

By Martin Toombs

Elmira — While Notre Dame High School draws a majority of its students from the Elmira-Horscheads-area, the school also has surprising success in attracting students from outside Chemung County.

More than 60 of the school's students, better than. 10 percent, come from outside Chemung County-

The -school owns a bus which brings 50 students from "the Valley," the towns of Sayre and Athens, Pa., and Waverly. Students also attend the school from Elkland, Troy, Towanda and Wyalusing, Pa, and Watkins Glen, Corning and Painted Post.

Why do these students travel as much as 50 miles each way to attend Notre Dame?

For six interviewed recently, the educational strengths and offerings at Notre Dame were of primary importance, but the students also listed family traditions of Catholic school education as being part of the story:

Five of the six students came to Notre Dame_after Catholic grammar schools; none have attended a high school other than Notre Dame. . مرز و Katie Miller, a freshman, travels cach day from Towanda, where she attended St. Agnes School. Each

morning a family member

Equal Time

drives her to Ulster to catch the Valley bus to Notre Dame.

Katie noted the feeling that it is possible to "get a better education here" as being the major reason she makes the trip each day.

A classmate of Katie's at S Agnes, Colette Filliben traveled to Towanda from he home in Troy for gramma school. Colette noted that he older brothers went to Tro High School, and a feelin that it wasn't "up to the leve it should be" was part of the reason she enrolled at Notr Dame. She noted that he mother drives her to school each day, for which she is pai under provisions of Penn svlvania law.

Alyce Simon, a sophomore from Corning and a grammar school student at Corning Catholic School South, always assumed she would attend Notre Dame, she said, as her five older brothers are all graduates of the school. It is a continued interest in the academic offerings, she stated, that makes the school attractive.

Alyce noted that, along with the other Notre Dame students from Corning, she rides a bus operated by the Elmira Christian Academy, which also carries its students and students for the Seventh Day Adventist school in Elmira.

Janet Latini travels each day from her home in Sayre, and she also is following a family tradition, as three older sisters are all Notre Dame, and college, graduates. The academic success her sisters had, she noted, has preserved her family's interest in Notre Dame.

Vincent Scuteri of Watkins Glen gets a ride each day with woman who works at the Elmira Christian Academy, he said. He is the second in his family to attend Notre Dame, while five other brothers and sisters attended public high school. He noted that his parents want me to come" to Notre Dame, citing the better liscipline there.

He also noted the value of the religious training the school offers as another reason to attend Notre Dame.

Marty Falkenberg, a junior from Athens, also cited an interest in Notre Dame's academic reputation as a major reason for making the trip each day. He, too, is continuing a family tradition.

Having to travel so far for school activities is "in-convenient at times," he commented, but something he, and the others, are willing to do.

production and a tour

conducted by Notre Dame

Registration will be

Sunday, Jan. 18, from 11

a.m. to 4 p.m., and Monday,

Katie Miller noted that she sometimes gets called a "traitor," good-naturedly, she adds, when Notre Dame plays Towanda in football, but attending a school out of town really doesn't cause any problems with her former classmates.

Colette Filliben commented that when people ask her about why she attends Notre Dame, she doesn't really have an answer for them, because she doesn't want to offend anyone. But her lack of respose doesn't indicate a lack of commitment to Notre Dame, she said.

Larry Spaulding, Notre Dame's vice principal, noted that the interest among students in-Catholic schools outside Chemung County actually is increasing, and the indications are that the school will have more students from outside the county in the future.

Sister Mary Walter Hickey, principal, noted that in addition to the commitment required of all parents who send their children to Notre Dame, those traveling so far to the school are making an additional sacrifice in the cost of travel.

And, she noted, while parental support is necessary for-such students to attend Notre Dame, the continued commitment of the students also makes the effort possible.

A Reminder: Jan. 10 Exam

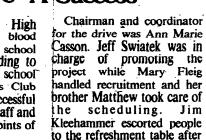
Saturday is the day for the Catholic high school entrance exam for perspective freshmen. The exam will be given at 8:30 a.m. at Aquinas, Bishop Kearney, Cardinal Mooney, McQuaid, Nazareth, Cardinal Our Lady of Mercy, and St. Agnes,

Notre Dame Sets **Registration** Date

Elmira — Students interested in attending Notre Dame High School in the fall of 1981 and their parents are urged to attend an open house at the school Monday, Jan. 12, at 8 p.m., in the school cafeteria. Faculty members will be available for questions and the facility will be open to tour. Prospective students will be treated to a drama

Blood Drive A Success

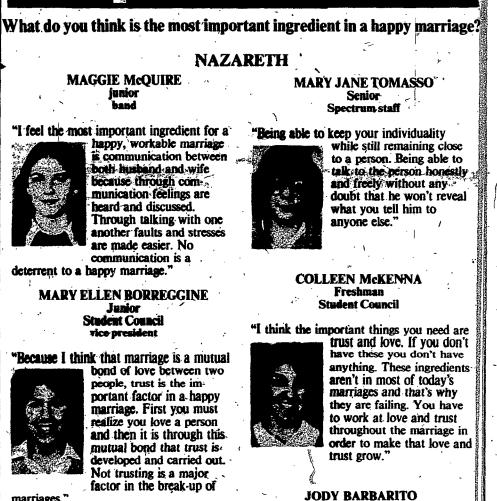
Cardinal Mooney High School held its first blood drive of the 1980-81 school year, Dec. 18. According to Mrs. Mary Jane Nier, school nurse and Red Cross Club moderator, it was a successful one with 113 people (staff and students) donating 88 pints of blood.



Jan. 19, from 3° to 5 p.m., and from 7 to 9 p.m. in the school cafeteria. Both parents and students should be present.

students.

their donation.



marriages.'

MARY ANN KELLY Junior class president

"I think the first thing you have to have is a deep love. You also have to have complete trust and respect for each other. These things should be there before you even think of getting married. When you don't have trust and respect the marriage will fail. These ingredients definitely have to be

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willingness to give of

yourself to the other person

- be willing to make

open up totally to that

ther person. A lot of

people are afraid to take

open with another person

sacrifices; to have enough

love and trust to be able to

the risk of being honest and

Junior cheerleader

"I think the most important factor is the

and I think this can make a marriage fail."

worked at throughout marriage.'

"Trust and understanding because both partners have to understand and trust each other's beliefs. There should be trust and understanding before a person marries. People think that if they love each other that's all that counts and they don't eet to know each other as well as they should."

Freshman

JENNIFER BORKOWSKI Sophomore Lanthorn staff

"I think for a good marriage a couple should realize that things won't always go perfect for them. If a couple think their marriage is going to be perfect and then something goes wrong it upsets their idea of how things are going to be. This eads to arguments that can

lead to a break-up. Also they have to respect each other's opinions. If they don't, conflicts start that are unnecessary. Sim - minst



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 McQuaid at Christmas Mass. The person circled should bring the clipping to Joan M. Smith, Courier-Journal, 114 South Union St., by noon, Tuesday, Jan: 13 to receive \$5.