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# Ice Rink Is Student's Second Home

By Joan M. Smith

The Olympics that begin in two weeks are the culmination of years of hard training for the athletes. Though much is seen and heard about the rigors of their marathon training, it is difficult to physically or mentally sense the regimen that goes with the process of becoming world competing athletes.

One person who knows through experience what it's all about is Lisanne Marie Noon, a Mercy sophomore, who took to the ice six years ago. As a member of the Genesee Figure Skating club, and with goals of competition, joining a professional ice company and eventually being an instructor, Lisanne is no stranger to hard work. She's up at 5:30 every morning for a stint on the old Ritter rink, downtown, before she goes to school. Then on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and week-ends, she's out at the Frank Ritter Memorial Rink, RIT campus, for further skating sessions. Summers, she spends in Toronto learning and perfecting her techniques under professional guidance.

Lisanne's interest in figure skating was the result of her afternoon outings with her mother at Xerox's rink. Through the years she developed a specialty for ice dancing. "Mostly," she said, "because I can express myself better."

Last spring she completed the 24 required routines in that sphere and received her gold medal in dance skating from the U.S. Figure Skating Association. At present, while

looking for a dance partner, Lisanne is into free-style skating, (singles), and should complete the tests that will move her into the senior level where she will tackle the flying camels and double axels.

As a young girl, Lisanne took ballet and tap dancing lessons and then gymnastics. When she turned to skating she found that these experiences helped her.

She described her Toronto training as days of early morning sessions on one rink performing dance and free-skating techniques — a fast lunch — then back to another rink for the compulsory school figures.

What about these rigid school figures that are the nemesis of some skaters who have lost because of them, and a boon to others who have won on them? Lisanne admitted that at first she didn't like them, but now she realizes they create the needed body discipline.

Perhaps the one disadvantage of her dedication to skating is the fact she doesn't have much time to pursue other interests. She likes to read and what time she does have to herself, she enjoys spending with friends. "I live two lives," she explained, "two different personalities — one at school, the other at the skating rink."

But she wouldn't trade the exhilaration of performing. "I get nervous," she admitted, "but it's an excited nervousness. The adrenalin really flows, and then everything falls into place."



LISA NOON

Peggy Flemming is her all-time favorite skater. "She's very precise and very graceful — her movements flow."

What's her outlook for the U.S. in the skating Olympics at Lake Placid? She mentioned that with the Russians

singles, she has expectations for Linda Fratianne. "She's confident of herself."

Over the years, Lisanne's specialty, ice dancing, has gained popularity as an Olympic contest and the U.S. would be helped she noted, "If we came up with a great dance team say in the World Competitions." According to her, John Summers and Stacy Smith are the top U.S. dancers

and she feels they should easily rank in the top slots at Lake Placid.

At any rate, when Lisanne watches the Olympic athletes in a few weeks, whether they're skiers, ice skaters, bob sledders, she will be with them in spirit, knowing through experience what went into their achieving that brief moment of performing before the world.

## BK to Host German Night

German Knockwurst, sauerkraut, beer and fun will be the order over at Bishop Kearney High School, Saturday, Feb. 9. BK's annual German night, chaired by Shirl Rheinart and sponsored by the Marching Kings Band will feature the Beer Barrel Brass Authentic German Band for dancing and listening pleasure. According to sources there will also be a surprise

German dancer on hand to entertain.

Proceeds from the night will go toward the Marching Kings planned trip, in March, to Monaco and Rome where they will perform for Pope John Paul II. Tickets are \$25 per couple and may be obtained by contacting the school or any band member or parent.

## BKers Make Finals

Three members of The Bishop Kearney Forensics team were finalists in a speech tournament at the Franciscan Academy in Syracuse on Jan. 19-20. The finalists were Robert Nicosia, in Original Oratory; Gene Romano, in Oral Interpretation; and Mike Szatkowski, in Humorous Interpretation. Mike also qualified for the State finals.

Marie Carlin is moderator of the club.

## ND Notes

Sr. Edwina is moderator of the Notre Dame French Club that is looking forward to the possibility of an exchange program with France. Club's president is Tom Lopatofsky; Bev Petrick, vice-president; Dave Weaver, secretary-treasurer.

Other BK participants in the competition included Patricia O'Keane, Beth Fox, Tammy Sharpstone and Andrew Nesser. Sister Evelyn

## Speaking Out

By Lorraine Trovato  
Bishop Kearney

Like many 16 year olds this summer, I ventured out into the business world hunting for a job. I had big ideas in my head, and money signs in my eyes. I was one of the fortunate ones, landing a job where the latest you work is 10 p.m. and which is covered by a union. But what about some other places where teenagers aren't protected under any circumstances? They have 16, 17, and 18 year olds doing a job that they (the managers) wouldn't stoop to do. Just how often is the Child Labor Law being neglected?

A few months back, Phil Donahue, host of the Donahue Show, featured 15 teenagers who worked in fast food restaurants. Many of them were complaining about the hours they were given: working till closing, midnight and beyond, even on school nights. Others talked about different tasks given to them which had nothing to do with the business. For example, one guy, about 17, told about an incident that occurred in the middle of the winter with three feet of snow on the ground. His manager

wanted something to eat, so he sent him trudging through the snow to pick him up a doughnut. Another boy was told to go on top of the roof and repair a couple of loose shingles. These examples clearly state the fact that we, today's teenagers, are being taken advantage of.

As in every debate, there are always two sides to an issue. We know we're being taken advantage of; after all, we're not stupid. Yet we put up with it. Why? Because we like the idea of making money, and having that feeling of independence. At 16, we'll do anything to achieve those goals. I know that when I began looking

for a job, when I first turned 16, I didn't care what I did: sweep floors, wash windows, anything so long as it paid money. I remember telling my mother while watching the Donahue Show that morning, that kids tolerate these jobs because they have to. They hate it. Some may even speak out, but most keep quiet because they don't want to jeopardize their job.

So the point I'm trying to make is that the problem of neglecting the Child Labor Law is definitely there. It's just that nobody's going to do anything about it because it would cost too many jobs, which we aren't ready to give up.

## Dinner Dance To Aid Nazareth

The first annual dinner dance sponsored by the Parents and Teachers of Nazareth Academy (PATON) is to take place Saturday, Feb. 16 at the Mapledale Party House, 1020 Maple St.

Working on the affair have been Joseph Brunett, president; Philip Barone, vice president; Eleanor Sciscioli,

recording secretary; Mary Lou Boss, corresponding secretary, and Philomena Lupiani, treasurer.

The dinner dance will begin with cocktails at 6:30. Jan Cursio's orchestra will provide music for dancing and the public is invited. The number for information and tickets is 247-1681, before Feb. 4.



Ready for the slopes are Patricia Brunett, Sister Carol Cimino, Dan Lynch (Aquinas), Marjorie Okoniewicz and Cheryl Malolopszy.

## Nazareth and Aquinas Beat the Winter Blahs

The 1980 Nazareth Academy Ski Club began its run down the slopes, Jan. 4, and will continue for six weeks of skiing and lessons at Swain Ski Center. Forty students from Nazareth and Aquinas leave Nazareth on Friday afternoons with their moderators Sisters Carol Cimino and Eileen Curtis. Although fifteen of the club's

members have skied for the first times this year, they all wear a special ski patch designed by Sister Eileen.

According to Sister Carol, besides the fun of skiing, other positive values of the club are the cooperation that exists between the two schools and that the club has involved more students in winter

activities. There is also the enjoyment of meeting students from other schools and the Nazareth girls claim skiing has helped them cope with the Rochester winters, given them healthy exercise and has increased their enthusiasm for the sport. Many of them use skiing as part of their state requirement for physical education classes.