

RapAround

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Whirley-birds And Music

Aquinas has been in the public eye recently. At right, Father Joseph Moffatt, principal, leaves the WVOR traffic control helicopter after it landed on the school's field, Oct. 3. Since he had to meet the crew at 5:30 a.m. for the flight, RapAround asked him, "Was the flight worth the early hour?" You can tell by the smile that, "It certainly was!" Below, the band under the direction of Mike Axel and drum major Herb Dohr, performed in Washington Square Park, Oct. 7, for the re-opening of Clinton Ave. They entertained city dignitaries like Mayor Thomas Ryan, and the Women's Downtown Coalition with "The Washington Post March", and "Tomorrow".



A Threesome at Nazareth

Nazareth Academy has had many pairs of twins among its student body in the past, but this year the freshman class boasts a set of triplets: Moira, Mary, and Dorothy Young. And the girls are anxious to see if social studies will be their favorite subject in high school as it was when they were in grammar school.



A Xerox copy? No, not quite, just the freshman threesome — Dorothy, Moira, Mary.

Until this summer, when Dorothy had her hair cut quite short and her sisters did not, the triplets looked identical. In fact, it was so hard for their friends to tell the girls apart that many an embarrassing situation arose when a friend would tell Mary something, then when Moira would ask about it, her friend would tell her that she had just been told.

ferently and enjoy wearing each others' clothes.

The girls enjoy each others' company and do almost everything together with their mutual friends. According to the girls, they get along well together and think a lot alike. All three enjoy reading mysteries and like to do things outdoors as much as they can. Moira is on a neighborhood softball team, but all three practice together. Tennis, badminton, basketball and soccer are other sports all three enjoy. When younger,

the girls took ballet lessons and now enjoy seeing ballet on TV or at the Eastman Theatre. Each summer they spend a week camping in a cabin with the rest of the family.

The triplets get along well with their five-year-old and 11-year-old sisters and six-year-old brother. During their freshman year at Nazareth, the girls are taking the same subjects, with one exception: Moira and Dorothy have chosen to study French, while Mary has opted for Spanish.

When the girls were babies, their mother dressed them alike, but when they began to walk, she used to "color code" them. Dorothy would be dressed in pink; Moira in blue and Mary in yellow so that others could tell them apart. Now they each dress dif-

Mercians Busy With Many Plans and Practices

Submitted By
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At Our Lady of Mercy, the 1980-81 school year has started in a flurry of activity and plans. According to school sources, every Tuesday and Wednesday mornings the newly organized Mercy Folk Group can be heard practicing for upcoming events. The group leads the Mercy community in song at all school Masses as well as retreats. The girls also plan to participate in the Winter Concert at the school. The 22-member group hopes to perform at local nursing homes during the year.

the school. Among the girls involved there is representation from all the grades — freshman through senior.

Enright, Lori Hahn, Anne Marie Leo, Judy Loder, Sandy Manning, Anne Louise Miller, Katie Oberlies, Margaret Pizzo, Sue Schraml, Linda Wojciechowski, Debbie Zakrewski.

Topics discussed at the National Honor Society meeting included: an upcoming candy sale, with proceeds going to the school and local charities; an "adopt-a-grandparent" program with a local nursing home; a monthly baked food sale; and the sale of refreshments at Mercy sports activities.

On the evening of Oct. 8, the faculty and administration officially welcomed the freshmen and their parents with a program at the school. The evening's activities included a slide show that illustrated the many facets of a Mercy education; a welcoming speech from Sister Mary Bonaventure, principal; and an encore performance of the freshmen Songfesters (from Field Day), who presented their award-winning medley of songs. Refreshments were served afterwards.

Mrs. Elizabeth Meng is the moderator of the NHS chapter at Mercy and presiding at the meetings is Janis DeLucia. Other members include: Mary Ellen Adams, Ellen Coyne, Laurie

The Mercians are enthusiastic about their music and want to share it with others, both inside and outside



Speaking Out

By Karen Bleier
NAZARETH ACADEMY

Another presidential election is here and though almost all high school students are still too young to vote, do we really know how the system works; is it fair? Every four years, millions of Americans vote for the next president of the U.S. but is the result actually the taxpayers' decision? Since the election of our first president, the U.S. has chosen its president by means of the Electoral College. In this system there are 538 electors, each state having its total number of

senators, and representatives and three from the District of Columbia. When the people vote in November, they are in all actuality voting not for the president, but for the party he belongs to. Whatever party wins the majority of votes in November, that party's electors vote for a presidential candidate and a vice presidential candidate in December while the other party's electors do not. However, the electors do not have to vote for the candidate of their party, but for whomever they wish. Therefore, though it is probable that the results will be the same as those cast in November, it is not certain.

Is this a fair system to use in a country that boasts of a

people's rule? Do people of the country like the system? I asked a number of people what they thought of the Electoral College and the majority agrees with me that it is not a fair process. What is really shocking is that many people do not even know of the Electoral College or how the system works. My personal feeling is that the Electoral College is unfair and the process of picking our presidents should rest entirely within the power of the people.

In my way of thinking it is not right to let 538 men have the final choice of a president for 240 million people. There is a slight chance that this system will change but after 200 years, this seems improbable.

McQuaid Semi-Finalists

Father Eugene Zimpfer, McQuaid principal, has had a busy week announcing Merit semifinalists and commending students. Tyler Owens has been named a semifinalist in the Black National Achievement Scholarship Competition, and fellow classmate Thomas Doucette will receive a letter of commendation.

Semifinalists in the National Merit Scholarship Competition are: Evelio Perez, Al Buerne, and Jon Skinner. Commended students are: Larri Broomfield, Paul Dennee, Peter Gibbons, James McGuire, Jay Rathfal, Dan Ritz, Michael Swain, Christopher Tuite, Mark White, Paul Zablotzki.

Chorus To Perform Oct. 26

The Cardinal Mooney Concert Chorus will be singing the Sunday Liturgy for the opening of Catholic Schools Week at Sacred Heart Cathedral, Sunday, Oct. 26, 2 p.m. It will be the Chorus' first public performance for the school year of 1980-81.

Winners Circle

RapAround weekly will run a photo of a group of students taken somewhere in the diocese. One person will be circled and if that person brings the clipping to the Courier-Journal before noon of the Tuesday following our publication date, he or she will receive \$5. This week's photo was taken at Cardinal Mooney during a pep rally. The person circled should bring the clipping to Joan M. Smith, Courier-Journal, 114 South Union St., by noon, Tuesday, Oct. 21 to receive \$5.