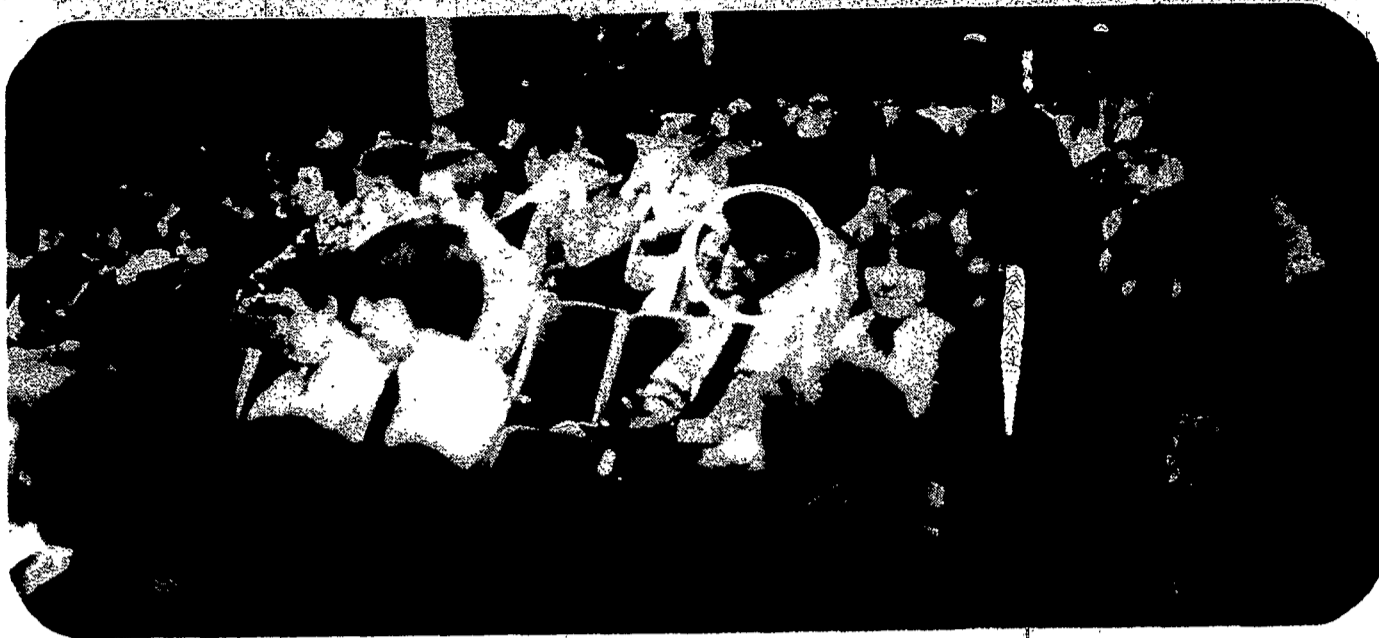


Joan M. Smith, Editor



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 a concert. The person circled should bring the clipping to Joan M. Smith, Courier-Journal, by noon, Tuesday, Dec. 4.

Mercian Noted For Her Writing

Tara Nealey, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Richard H. Nealey, and a senior at Our Lady of Mercy High School, has been cited for outstanding performance in writing. The National Council of Teachers of English has named her a winner of a 1979 Achievement in Writing Award.



TARA NEALEY

Over 7,000 students were nominated last February by their English teachers for this honor. Each nominee submitted a sample of her best writing. Tara selected the news media as her topic and wrote a composition on the TV showing of "Jesus of Nazareth."

All compositions were evaluated by state judging teams that include high school and college English teachers. The approximately 850 finalists selected each year represent high schools in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, and American schools Overseas.

The Council will recommend the award finalists, now seniors, for college scholarships. Names of the students

are sent to admissions officers and English department chairs at two and four year colleges and universities.

The National Council of Teachers of English is a professional organization of individual and institutional members at all levels of instruction. Its goal is to increase the effectiveness of the teaching of English language and literature in the nation's schools and colleges.

Report on ESSPA

On Friday, Nov. 2, key people representing New York State high school newspapers, magazines and yearbooks assembled for an ESSPA (Empire State Scholastic Press Association) Convention held in Newhouse School of Communications, Syracuse University. The two-day event was designed to sharpen student skills in journalism and to work on the overall improvement of their publications.

The group of about 300 high school students and teachers attended specially designed classes in creative writing, interviewing, photography, editorial writing, and layout. Highlight of the event was the awards dinner at Drumlins Country Club. Awards were presented to outstanding high school publications and two \$1,000 scholarships were given.

Locally, awards and honorable mention were given to Our Lady of Mercy's newspaper, "The Quill".

Janet Infarinato — BK

DeSales Saints Win Section Title

By Thomas Rickey
DeSales

Harry Furman, coach of the DeSales Saints, has done it again. This year, he led the football team to the Section 5 Class C title.

Behind Furman's powerful encouragement, the Saints defeated Bolivar 7-0 at the University of Rochester, Nov. 17, to gain the crown. The game was a scoreless defensive battle, with the only score coming on defense. With about eight minutes left in the game, junior Kevin Taney intercepted a Bolivar pass and ran it back 22 yards for the score. Chris Bruno added the extra point and DeSales had its first sectional football title.

With a varsity squad of

only 19, the Saints scratched and clawed their way to the top. The strength and unity of the defensive unit was evident in a dramatic goal line stand in the third period.

The Bulldogs were on the two-yard line on second down, and then pushed to the two-foot line. With third and goal to go, senior linebacker Tim Driscoll threw Bolivar back to the one-yard line, and on the next play, Driscoll and end Bob Taney stopped Bolivar on the three-yard line.

Kevin Taney was presented the game's Most Valuable Player Award, while Bill Maher was cited as the game's Outstanding Defensive Back, and Chris Bruno as Outstanding Defensive Lineman.

Equal Time

What do you consider the greatest threat to civilization.

MCQUAID

GREG PHILLIPS
Sophomore
literary magazine



"The biggest threat would be an outbreak of an uncontrollable disease like the plague. If such a disease were to break out it could wipe out a country, economically, politically and socially. Right now with vaccinations they have controlled many of the diseases, but say a type of cancer went out of control — you just wouldn't be able to predict the effects of such a disaster."

MARK CULLEN
Eighth grade



"I have two ideas, one is the nuclear situation with the Soviet Union and also the fact that we're beginning to share our ideas and discoveries with other countries. I don't think we should do this because it could lead to war. Secondly, the lack of care for other people like those in other countries. We should be strong enough not to waste money on things we don't need so others can have more."

MATT HUGGINS
Sophomore
track



"I think it's ignorance because when people are ignorant anybody who wants to and gets into power has the chance to take advantage of the people because they don't know their rights. Let the people be educated and educated fully — not just on the surface. That's how you prevent dictatorships."

PAUL DENOON
Senior
football



"Apathy; the uncaring attitude that many people demonstrate in daily life for example, low turnout for voting. America is a democracy and in a democracy we have a voice in running the government but people don't bother to use this privilege, and yet they complain. Not using the voting right could erode democracy."

JIM CARNEY
Senior
soccer



"The building of nuclear weapons because there are a lot of disputes that come up between countries and some of these countries will do anything to get what they want. The way things are going I think there could be an all out nuclear holocaust. I think the United Nations should try and mediate disputes between countries."

IMMANUEL HO
Senior
Magis



"I think it's the absence of love — there isn't enough of it right now. Also we have too much complacency; we don't want to reach out to those who are less fortunate than ourselves. We can all do our part in helping the world by going out and helping those people who need us. From what I see, people are just sitting back and taking things for granted."

DAN RITZ
Junior
Lance staff



"I think it's people's inability to get involved with their governments — their apathetic attitude. They should get involved and shape the world the way they want it to be. It's a situation of making the elected officials realize what the people want."

MARK OUWEELEN
Sophomore
swimming team



"I think the greatest threat to civilization is civilization itself because of the decline in morals and the concern for people in other countries for example, the boat people. If we just let people like that suffer while we sit in our own comfort, the same principles will erode away at society in this country."

Speaking Out

By Joseph LaVilla

Aquinas

While the Constitution gives the media freedom to publish whatever they find suitable, many press people have taken advantage of this privilege. Both newspaper and television dig deep into the private lives of public personalities to come up with the most far-fetched stories. While some may be true, others are a bit hard to believe.

One such incident was that while President Carter

was having one of his lowest ratings in the polls, the White House News Agency came out with a story about a "swimming" rabbit. It seems that this rabbit swam towards the President while he was in a fishing boat. The rabbit was beaten off while a news man took its picture. Both the picture and the site were not disclosed. Another example concerning President Carter was something many of us would not like to hear while eating dinner. It was about his case of hemorrhoids. Not many Americans really can say

they care about Presidential pain.

Stories of David Kennedy buying heroin in Harlem and Hamilton Jordan snorting cocaine in the "caves" of Studio 54 show how the press can ruin peoples' credentials by possibly reporting a fake story.

The media don't realize what is important to the public and what people could care less about. They should spend a little more time on relevant issues and not on miniscule topics.