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MCC Shares in Kodak Scholarship Program

Monroe Community College has announced that the Eastman Kodak Scholarship Award Program is available to high school seniors anticipating entrance to the college in the Fall of 1979.

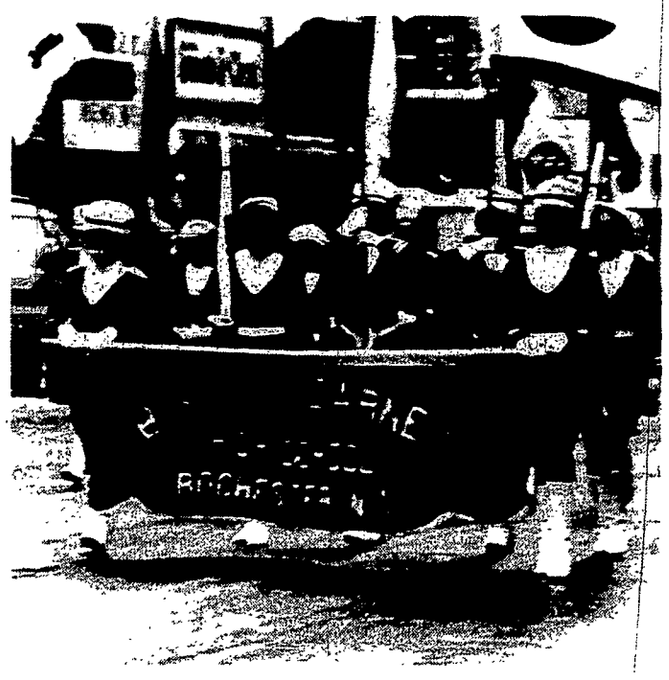
This program makes scholarships available to students based on academic, extra-curricular, and community achievements. The awards are in the amount of $2,000 — $500 being awarded each semester that the student maintains eligibility.

High school seniors are eligible to apply for the awards if they have applied for admission to MCC for Fall classes, have been ranked in the upper 25 per cent of their graduating class, have taken the SAT or ACT tests and can demonstrate extra-curricular and community achievement.

Applications can be obtained at high school guidance offices or by writing or calling the MCC Office of Financial Aid, 1000 E. Henrietta Road, Rochester, N.Y. 14623, (716) 442-9950. Deadline date for submission of applications is March 15.

Photos by Joan M. Smith

The Bishop Kearney Marching Kings marched in the "I Love Downtown" parade, Feb. 14. The temperature hit zero and though trumpet valves froze open and trombones iced in first position, Ray Shahin, band director, indicated it wasn't the worst weather they've marched in. According to him, St. Patrick's Day, 1968 (band's first parade in New York) was a wild, windy, frigid day — a day in fact which the New York City Police Department is still talking about. But cold weather or no, the marchers, last Wednesday, were out in force with snappy lines and wide smiles as they rounded Franklin St. and saw the school buses waiting. "You'll be thankful for the 50-60 degree weather in Ireland," quipped Shahin as they boarded the warm vehicles.



Marriage Courses

"Christian approach to sexuality and marriage" is the elective course on marriage offered to **Our Lady of Mercy High School** students. It is a trimester course and according to school sources is an examination of sexuality through a Judeo-Christian traditional approach as well as through psychological and sociological understanding. The physical, psychological, spiritual and practical aspects of marriage are considered.

The course is taught by Father Vincent Panepinto, chaplain, who in describing the course said, "The first couple of cycles are devoted to the concept of sexuality, to enable the girls to realize that sexuality, although it includes sex, is far beyond it in its scope, including all of human behavior pertaining to our ability to reach out lovingly to ourselves and others in this world.

"The course continues with a study of qualities we look for in choosing a partner for marriage. Needless to say, weakness and faults in another that spell beware are signals that marriage should not be entered into at this point.

"Discussion is provided in regard to pre-marital sex, morality and the Church's viewpoint and why it holds what it holds.

"Time is given to the reason for the Church's position on birth control and a guest speaker from Natural Family Planning lectures on the method of family planning.

"Conversation on the importance of communication in marriage and the importance and method of communicating our feelings lovingly is provided.

"Of course, time is spent explaining the Church's viewpoint on ecumenical marriages, and the meaning of annulment in the Church today. And there is some time spent in explaining questionnaires given to a couple by their parish priests."

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The DeSales senior year is reserved for three integral parts of the Catholic's life — faith, morality, and marriage.

The thrust of the faith section is to become aware of whom and what we as Catholics believe in, notably Jesus of the Gospel and our Catholic Creed and the demands that follow there from.

The intention of the morality section is to foster awareness of present day moral problems, to apply Jesus' standard to them and to try to develop a solid basis for conscience formation.

These two sections are essentials of the marriage course, for they bring into focus the seriousness of Jesus' message and the demands made by its application to conscience judgment in matters of pre-marital sex, birth control, abortion, divorce and annulment, sterilization, etc.

The marriage course itself deals with the sacramental, legal, physical, emotional, and practical aspects of marriage. The students study and plan their sacrament from the possible options, study the difference between marriage as a sacrament and a legal bond, the Church and state laws regarding marriage, the emotional involvement of encounter, the physiology of sex and the practical aspects of family living. Resource people are invited in to enhance the presentation by lending their expertise. Finally, the course culminates with the students presenting a major project which integrates the mentioned areas and incorporates interviewing, discussion and research.

BK Band on the March

The Bishop Kearney Marching Kings are on the move again. They leave for Ireland, March 14 to march in Dublin on St. Patrick's Day. A sendoff concert will be performed, March 4, 2 p.m. in the BK auditorium with the Rochester Crusaders as special guests. The Marching Kings, Concert and Jazz band will entertain and selections will include theme from the Wiz, Symphony Suite and a special salute to George M. Cohan. Tickets may be obtained from any band member or by calling the school — 342-4000. Proceeds will go to defer the band's traveling expenses.

The band has also been invited to perform for a Rochester Savings Bank ribbon cutting ceremony at its new facilities at Westgate Plaza, March 9, 9:15 a.m.

Winner

Ken Jensen, Cardinal Mooney senior, was the recipient of the Winner's Circle $5 for the week of Feb. 7.

Winners Circle

RapAround weekly will run a photo of a group of students taken somewhere in the diocese. One person will be circled and if that person brings the clipping to the Courier-Journal before noon of the Tuesday following our publication date, he or she will receive $5. This week's photo was taken at Aquinas during class. The person circled above should bring the clipping to Joan M. Smith, Courier-Journal, by noon, Tuesday, Feb. 27 to receive $5.