

Rap Around Rap Around

The Way It Was — February, 1975

Equal Time asked students at Our Lady of Mercy about the weekly homilies — if they were geared to today's living. Five said yes with senior Julie Wirth stating, "I do because they try to make you aware if you are living in the Christian manner that you should. If they discuss the way you should live, it motivates you to live the right way."

Three said no with freshman Susan Vergo explaining, "No, they are not at all concerned with today. They are geared toward those people already religious, and they say nothing about how youth should live."

The McQuaid Knights under coach John Tobin, won their fifth straight City-Catholic League swimming championship with a 50-33 victory over Marshall. McQuaid's Jeff Libutti won the 200 freestyle (2:00.2), which was a new Marshall pool record. Libutti also set a second Marshall pool record in the 500 freestyle (5:34.2).

Tom Rosica, sophomore at Aquinas, in the Speaking Out column, wrote that "our real wealth as a people and as a nation lies in older people..." and he went on to advise: "As young people our job must be to share

our wealth of abundant 'gold' with the elderly. In them lies our heritage. In them lies the hearts of gold that are given out to all men."

Seven members of Bishop Kearney's Senior Touching People organization (STP), were busy helping out at St. Joseph's Villa as teacher aides.

Equal Time

Last week St. Agnes students answered the following question — this week RapAround went to the gentlemen for their views on the subject.

Do you think women should be drafted?

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JOE NARDONE
Senior
Apogee

"I think they should be if they want equal rights — but only for medical and supply duties. I wouldn't want them on the front lines. I don't think they'd be capable of handling it physically or emotionally, and I'm sure they wouldn't want to do it either. I think we should be prepared if we go to war but I don't think the Afghan crisis is enough to reinstate the draft. Registration is all right just to be ready."



SEAN PHELAN
Junior
French Club, treasurer

"Yes, if they reinstate the draft. I don't see how they can draft men and not women. They should be drafted for combat duty. They are definitely equipped physically and emotionally to handle front line duty. They did in Israel and it helped the country. The draft isn't morally right — Carter doesn't have the right to live or lose our lives. If it was a case of freedom I'd be right there. Afghanistan is a crisis but so was Yugoslavia and Hungary, but oil wasn't the question — it's just the oil. There's definitely been an element pushing for the draft and this is an excuse."



JOHN NIETOPSKI
Junior
baseball

"I think they should be drafted in some area — medical — but not for combat duty. I don't think they could handle it — I don't know if I could handle it. If there is war they're going to need a draft. I would register — if my country calls on me it's my duty."



GENE DESIATO
Junior
football

"Yes they should be drafted but not as combat troops — nurses, supply people — but behind the lines. Psychologically I don't think they could fight and kill. I don't think they have the killer instinct. I wouldn't want to see a volunteer combat service either. Through the last decade women have gotten equal rights, they want to do more things like men — they should have the equal responsibility."



JERRY TUMIA
Junior
football

"No I feel they shouldn't be included in the draft. As far as their equal opportunities making an equal go, making livelihood for themselves is all right, but when it comes to the draft with the possibility of war the conditions are such that it isn't a place for women. I'm against the draft. I don't think it should be reinstated, or that another generation should be sent out to be killed."



JACK MOORE
Senior

"I think they should be drafted but not for combat duty but they could be useful medically. They wanted equal rights so they should have the equal responsibility. I don't think we should have to fight for others' mistakes. Registration could be provoking and I think that once they start registration the draft will be next. The peace movement was strong in the 60s but who listened. There'll be a struggle against the draft but it doesn't look like there's much that can be done about it."



TOM EICHAS
Senior
intramural basketball

"Yes, I believe they have a part to play — they have gifts other than fighting that men don't have. There no doubt are women who are capable of fighting but there are uses for them in other services, medical — administration — counseling. If we have enough volunteers in the services I don't think the draft is enough needed — if we don't then I guess it is necessary."



MIKE TESTA
Senior
track

"I think they should be drafted but for other purposes than combat. I don't think they could handle combat, mentally or physically. I don't think they're emotionally equipped to go out and kill. I think they could serve in the medical area — anything away from the combat lines. I'm against the draft totally and feel it's an infringement on our rights to say you have to go off to war. It's enough to have the registration — to let the Russians know we're serious about what they're doing."



TOM GEHAN

Naval Academy Accepts Gehan

Thomas Kelly Gehan, a senior at McQuaid, has been appointed to the U.S. Naval Academy at Annapolis. He received nominations from Representative Frank Horton and Senator Daniel Patrick Moynihan. According to McQuaid sources, Tom is the first McQuaid student to receive senatorial nomination, and was chosen from over 2,500 applicants state-wide.

Tom will leave July 8 for midshipman basic training at the Naval Academy, after which he will start his academic year in September. His studies will be in chemistry and math.



Freshmen officers: Liza Farrell, secretary; Emils Ficari, vice president; Veronica Ross, president; Emira Woods, treasurer.

Freshmen Energies

The Nazareth Academy freshman class is busy achieving its goal for the year — helping others through school and community service and they are using Valentine's Day as a theme for their latest class projects. Emira Woods, class treasurer, is busy with her helpers preparing special valentines and candy for school staff members. The same group is preparing huge paper hearts for each class in the school and are drafting special messages.

written the play about the King and Queen of Hearts and have made the costumes.

Under the direction of Veronica Ross, president, plans are underway to help and support The School of the Holy Childhood in its annual candy drive. Emily Zaccari, class vice president, is in charge of another project currently in operation — the sale of special Nazareth Academy school jackets.

According to Sister, Donna Marie Cucci, freshman class moderator, the students are enthusiastic, unselfish, full of ideas and willing to achieve their goals.

BK Orators Compete

Recently, the Bishop Kearney Forensic Team went to Albany for the 11th annual speech tournament sponsored by the Academy of the Holy Name. The reps were: Bob Nicosia in Original Oratory; Patti O'Keane, Humorous Interpretation; Lucy Hung, Dramatic Interpretation; Gene Romano and Tammy

Sharpstone, Poetic Interpretation; Jean Callon, Dramatic Interpretation; Joe Lanzafame, and Mike Norton, Extemporaneous.

Patti O'Keane and Bob Nicosia were finalists with Lucy Hung placing fourth, Gene Romano, fifth, and Jean Callon, seventh.



International Classmates

During the recent St. Agnes Ethnic Week, a few of the students from different countries got together to discuss their various cultures. Bottom row from left are: Marie Psyllas and Penny Androvliakis, Greece; Aline Nguyen, Vietnam, and Heidi Foerg, Germany. Top row — Debbie Chambers, England; Seema Vad and Anindita Mitra, India; Alexandra Zsis and Joanne Aganis, Greece.