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Vitality is Mark of BK '84 Class

By Joan M. Smith

After a pleasant, relaxing summer it was tough for RapAround to think "back to school." But there was no sympathy from Brother John Walderman, vice principal at Bishop Kearney. Ready or not, he said, school would open on Sept. 3.

So, last week RapAround was off and running with the new BK freshmen on their orientation rounds. Motivation was sluggish at first, but, after meeting acquaintances like Marge Sullivan from the BK office, Sister Yvonne Nadeau, and Ray Shahin, music director, and absorbing the contagious vitality of the young students, it didn't take long to get back into the swing of another school year.

Giggly, quiet, nervous but with a touch of bravado overriding their apprehensions, the BK freshmen tackled their first challenges of high school. While some fumbled with locker combinations and others stumbled under loads of books, others stood at intersections and wondered which corridor would lead them to their destinations.

On hand to introduce them to the school were the upperclassmen who manned the activity and club booths in the gym. One old acquaintance, senior Mike Szatkowski, was hawking the Fall play. "It's going to have a lot of parts," he noted, "with a few leads and is going to be a comedy."

RapAround coordinator, Janet Infranato, was handling the Coronet sign-up

sheet and explaining to interested freshmen the advantages of working on the school newspaper. Crowds were gathered around the ski club table while others listened to Mike Thompson exhort the physical exhilaration of being a member of the mountain climbing club.

Freshmen spent their first few days at BK touring the school, hearing about the honors program, deficiencies and progress reports, and learning the rules and regulations that would govern their next four years. They were welcomed by Brother Brian Walsh, principal. In fact Brother's voice received a work-out those first few days as he spoke to all the classes. His main theme was "Remember who you are," a phrase spoken to Alice by the

Red Queen in Alice in Wonderland. "Remember," he said, "that you are Bishop Kearney students."

He stressed attitude, the positive versus the negative, by relating the story of two convicts who looked out their prison windows and saw different aspects: one saw mud, the other stars. "May you always be stargazers," he concluded.

And wandering through the halls, listening to the members of the class of 1984, there was no lack of stargazers — hopes of being an honor student, a star basketball player, a noted lacrosse member, a versatile cheerleader — were some of the dreams that the BK freshmen were sharing with their newfound friends.



Peter Minchak and Kuri Chivers, both from St. Rita's, are making sure they have all their books.



"A twirler is..." explained Vincent Parks, president of the Marching Kings Band, to some interested parties.



Talking a good case for joining the Forensic team.



Ready and waiting to sign up the in-coming freshmen are from left: Jim Loftus, senior, basketball; Frank Rinere, senior; John Bellave, sophomore; Pat Morris, senior and co-captain of cross country; Steve Overt, senior; and Dan Sullivan, senior.

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You're kidding! These can't be all our books!



Hey, where to now!

On The Go

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| CARDINAL MOONEY
Friday, Sept. 12 —
Student Council dance, 8-11 p.m. | Homeroom moderator meeting.
Thursday, Sept. 11 —
"Who Are We" assembly, 1:30 p.m. |
| OUR LADY OF MERCY
Sunday, Sept. 14 —
Freshmen family picnic. | Monday, Sept. 15 —
Organization moderators meeting. |
| ST. AGNES
Wednesday, Sept. 10 — | Wednesday, Sept. 17 —
Department head meetings. |

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