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Riding the Trails

Student interest in horseback riding prompted the organizing of the Equestrian Club at Bishop Kearney. The group was formed in the fall of 1979 and the club still meets every Friday afternoon (during the fall and spring) at Huntington Stables in Webster. The only requirement to join the club is an interest in horseback riding. Miss Margaret Barron, coordinator, is formulating plans for this spring which will include trail rides, horse shows, and competitions. Club members include Mary Meding, Danielle Specht, Carol Ferrera, Anne Saturno in front row; Rita Natale, Mike Lyzwa, Roman Kraus, Roxanne Grozek, second row; Jerry Brown, Amy Frykholm, Margaret Barron, standing.

Frosh Plan Evening

Saturday evening, Jan. 17, is Freshman Girls' Night at Bishop Kearney High School. The event will offer a variety of activities in which the girls can participate. All activities have been selected by the freshman girls.

The evening will start with Mass in the auditorium, followed by a pizza party, a hairstyle and make-up demonstration by hairdressers from the Hair Zoo, and the movie "Ice Castles." The freshman girls have invited their big sisters to participate in the activities.

Brother John Costello, Student Council moderator, along with Colleen Sullivan, freshman class co-chairperson, and Barb Dineen, junior class co-chairperson, are coordinating the event.

1980 Grad Active In Theater

Ithaca — Diana Georger, an Ithaca College Drama freshman and '80 graduate of Cardinal Mooney High School, has been serving as a costume shop assistant for the Department of Theatre Arts and Speech Communication. She was chosen to work through both fall and spring terms.

Diane is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David J. Georger of 21 Bryn Mawr Rd.

AQ Grad At Alfred

Larry Teta (ex-Aquinas) has been named as co-captain of the 1981 Alfred football team. The 5-11, 210-pounder is the son of Aquinas head football coach Nick Teta.

'81 Kabaret In Full Swing

"Something different this year," said Mrs. Anne Bonsignore, who is chairman of the decorating committee for the 1981 Bishop Kearney Kabaret production "Songs From Barnum" to be presented Jan. 30-31, 6 p.m., in the Kearney auditorium. According to Mrs. Bonsignore, the production will have a circus theme and will also feature melodies from the Big Apple as well as a salute to John Lennon, former Beatle.

The cast, now in rehearsals, numbers 48 parents of students and graduates, and is being coordinated by Vincent Parks. The production is under the direction of Raymond Shahin, director of the school's musical department.

Performances are dinner theaters, tickets are \$15 per person, and good seats are still available. For reservations, contact Mrs. Peg Gillen, 342-4000

Not One But Two Schools

Nazareth Academy senior Patricia Brown will graduate in June having realized her dream of attending both Nazareth, where her mother graduated, and Edison Tech, where her father graduated. Besides the fact that she wanted to attend her parents' schools, Patty became interested in dual enrollment because it was something different. She knew students last year who were in the program and liked it.

She had won a \$650 scholarship to Nazareth where she has completed her major sequence in regents Spanish and has taken business and typing courses. She attends classes at Nazareth in the morning and



PAT BROWN then leaves for Edison at 11:45 a.m. where she takes photography.

Heights to Conquer

Submitted By Janet Infarinato

One of the most exciting clubs open to Bishop Kearney students is the mountain climbing club. The organization got its start last year through seniors Mike Thompson and Chris DiFrancesco. They applied for aid through the Community Services Program of the Xerox Corporation and were able to receive a grant of \$1,500. This helped to finance equipment and related expenses. Initially this coed club had 17 members but the number has increased to 25 this year. Moderator is Brother Bryan.

Each member is fully instructed on the techniques involved in mountain climbing beginning with the basics. Every Monday the club members meet to practice their skills in the gym. This includes "rappelling" (the proper way to descend from a cliff); learning various rope skills; and climbing up and down the gym bleachers. Safety is always stressed.

Occasionally the group will take a trip to the Barge Canal or to some other local hillsides. A highlight of last season was a trek to Rat-

lesnaque, Ontario, Canada, for the weekend. This year's plans include a climb in the Adirondacks.

Besides providing fun and outdoor activity for its members, the club also helps to build confidence and instill in each climber a sense of achievement and togetherness. As a result, they have become a very close-knit group. Most of them had never climbed before, but with practice they have become very proficient at it. Their enthusiasm keeps them constantly reaching for new heights and loving every minute of it!

Wrestling Triumph

Pat Holmes (ex-Cardinal Mooney), the NCAA Division III runner-up last year, won the 122-pound title at the Flying Dutchman Invitational wrestling tournament in Annville, Pa. Holmes, a junior at Swarthmore (Pa.) College, pinned Troy Soberdash of Baptist Bible in the final match.



Medical Award

Anne Rued, a senior at Our Lady of Mercy High School, receives a check from Joella Rand, dean, College of Nursing, Alfred University. Anne received the award for placing third on the Nursing Scholarship Exam offered by the university.

Speaking Out

By Robert M. Nicosia BISHOP KEARNEY

It will be more exciting than Rocky II, more suspenseful than Jaws II, and more fulfilling than Vatican II — the one, the only Vatican III! Hopefully, under the reign of Pope John Paul II, the battle between the ever modern, ever lenient, and ever chaotic Council of American Bishops, and the leader of the Vatican Council will be more spectacular than any motion picture ever made. In my opinion, the bishops and theologians of America and the head of the Vatican

Council in Rome are on opposite sides of the earth, not to mention opposite sides of dogma, discipline and worship. The Council of Bishops is striving to keep up with the changing tide of religious beliefs. It is gaining a larger following, but with its policies of leniency and lack of tradition it is losing its religious qualities. On the other hand, the pope is pressing toward the strictness and tradition, and is possibly on his way to another Council of Trent. Indeed, this is the right way toward a true and wholesome religion, and if the American Church does

not straighten its posture quickly, then it just may be a cripple for the rest of its life.

This discord between the Church in Rome and the Church in America is not healthy. When previous popes and the American bishops were in concordance, then the glorification of Christ was universal. Then the Church was more flexible and could change to fit modern qualities. When this harmony prevailed we didn't hear people say, "It's about time the Church has caught up with the rest of us!"

This was one of the at-

titudes that prevailed during Vatican I and Vatican II. It was not because of the modern qualities but it was due to the leniency of the American Church. Before the Vatican Councils, the "do's and don'ts" were professed. Today, in the American Church, society would be lucky to hear a slight quibble — even some sins have "disappeared."

Nevertheless, the American Church keeps rolling along. Hopefully in the days to come, the light of the qualities of the Roman Catholic Church will shine upon the shadows of the American Catholic Church.

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