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Freshmen Tackle Leadership



Photo by Joan M. Smith

Top salesmen were: seniors Tom Murant and John Sperazza who sold 50 subscriptions apiece and freshman Mark Webster with 57 subscriptions sold.

Salesmanship Pays

According to a press release, Bishop Kearney High School students completed, on Oct. 29, the most successful magazine drive in the history of the school. The goal was \$75,000 and the final tally was \$77,500.

"We collected the entire quota from the drive four years ago on the first turn-in day this year," noted Jon Cincebox, who directed the drive along with Sister Joyce.

Sister attributed the success

to the 100 per cent cooperation of the BK Student Council homeroom reps, the BK Mothers' Club, and the student body.

The top two homerooms in sales were Mrs. Sue LaFica's and Mrs. Judy Finn's. These homerooms have a choice of a pizza and Coke party or a roller, skating party as a reward. Proceeds from this year's drive will contribute to new band uniforms, an in-school computer and maintenance truck.

Forensic Winner

Nazareth Academy junior Anne Leon was a finalist in the Port, Byron Speech Tournament, Oct. 25. She received the honor for her presentation of James Thurber's "The Night the Bed Fell."

Anne was one of four members of the school's Forensic Arts Club who attended the competition. Senior Pat Brunett participated in the Original Oratory event with her speech on the decline of the American farm. "Does Old MacDonald

Still Have a Farm?" Sophomore Cindy Ford read poems by Anne Sexton and Don Marquis for the Oral Interpretation category. Freshman Kristy Pavonne gave a scene from John Galsworthy's play "The First and the Last" in the Dramatic Interpretation segment.

Future plans for the club include participation in tournaments at Daemon College in Buffalo and Schroeder High School this month.

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Being a freshman is difficult enough — adapting to new school, routine, and people — without taking on the responsibilities of leadership. But in all the high schools there are those always willing to take on the challenge of a commitment to their class.

It was 10 a.m. the day RapAround arrived at Bishop Kearney to talk with the newly elected freshman class chairpersons, Dan Viola and Colleen Sullivan. It had already been a busy morning for Dan. He'd met with senior Dan Ercolano, Student Council vice president, and Brother Costello, the organization's moderator. That afternoon, he and Colleen were scheduled to

Students Remember Classmate

According to a news release, a memorial service attended by family, friends, and students was held at St. Agnes Oct. 30 for deceased student, Patty Hart. Sister Sheila Briody, chaplain, in her homily recalled Patty's "smile, her laughter, her courage, and her gentle ways."

"Patty was a woman of St. Agnes," Sister said, and noted that just before her death, Patty had set up a scholarship fund for the students of St. Agnes.

Winner

Elena Di Perna, a student at Nazareth Academy, was the recipient of the Winner's Circle \$5 for the week of Oct. 29.

attend another meeting with the Student Council.

Both new officers agreed that their new leadership roles were going to make an already busy schedule busier, but judging from their confident smiles, they were equal to handling the added activity. Among their duties will be coordinating fund drives, planning the Christmas Formal, olympic competitions between homerooms, and visiting homerooms to talk with the freshman class reps.

Squeezed in between these responsibilities and school work, Colleen manages to run track, and enjoys baseball. Her favorite team, she said, is the Boston Red Sox. Dan, who likes the Pittsburgh Pirates, is trying out for the BK hockey team, and played intramural football.

What motivated them to become involved in leadership? For Dan, who was an eighth grade classroom rep at St. Ambrose, it was to become involved and with a mischievous glint in his eyes said, "And I like the attention."

Colleen, who attended St. Thomas the Apostle school and served as eighth grade



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Colleen and Dan intend to promote freshmen class spirit.

class president, noted that she found it fun getting the other students involved and "to show the other classes that the freshmen have spirit."

And according to the school's magazine drive results, the spirit is there in the class of '84. It was the freshman girls' homeroom, A-211, that came through with the highest sales record, with freshman boys' homeroom, B-115, the third highest.

Both young people have the traits needed in leadership: an outgoing personality and a sense of confidence in what

they propose to do. Dan's efforts will be to work "to get things done that the kids want done and to make school more fun through planning different activities."

Colleen is going to work toward a total class spirit with particular attention to "involving the people who are quiet and don't get involved."

These leaders are not stymied by the challenges that face them. In fact, their involvement has fired their enthusiasm for continued service throughout their BK schools years.



New in their McQuaid leadership roles are the recently elected freshman Student Government officers. From left are: Dan Cardinali, president; John Lawrence, vice president; Bernie Lillis, treasurer; and Ed Madrid, secretary. The McQuaid Student Government meets weekly to represent the students and to plan various Student Government activities for the whole school. The organization works with the students, the administrators and faculty.

Cast Chosen

Over 140 people auditioned for Mercy's fall musical, "Call Me Madam," to be presented Dec. 4-6. The cast will include: Linda Wojciechowski, John Angelico, Chris Pedrone, John Muller, Tom Maurer, Jim Coughlin, Laura Riley, Mary Driscoll, Andrew Celli, Tom Kanaley, Kevin Connors, Richard D'Aprix, Christine Elliott, John Anderson, Tim Mulherin, Teresa Regan, Damian Paonessa, Laura D'Aprix, Eilleen O'Brien, Gregg Phillips. There will also be 44 chorus member and eight dancers.

Mercy English teacher Bill Coughlin is directing the play. Mrs. Shirley Bezek is in charge of music and Mrs. Julianne Palma along with senior Pam Zigadlo are in charge of choreography.



Radio Use

St. Agnes radio WTNT announcers headed by Mary Crowley are ready to make their announcements concerning the arrival of financial aid forms, the Magazine Drive, funds for a person in need, and requesting volunteers for the Blood Drive. Behind Mary are Kathy Przybycien, Robin Finn, Monica Jackson, Amy Alarie, and Aline Nguyen.

Speaking Out

By Elizabeth Flow ST. AGNES

Recently, I saw a poster recommending "the wonder drug every woman should know about — DES." Diethylstilbestrol has been used since the 1920s, but now we know DES causes cancer in one out of nine women who use it. Is the Food and Drug Administration giving regulations to the manufacturers? And if so, are the manufacturers following these regulations? Shouldn't something potentially dangerous be removed from the public's reach? Could this contribute to America's high cancer-related deaths? Is the American ideal — profit motive — so strongly followed that it interferes with our general health?

DES has been found in grain. The grain has been fed to our cattle. In some samples of meat, we have found traces of this lethal additive. DES is considered

an additive, according to the FDA's definition. The FDA, in the 1958 amendment to the Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act, defines an additive as "any substance the intended use of which results or may reasonably be expected to result directly or indirectly in its becoming a component or affecting the characteristics of any food."

FDA regulations, in this matter, are most clearly stated in the 1958 amendment: "No additive shall be deemed safe if it is found to induce cancer, when ingested by man or animal or after tests it is evaluated that the additive is dangerous in man or animal." The manufacturer is supposed to show the safety of a substance and submit the results from "valid testings." If these regulations are followed, why do we have DES on the market? Why is saccharin on the market? Saccharin is questionable in regard to its role in causing cancer.

I feel that something judged to be dangerous should be taken off the market. The FDA's attitude is different from mine.

Today if the benefit outweighs the risk, then the FDA allows it. Why should Americans have to take this risk? We are really without a choice, since we are subject to buying impure food.

Practically everything we buy contains butylated hydroxytoluene (BHT) or butylated hydroxyanisole (BHA), but these additives are thought to be unnecessary. The only valid reason these preservatives are being used is to prolong shelf life. These two additives are used to give that "nice" yellow color to poultry. Today we know many people have allergic reactions. BHA and BHT were removed from the Generally Recognized as Safe List, but we still use them.

Are American manufacturers so caught up in the profit motive as to interfere and endanger our lives? Are we allowing the FDA to take chances with our lives? We should continue to express our concern in all ways possible in order to receive the necessary action, especially on the part of the FDA.