Mooney then faced a waiting game in hopes of a wild card berth in the Section Five Tournament which they were finally granted Jan. 4.

The Cards had trouble getting off the ground in sectionals, however, facing powerful competition from East (14-0), Rush-Henrietta Roth (11-5) and Batavia (12-0), who later went on to win the title. In round-robin competition, Mooney was able to salvage only one out of six games played, eliminating them from the tournament. The Cards are a young team, however, and with seven squad members eligible to return enext season — who knows what 1980 will bring