RapAroundRapAroundRapAroundRap

RapAroundRapAroundRapAroundRapAroundRap

JOAN M. SMITH, Editor

Students Don't Just Plan, They Act on Their Future Careers

By Joan M. Smith

Gina Cordaro, Sally Lombardo and Genevieve Shaw say they are the exceptions to the rule in that they are still in high school, have decided on a career and have been preparing for it. These energetic Nazareth students, besides pursuing their high school academic commitments, have been working toward cosmetology licenses. In order to be eligible for a beautician's license, New York requires completion of a 1000 hour training course and passing special exams. To fulfill these requirements, the girls have been taking the part-time hairdressing course (three nights a week, and Saturdays) offered by the Continental School of Beauty here in Rochester. This particular course takes a year to finish and the girls, who started in July '78, will be graduating by mid-July.

In talking with RapAround, they agreed it has been been a difficult road; learning their field, and keeping up with their school work. "I had to add an extra study hall to my schedule to get my work done," moaned Gina.

But now that the end is in sight, the girls admit it's been a great opportunity for getting a headstart on their future.

Gina's future is already expanding. She will graduate from Nazareth June 25 and expects to use her beautician's license to work part-time while attending St. John Fisher College for Business Administration.

Regarding her interest in hairdressing, Gina said she had always like working with hair and further pointed out, "I like to talk to people and doing the new hairstyles." Then she laughed adding, "I never thought I'd master doing a hairdo!"

Sally, who is a Nazareth junior, had the same sentiments. "I never thought I would accomplish what I've accomplished," she declared and then smiled when she thought back to the first haircut. "I was scared, at first," she admitted but now haircutting is her favorite challenge.

It was through Gina that Sally became interested in cosmetology and though she has another year at Nazareth, she has long range plans. She expects to attend college for business courses and then intends to eventually operate her own beauty salon.

That is also Genevieve's goal, owning a shop. But first, it's off to Fayetteville State University in North Carolina this fall for business courses. As far as her interest in hairdressing goes, Genevieve credits her mother who is a beautician. "She's helped me a lot," she said.

It's the creative aspect of the profession which intrigues Genevieve. "I love to create new hairstyles," she noted and added, "getting the customer sitting down and then planning the hairdo."

Photos by Joan M. Smith

Gina, Genevieve and Sally watch as Mrs. Parma Lanza, Continental teacher, instructs them on how to section for blow drying the hair. Cooperating student is Kathy Scheuerman.

She has had ample opportunity to indulge her artistry by participating in the student hairstyling contests sponsored by the school.

Though their schedules over the last year have been tough, the girls still found time to participate in Nazareth activities. Genevieve was a member of the Black Student Union and belongs to the Future Secretaries Club. Gina finds time to sing with the Perosians and play in the school band. Sally is a member of the Junior Future Secretaries Club.

Their time at Continental has been spent with hours of both theory and practical experience in shampooing, haircutting, bleaching, permanent waving, styling. But besides learning the necessary basics for their profession, the girls have also learned the art of diplomacy — "Especially with those customers," they explained, "who forget the students are in training" — and the one thing, throughout all their training and learning, which came natural to the girls, was their ability to smile — a trait necessary for success.

Sally and Genevieve carefully read the instructions on a bleach product before applying substance to a customer's hair.

Aquinas Students Win Top Awards

Aquinas Institute graduated 148 students on June 3. During the ceremony, special honors were awarded the following students.

Michael Dobbertin, John Vicaretti, Anthony Monaco, David Zimmer, Thomas Schryver, Permanent St. Thomas Club members award; Daniel Bacchetta, Perfect Attendance Award; David Zimmer, Principal's Award for General Proficiency; Mark Foley, History Award; Anthony Monaco, Dexter Perkins Prize in History; Michael Trabold, Steve Centron Memorial English Award; Anthony Monaco, French Language Award; Lonnie Kaczka, Michael Tedesco, Spanish Language Award; David Zimmer, Latin Language Award; Nicholas Zeitvogel Mathematic Award; Steven Lynch, Business Award; Nicholas Zeitvogel, Baush and Lomb Honorary Science Award; John Bunce, Jr., John Philip Sousa Music Award; Karl Scheible, Michael Visconti, Sister Brendan, SSJ, Memorial Art Award; Nicholas Zeitvogel, Rensselaer Award for Math and Science; John Case, Nicholas Zeitvogel, Typing Award; Gregory Tuttle, Frank Vadas Memorial Christian Athlete of the Year; John Vicaretti, James Francis Cross Award in Biology; Donald Kretchmer, Albert R. Gaelens Award for Outstanding Christian Character.

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 Nazareth Academy during lunch. The person circled above should bring the clipping to Joan M. Smith, Courier-Journal, by noon, Tuesday, June 19 to receive $5.