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Aquinas forensic experts sitting left to right: Ed Gala, Ben Bauer, Kevin Lynd; standing: Tony DiNitto, Steve de Larouche, Adrian Goding, John Lukash, Dave Salah, Tom Leasure, and Joe LaVilla.

Aquinas Orators Talk a Good Season

According to Aquinas sources, the school's speech and debate team has upheld its traditions of forensic excellence in recent tournaments. At the Bishop Kearney Tournament, Ben Bauer, Adrian Goding, and Jon Thomson all placed first in their respective categories and led Aquinas to a second place sweepstakes victory.

At the Harvard University Tournament, Jon Thomson placed third in extemporaneous speaking and Ben Bauer took first in original oratory.

In the New York State District Tournament, Ed Gala won in original oratory,

qualifying him for the National Forensic League National Tournament to be held in Alabama in June. Ed also placed second in dramatic interpretation.

Ben Bauer captured second place in original oratory and is Ed's runner-up for the national tournament. Jon placed second in extemporaneous speaking while Adrian Goding and Jon Lukash placed third and fourth respectively in humorous interpretation. The team ran away with the first place sweepstakes and also was awarded the Rotating Trophy for district points. The district includes all schools north of New York City.

The Way it Was April 9, 1975

Cardinal Mooney thespians, under the direction of Brother Michael O'Palko, performed "The King and I."

Our Lady of Mercy were asked, in Equal Time, why young adults drank. Freshman Cece Schifino said, "They drink to get away from their problems at school and at home." Fellow classmate Ronelle Horne stated, "They

think it is another means of getting high."

Rochester area schools boasted two State gymnastic champions: Barbara Shields, a junior at St. Agnes; and Curt Weissend, an R.L. Thomas junior and member of St. Paul's parish, Webster.

The Aquinas Concert band, under the baton of John Lyon, toured Albany.

Another Degree Earned

Sally Lombardo, a senior, has not yet graduated from Nazareth Academy but has graduated from another school — Continental School of Beauty Culture. While attending Nazareth full time, she has also attended Continental three nights a week and Saturdays in order to obtain her New York State Cosmetology license.

She has just completed the NYS Board exams in practical work such as cutting and shaping hair, fingerwaving, permanent waving, and tint retouches. Papers to certify that she has completed the required 1,000 hour course have been sent to Albany and she is waiting for word that she passed the exams.

It was through a friend who became a cosmetologist that Sally became interested in the profession and though she said it was hard work she's happy she did it and would go through it again.



Sally Lombardo and Iris Viera

Back On Stage

On Friday and Saturday evenings, April 25-26, the re-organized Aquinas Drama Club will present its first presentation, "Spoon River Anthology." Curtain is 8 p.m., and tickets are \$2.



Photo by Joan M. Smith

Special Visit

Recently, seventh graders were given a tour of Bishop Kearney High School and were entertained royally by the BK band. After the concert, band members Betty Jean Callon, junior, and Diane Heim, sophomore, displayed their musical techniques to Theresa Francis, Holy Family, who guest conducted the band; Carl Gangarossa, St. Rita; and Rob Sciarone also from St. Rita's.

Axtell Receives Literary Award

By Diane Farrell

Stephen Axtell, a junior at Cardinal Mooney high school, has received the 1980 Junior Literary Award given by The Friends of the Rochester Public Library. Two winners and two honorable mentions were selected from the 33 pieces of poetry and prose submitted.

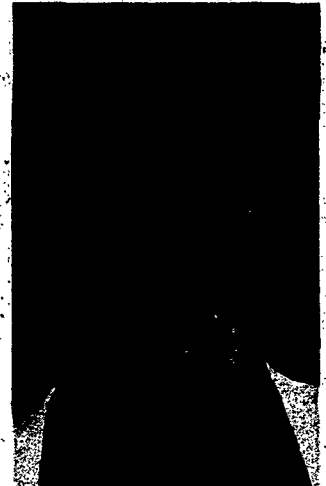
His short story, "Speck of Time," was written as a requirement for an English class. Father John Dias, Axtell's English teacher, submitted the story to the library, Axtell said.

"I was shocked when I even knew that it was being submitted," he said.

"Speck of Time" is about an old man who tells his granddaughter about his experiences in life. "The characters really symbolize anyone," Axtell said. The

story "told a lot about ideas and experiences I've had."

Axtell will be presented with a plaque and \$25 at a ceremony on April 25.



Stephen Axtell

Dads Are Feted

Recently, a father-daughter dinner dance sponsored by the Nazareth Academy Student Council was held at the school. A written contest, "A tribute to dad," and a "look alike" competition were part of the evening's entertainment.

Senior Mary Ellen Fitzgibbons, junior Patty Brunett, sophomore Kathy Di Ponzio and senior Elaine Siwicki were chosen to read their tributes publicly. Winners of the "look alikes" were Ann Di Fabio and her father.

Winner

Frank Rosso, a freshman at Aquinas Institute, was the recipient of the Winner's Circle \$5 for the week of March 26.



Busy Sightseeing

This week students from St. Agnes will be visiting Montreal and Quebec. Above, travelers Cindy DeWitt, Roxanne Schirano, Chris Celentani, Sue Blake and Colleen Jones read up on the sites they'll be touring. On the itinerary are Chateau Frontenac, St. Anne de Beupre, old Montreal and Notre Dame Church.

Speaking Out

By Kim Fedele Nazareth Academy

On your mark, get set, go! The dedication race with the youth of Russia is on.

Recently in my Theology class, it was said that Russian youth showed greater displays of dedication and discipline than the youth of America. Our class was asked to comment on this statement.

The odds appear to be 100 to 1 in favor of the Russians. Their strict discipline, regimented values, and uninformed thoughts seem to knock the wind out of the Americans even before we leave the starting gate. But a sure bet has it that the underdog will pull through and come in first, showing the true colors of dedication.

The outrageous odds, and

total lack of confidence in our team are because the tremendous acts and feelings of dedication our youth is constantly displaying are seldom recognized. These acts of dedication range from perfect attendance for play rehearsals to maintaining a good school average and holding down a part time job. There are numerous extra-curricular activities that many students take part in. These activities require much time, effort and immense dedication.

Baseball practices are held for at least two hours every day after school. Play rehearsals are sometimes held until 9 p.m. Yearbook staffs are organized and reorganized every month. Even prom committees are required to meet at least once a week.

Along with these extra-curricular activities, the majority of students hold part-time jobs, or manage the household if both parents work. The jobs

students hold range from making pizzas until midnight, to working as nurses' aides in nursing homes. Some students work thirty hours a week and still maintain the honor marks.

The freedoms American youth possess should make these accomplishments fully recognized. We are not forced to participate in these activities, or maintain certain grade averages. We are allowed to keep our individuality by choosing our own values. In our choices to participate, hold jobs and maintain high grade averages, we heighten the sincerity and dedication we are expressing. Rather than being forced to participate as Russian youth is, we continue to achieve without being forced.

In approaching the homestretch, American youth pulls ahead with an extra burst of spirit and choice and goes on to win the race of dedication.