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**Art Sale**

Nazareth Academy seniors Barb Barth and Michele Arcarisi along with Sister Anne DeMare, Art department, arranged various creative items that were on sale during a recent Art Boutique.



**Christmas Creations**

Over at St. Agnes, the observance of the Christmas season was a community affair. A concert was performed by students and faculty for their parents and friends.

The office was decorated with a Nativity scene created by the graphics and sculpture class under the direction of Mary Lou Wenthe. The accompanying wishes from the class read: "This symbolizes all the joy of the Feast of Christmas we hope will enter and stay in all of your hearts."

The figures were made by the following students: The infant Jesus, Kelly Butler; Mary, by Debbie Whalen; St. Joseph and the star, by Kathy Gundrum; cow, Beverly Ziegler; the donkey, by Joanne Thomas; camel, Marcia Maher; lamb, Cathy Mackey; shepherd, Michele Juif; the three Kings by Mary Ellen Felten, Terry Lootens, and Julie Stubbings; angels were done by Lynn Roberts and Glynis Hunt; the kneeling shepherd, Mary Ann Skrtic.

**Law at First Hand**

Early in December, the business law students from Our Lady of Mercy visited the Monroe County Court. Accompanied by Miss Kathleen Wisner, the girls toured the facility, witnessed sentencings, heard depositions and heard the opening statements of a trial.

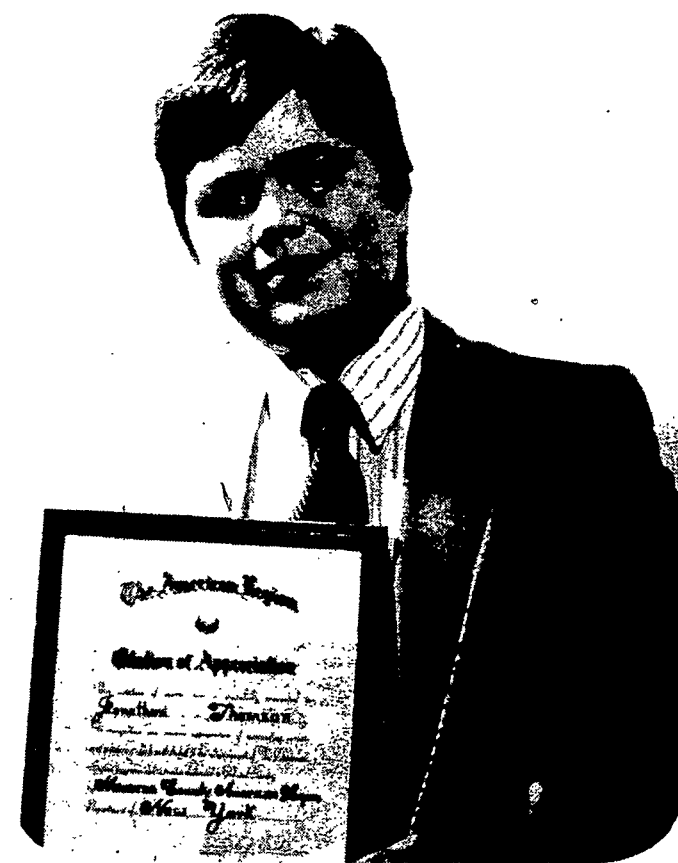


**BK Committee Planning**

Coordinating Bishop Kearney's recent blood drive were: Beth O'Brien, Peter Shields, Chris Stulpin, Terry Shaw, and Beth Laffey.

**Legion Recognizes Aquinas Student Talents**

Last summer at Morrisville College, the site of the annual Boys State Convention sponsored by the American Legion, Aquinas senior, Jonathan Thomson was elected State Comptroller. His efforts in this position were rewarded by the Legion committee in electing him to attend Boys Nation, held in Washington, D.C., in July. According to Aquinas sources this was the first time that a boy from Monroe County was sent to the event. Two boys were selected from each state and their role was of U.S. Senator from their respective states.



JON THOMSON

The mock legislative sessions were held at the American University and when the students weren't passing bills they were watching Washington lifestyles and sightseeing. Elections were held for president and Jon was the campaign manager for the senator who won. His efforts resulted in a cabinet-level job in the area of public relations.

In re-examining his experiences, it is Jon's opinion that there were three positive results; first, the boys learned

about the structure of government; secondly, the importance of the two party system was appreciated; and finally, they were made aware that youth has a duty and responsibility in the political processes. Jon plans to attend college and is thinking of Cornell University and a career in labor relations.

**Who and Where On Basketball Courts**

By Terrance J. Brennan

When forecasting the performance of teams in the tough City-Catholic Basketball League, one's attentions are usually drawn immediately to the powerhouse city teams — Madison, Monroe, East, Franklin and Edison. Although these teams perennially are always strong, the four area Catholic high school teams are not to be taken lightly.

Cardinal Mooney rebounds from last year's 11-11 team with four returning starters including 6-5, 215-pound Mike Goodberlet, and 6-2 Todd Funk. Both were all-star football players and should provide the necessary muscle to control the board.

Coach Ed Nietopski, beginning his 17th season at the helm of the Cards, will also be relying on the cousin of former Mooney star Glenn Hagan, forward Eric Simmons, 6-2, and Larry Lanpher, and Tom Nietopski to run things in the backcourt.

Brother John Walderman makes his debut as coach of the Bishop Kearney Kings. His lineup includes center Chuck Van Neil, 6-5, junior Mike Beikirch, 6-1, and Tim Thomas, 6-3 at forward positions. Gerry Gooden and Jim Loftus are in the backcourt. Scott Healy, 6-2, (out with an injured knee), and junior guard Scott Quist are among the available substitutes for the Kings.

Another first-year coach is Bobby Cohen at McQuaid. Cohen has rejuvenated the

spirit for the sport after a tough season last year. He's also excited with one of the finest prospects in the area, 14-year old Tom Sheehy.

The 6-6 freshman will be the Knights starting center. The rest of the lineup includes a lot of height; Dan Sprague, 6-4, and captain Mike Andrews, 6-2, at forward; plus Dan Geen, 6-3, and Tom Blake, 6-4, coming off the bench. Mike Callari and Jim Taddeo will start at guard positions.

After spending a couple of seasons in the City-Private League, the Aquinas Little Irish are back. Coach Tony

Ferrara would like to be optimistic, but it's hard when injuries take over. Senior Bob Magee, 6-0, will have his ankle in a cast for another month. Bob Mulcahy, 6-2, will miss the entire season because of knee surgery, and football star Don Be'ans decided to rest his injured shoulder this winter.

The Irish will have, as a result, probably the youngest starting lineup in the league this year. They include three sophomores; forward Charley Kelley, 6-3, Ed Wedow, 5-9 and Darryl Henderson, 6-1 as guards; and two juniors, forward Mike Schiano, 6-1, and center David Figaro, 6-1.



**Science Buffs**

Cardinal Mooney student, Susan Wittman, was chosen by Philip Tierney, school biology teacher, to attend the St. John Fisher College workshop in electron microscopy, earlier this month. The seminar included an introduction to the subject, its application to the life sciences and the using of the electron microscope to view specimens prepared by the participants.