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Individual Student Interest A Factor in Joining Organizations

By Joan M. Smith

Three Cardinal Mooney seniors with different interests and career directions share one achievement — involvement in their high school organizations.

These three students, Lori Prinzivalli, member of the Action for People Association (AFPA); Mary Jane Brennan, Student Council president; Karen Kuhn, managing editor of the Crest (school paper); are going on to college. Lori is going to Morrisville for medical technology; Mary Jane to Geneseo for elementary education; and though Karen hasn't decided on a school, she will pursue courses in public relations and journalism.

Their involvement at Cardinal Mooney has been a cross network of activities. Active since her sophomore year in the Student Council, Mary Jane has been officer material right through. "I like organizing things," she laughed as she told about serving as sophomore class treasurer, and treasurer of the Student Council. She has been stage manager for three years,



Even though they're kept busy with many endeavors, Mary Jane, Lori and Karen are able to remember what organization is doing what and where they should be at any given time.

is a member of the Monday night student-faculty prayer group, and finds time to belong to the AFPA organization.

Lori's activities have also

overlapped. She is a member of the Red Cross Club, is on the yearbook staff and sings in the chorus. Karen is with the AFPA and has served as its secretary and vice president; is president of the Red Cross

Club, a member of the Apogee staff and has participated in school plays.

In discussing their involvement they all agree to two things — it is time consuming and the responsibility is usually shouldered by those who are most interested in the groups' objectives.

Mary Jane admitted to becoming angry when students sign up for a club and then don't support it. "Don't sign up for a thing," she admonished, "that you're not going to follow through with."

As far as she is concerned, she has relished all her commitments especially serving on the Student Council. This year as president, she has initiated a rewrite of the Student constitution, but admits it won't be completed under her tenure. Her goal, however, was to get it started, and true to her philosophy of following through — one of the articles being rewritten concerns club attendance making it a more stringent requirement for members and leaders.

Besides the constitution

rewrite, she and her Council colleagues have sponsored a Homecoming weekend, a Winter Ball, are now coordinating a Lollipop Day, Feb. 14, and are in the process of formulating a candy drive for later this spring. It all takes time and Mary Jane used the Lollipop Sale as an example. "People think it's just a matter of ordering," she said, "but there's the picking them up, sorting them out, and counting them." The council thinks it is well worth the trouble — proceeds from the sale will go towards a ramp for the handicapped so school functions will be accessible to them.

Lori considers her time well spent with the AFPA because she enjoys working with people of all ages and that's what the organization is all about. Its members help out at St. Anne's Home as well as at St. Joseph's Villa. Her advice to in-coming freshmen is that it is important to become involved, otherwise, she said, "you get lost if you don't do anything."

Working on the Crest staff has opened new adventures for Karen. They involve a

journalism class, working after school making-up the paper, and working on her own time searching and writing stories. Karen prefers doing editorials and special features — "something I can bring myself into," she admitted and went on to say that the difficulty for her in writing is putting that first word on paper.

Karen credits having belonged to many organizations with the knowledge needed to gather news — knowing people, where they're at, and what they're doing. How would she sell the idea to students about contributing to their school papers. She would tell them that if they had an interest in writing, never think they can't do it — but find something to write about and submit it.

And that is the girls' main advice to those looking forward to their high school years — find something that interests you and join it, and with 15 clubs at Cardinal Mooney, according to Mary Jane, "There's such a variety, there's something for everyone."

The Way It Was — February 20, 1975

Pope Paul, in his annual Ash Wednesday radio message to Catholic youth in the U.S., urged young people to pray for those in need throughout the world and "to share...and sacrifice" by participating in the American bishops' overseas aid program. The theme of the 1975 overseas aid appeal was "Let there be bread

The McQuaid wrestling team, coached by John Roselli, won the City-Catholic crown with six wins in six starts and finished unbeaten in 15 dual meets overall. Said Roselli, "this is my best team ever." Knight wrestlers included Steve Wu, Steve Miller, Rich Salamone, George Todd, Joe Nesser, Pete Springer, Jeff O'Hara.

Cardinal Mooney geometry students learned the subject via pool table strategy. Sister Maurice Pearson, instructed her classes by drawing diagrams complete with billiard balls and the various angles they create when maneuvered on the table. Complete with the appropriate jargon, Sister Maurice showed her students such geometrical wonders as when you hit a pool ball against a cushion the angle of rebound is the same as the angle of approach.

The Junior Achievement Trade Fair was in swing at Midtown Plaza. One thousand Monroe County high school students from 35 schools and representing 48 JA business companies participated.



Canadian Visit

Joe Alba, Mike Saba, Sam Guerrieri, Mrs. Rose Ann Rosica, Jim Vazzana, Father Robert Ritz, Dan Malo are included in the French Club group that are visiting Quebec, Canada this week. They left today and will return Sunday. Their Canadian holiday will include a tour of the city, Parliament building, Mass at Basilique de Ste-Anne de Beaupre and an afternoon of cross-country skiing.

JA At Midtown

The Rochester Junior Achievement Midtown Trade Fair is in full swing at the downtown mall. All JA companies have booths and will be competing for the best booth award. St. Agnes students who are members of the organization are: Regina Fitzgerald, Maureen McPadden, Sue Malovics and Martha Connolly.

Play Dates Set

Cardinal Mooney will present "Fiorello," a musical based on the life of Fiorello LaGuardia, former mayor of New York, May 2-3, and May 9-10, 8 p.m. Brother Andrew Boone is directing the cast of 70 and is being assisted by Mrs. Candace Minchella.



Active sophomore class officers; Mary Ellen, Paul, Cheryl and Elaine.

Student Plans Develop Spirit

Nazareth Academy's sophomore class has been involved in several projects which have fostered class and school spirit. Under the leadership of class officers Elaine Lomedico (president), Cheryl Shank (vice president), Mary Ellen Borreggine (secretary), and Paula Cucaro (treasurer), the class sponsored a poster sale before Christmas to raise money for a dance.

The poster sale profit paid for the soph's dance and also enabled the class to purchase a long-stemmed carnation for each member of the soph's "Big Sister" class, the seniors, as a Christmas gift.

In January the sophomores sponsored their disco dance at the subway. The 225 students who attended thought there was a "super atmosphere under excellent supervision."

The sophomores made a generous contribution to the Nazareth Academy Roof Fund with the proceeds from the dance.

Great Win

On Tuesday, Feb. 5, Notre Dame High School defeated Corning West in basketball, 68-43, giving Michael Johnston his 100th victory. High scorer was John Farr with 16 points, followed by Jim Schiefen with 15 and Ron Tryon with 12 points.

"The kids were conscious of the 100th win, so I guess they won it for me..." commented Johnston. "It was a very exciting moment for myself and the whole program. I've had a lot of outstanding players over the past six years and I think that's part of the reason for the 100th win."