

Rap Around Rap Around

Students Receive Academic Honors

Nazareth Academy honor roll requirements specify that a student must have an average of 85 per cent and high honors are awarded to those students whose average is above 83 per cent. In a recent academic awards assembly, Sister Judith McKay, principal, praised over 250 students for their hard work and achievement. She also stressed the responsibility one has to use gifts and talents for the betterment of the human community.

"These awards," she said, "are a challenge to discover where you can best be of service."

The students who received

special pins in recognition of their high honors were: Freshmen, Ermelinda Bonaccio, Laura Hinkelman, Judy Chiang, Michele Hurst, Lucyann Fusco, Emily Zicari, Maria Sciortino, Christine Gerbino, Vikkilynn Hardy, Kathleen Foran, Elizabeth Pratt; sophomores, Mary Paris, Mary Ann Kelly, Christine Gleichauf, Anna Mancini, Ann Leon.

Juniors, Karen McCloskey, Susan Whelan, Paula Stadtmiller, Rosa Solaun, Lori Zimmer, Karoline Luciano, Christine Boss, Diane Hunt, Janet Ruscher; seniors, Patricia Mahns, Debra Felice, Elizabeth Hindelman, Angela Paris, Anna Villa.



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 should bring the clipping to Joan M. Smith, Courier-Journal, by noon, Wednesday (Tuesday is New Year's Day), Jan. 2, to receive \$5.

On The Go

AQUINAS

Thursday, Jan. 3 — School resumes.

BISHOP KEARNEY

Dec. 26-Jan. 2 — Christmas recess.

CARDINAL MOONEY

Wednesday, Jan. 2 — School reopens.

DESALES

Wednesday, Jan. 2 — Classes resume.

MCQUAID

Wednesday, Jan. 2 — Faculty meetings, dismissal, 1:28 p.m.

NAZARETH

Wednesday, Jan. 2 — School reopens; exams due in main office, 3 p.m.

OUR LADY OF MERCY

Thursday, Dec. 27 — New Year's Ball, Wednesday, Jan. 2 — School reopens; tuition due.

Nazareth Adds Forensics

Mary Beth Stone, a senior at Nazareth Academy placed fourth as a finalist in the recent St. Lawrence University Forensics Tournament held on the university campus at Canton, N. Y.

This competition was the first activity of the school's newly formed forensics association. Other members attending the event were senior, Tracey Schmitz, junior, Patricia Brunett, and freshman, Jean Tomasso. They were accompanied by Sister Beatrice Ganley, club moderator who also served as one of the judges for the tournament.

High school forensics includes many forms of public speaking — prose and poetry, reading, original oratory, impromptu and extemporaneous speaking, and also dramatic interpretation. Student participants in these tournaments go through three rounds of competition, with evaluation by at least three different judges, before qualifying for the final round in each category. Rounds are arranged so that participants are not judged by their own coaches.

Future plans for the Nazareth group include a search for funds and sponsors which will enable the group to join the NYS High School Forensics League and to continue to attend other tournaments throughout the year. Students are enthusiastic about their plans. As one



MARY BETH STONE

member remarked, "I learned a lot from observing other students and from the comments of the different judges at this tournament. Now I know how I can improve my presentation for the next tournament."

The Giving Spirit

Under the guidance of Sister Donna Marie Cucci, freshman class moderator, Nazareth freshmen focused on the Christmas basket project. In order to have money to provide meat for the baskets, the students held a baked food sale. On Dec. 19 the class gathered in the school auditorium for a special prayer service during which they prayed for the needy.

BK Community Christmas

What better time to show community spirit and cooperation than at Christmas, and that's exactly what the Bishop Kearney High School family did. The school's Christmas liturgy was the work of the entire BK community.

Plans for the celebration were coordinated by faculty members Mrs. Jean Gehret and Sister Claire; seniors Vanessa Capogreco and Joe Kenny; juniors Brigid Hickey and Tom Rizzo. Celebrant for the Mass was Father Lawrence Gross, chaplain; student readers were Leah Fleckenstein, Joe Kenny and faculty members were Eucharistic ministers. Program designer was Rasa Krokya, and the religion classes composed the petitions.

Alan Palozzi, junior, made the stoneware communion cups, patens, cruet and candlestick holders that were used for the liturgy. The folk group led the singing that included a rendition of "A Child is Born." Guitars and keyboard will accompany the vocalists.

A Trip To Spain

During the February recess Nazareth Academy students will travel to Spain. The eight day tour will include Madrid with visits to the cathedral, the Prado, the Roman aqueduct and the medieval walled city of Avila. Then it will be on to Seville to see the La Giralda Tower, the Alcazar and a trip to Granada where they will tour the Alhambra. Anyone interested in this trip, contact Sister Magdalena Kellner, 458-5583

CAM Action

Christian Action Movement (CAM) officers, Mary Duffy, Sandy Rakiewicz, Carol Zimmer, Barb Rath and Sister Anne Curtis, moderator, coordinated Our Lady of Mercy's Golden Mass and the Christmas basket project.

Equal Time

Do you plan on making any New Year's resolutions.

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ANN MILLIKEN
Senior school play



"Yes, I guess so. I hope to do well in school and in the spring play. One of my resolutions will be to find out what I want to do the rest of my life and do the best with it."

SEAN HARNEY
Senior track



"I would like to improve my academics and my extracurricular activities; and to grow spiritually as I am now in a Catholic high school. I usually don't make resolutions, but I always aim to do something for the new year to improve what I do. I just try to make myself a better person."

BERNADETTE CLEARY
Junior yearbook staff



"I always do make resolutions and I try awful hard to keep them and succeed most of the time. I've been trying to lose weight and one of my resolutions is to stick to my diet. I'm bound and determined to get along better with people, especially with those I don't get along with very well."

JOE PRUNIER
Junior



"There is a lot I've got to make, but I don't know if I'm going to make them. I'm doing pretty bad in school, and I plan to do something about that. If I do make a resolution to do my work, I'm so far behind that it is all I'll be doing."

ALICIA STANTON
Sophomore ski club



"Yes, I'm going to try to be more patient with friends and with my brother and sister. And I will try to work better in school. In past years I kept some of the resolutions I made, but not all of them. I hope to do better in the coming year and in the following years."

PATTY CLEARY
Junior



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SCOTT GARMAN
Freshman basketball



"Not right now; I'll probably have one by the end of the year. In past years I've tried not to argue so much, and think I did pretty well. Resolutions usually don't last very long; most people just forget about them. It's a good idea to make resolutions, to try to be a better person."

ANDY CAROZZA
Sophomore Latin Club



"Yes, trying to improve myself grade-wise and being friendly with more people and help more; help friends, help my parents. My past resolutions haven't worked out too well; not enough determination, not enough will power. I plan on doing well this year with my resolutions because it's more important as you get older. Most people start out January 1 and 2 and do fine, but then slack off afterwards."