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Sister Ann Xavier with prize pupil Ermelinda.

Keep Math Coming

Ermelinda Bonaccio is a sophomore at Nazareth who has taken high school mathematics for a year and a half. Not so unusual, except according to school officials she has completed four years of high school math during that time. In addition, she has taken a regents examination at the completion of each course and has received 100 percent on these exams. At a recent honors assembly she was presented with a special math award and was given a standing ovation by her fellow students.

75 Nazareth students who participate in the independent math program. Designed by Sister Ann Xavier Gantert, the program is aimed at letting those students who are good in math progress at a faster rate than they would in a normal classroom setting. Thus, many students are able to complete four years of math in three and then go on to the college course in calculus as seniors.

In Ermelinda's case, however, something else had to be designed. This semester, she is taking a college course in solid geometry and next year will take calculus.

Ermelinda is one of about



Busy Schedule

The Aquinas band, under the direction of Dave Martin, has been busy performing through the winter. In January they performed at the inauguration of St. John Fisher's new president, Father Patrick O. Braden. Recently band members were in Saranac Lake playing at the Winter Snow Festival.

Sports Who's Who

Nick Teta, head football coach at Aquinas Institute since 1972, has resigned citing personal reasons. Teta compiled a 55-21-4 record over nine seasons and led the Little Irish to a 9-1 mark and the Section 5 Class AAA title in 1979. Teta will stay at the school as a guidance counselor and faculty member.

SWIMMING — Kevin Sammler and Marc Odorisi of McQuaid each won two events at the City-Catholic League championship qualifiers. Sammler took the 200 individual medley and the 100 butterfly, and Odorisi won the 50 and 100 freestyle events.

Sammler and his McQuaid teammates followed the qualifiers by winning six of 11 events at the league championships at MCC. Sammler, a 14-year-old freshman, won the 200 medley and 100 butterfly and was part of the 200 medley relay team including Corey White, Brian Rapp and Joe Westbay. Other winners for McQuaid were diver Joe Posato; Andrew Lockwood in the 100

backstroke; and Westbay, Lockwood, Odorisi and John Norton in the 400 freestyle relay.

WRESTLING — Bishop Kearney (4-1, 8-2) tied with Cardinal Mooney for the City-Catholic Wrestling League title by defeating McQuaid, 33-21. Mike Barker and Dave Spaker won by pins for the Kings. Ken LaForce, Jim Ponticello and Dave Lanzatella had pins for McQuaid.

Jim Cowey (129), Christ Travato (170) and John DiMarsico (218) had pins to lead Bishop Kearney to a 36-17 win over host Webster Schroeder.

John DiMarsico pinned Shawn Williams 1:26 into the heavyweight match to give Bishop Kearney (10-3) six points and a 28-26 victory over Greece Athena (8-5).

Bishop Kearney won the team title at the City-Catholic Championships at Edison Tech last week. Individual winners included:

Todd Krienke, McQuaid (91 pounds); Al Beany, Mooney (105); Frank Pappalardo, McQuaid (112); Mike Barker, Kearney (119); Ed DeJesus, Aquinas (132); Steve Klein, Mooney (145); Chris Travato, Kearney (155); Dave Lanzatella, McQuaid (167); Scott Pavone, Mooney (177); John DiMarsico, Kearney (215).

Carol Ann Novick of Mercy is one of 10 girls chosen to represent Section 5 at the state gymnastics meet set for March 7 in Vestal.

BASKETBALL — Larry Sanders stole the ball and sank a layup then hit two clutch free throws, all in the final 20 seconds, to lift Cardinal Mooney to a 40-37 upset victory over Monroe. Sanders finished the game with 11 points. Rob Rose led Mooney with 15 points.

Ed Evans scored a game-high 20 points to lead Bishop Kearney to an easy 70-39 win over Jefferson at Kearney. Scott Quist added 11 and Bill Kelly hit for nine

for the Kings.

HOCKEY — Dave Fess scored three goals and Karl Carges added two more as Bishop Kearney eliminated Webster in the opening round of the high school hockey tournament, 9-2, at Lakeshore Rinks.

Chris Brown notched a three-goal hat trick as McQuaid (12-5-2) ripped Batavia (1-17-1), 9-2, at RIT.

Mike Quinlin scored two goals and added an assist to lead Bishop Kearney (13-5-1) over Aquinas (10-7-2), 4-2, at Lakeshore Rinks.

Among the leaders in scoring in the Monroe County High School Hockey League are McQuaid's Mike Doyle, in 10th place (24 goals, 16 assists, 40 points); and Dave Fess of Bishop Kearney, in 14th place (15-21-36). Among goaltenders: Jim Herzog of McQuaid, second (2.66 goals against average); Scott Deming of Kearney, fourth (3.06); and Steve Butions of Aquinas, fifth (3.24).

Accepted for Honors

Thirty Nazareth Academy juniors were inducted into the National Honor Society in a traditional candlelight ceremony. Selected on the basis of scholarship, character, leadership and service, the girls selected for membership were:

Josephine Bartolone, Mary Ellen Borreggine, Jill Brady, Nancy Brongo, Suzanne Buckley, Polly Chiang, Cathleen Coogan, Paula Cuccaro, Kathleen DiPerna, Kathleen DiPonzio, Kathleen Fratta, Christine Gleichauf, Victoria Harris, Ellen Kane, Mary Ann Kelley, Lisa Lanzillo, Ann Leon, Helen Lupiani, Anna Mancini, Margaret McGuire, Christine

O'Connor, Mary Paris, Marta Paternoster, Michelle Powers, Donna Ringholz, Carolyn Saxe, Paula Sciscioli, Judith Seely, Cheryl Shank, and Peggy Wang.

CAM IDEAS

John Dywer, the volunteer coordinator at the Rochester Friendly Home, was the guest speaker at the Feb. 11 Christian Action Movement (CAM) meeting at Our Lady of Mercy High School. She described the "Friendly Visit" program for the individual, and suggested group service projects for CAM. Suggestions included a home bake food party and a choral group entertainment night.



Poetry reading Roman fashion by Kathy Dwuer, Pat Foley, and Fran Bell.

The Roman Way Of Celebrating

The ancient Romans considered winter a special time and Nazareth Academy's Latin classes brought it all back as they recently celebrated the Roman feast of Saturnalia. The celebration originally was held in honor of

the Roman god Saturn, god of the harvest and was a commemoration of a bountiful harvest. The festivities lasted a few weeks depending on how long the food and drink held out.

Not to be outdone by the Romans, Sister Mary Lee Bishop's Latin I classes planned a Saturnalia of their own. The toga-clad students turned back the clock 2,000 years with food, music, song, and Latin poetry readings. Asked if they thought the Romans knew how to celebrate, the girls exclaimed, "Mirabile dictu!" (Too wonderful for words.)

Stage Call

Auditions are being called for all male actors interested in trying out for "The Sound of Music." They will be held at 3 p.m. on Monday and Tuesday, March 9-10, in the school auditorium, 300 East River Blvd.

For further information, contact Sister Anne Patrice at 424-1330.

Speaking Out

By Katie Rombaut Cardinal Mooney

Close your eyes and search your soul. Are you happy? Happiness is a state of well-being and contentment. It is a challenge we face every day.

Today much of our lives are devoted to our outside appearance. We are so worried about how we look, what we wear, and how we present ourselves to the world. If we conform to our peers and be like everyone else, no one will laugh at us and we will be happy. Or will we?

Some of us are so concerned with having a boyfriend or girlfriend. These people feel that they have to have someone to hold their hands and take them out. They just cannot be happy without them. Or can they?

Some of us put our social status above everything else and go to great lengths to be accepted by the "group." This means to laugh when they laugh. It means to follow a path which may not be yours.

Is happiness in these things what we struggle to

reach? The ones who reach these goals, stumble to the top and wait for a sudden rush of happiness, but their hearts fail to sense it. These goals are dead ends.

Where is happiness? It lies all around us; in a leaf, a sunset, a good deed, or a baby's smile. All we must do is dare to reach out to it. We must dare to make someone happy, or dare to watch a sunset. In doing this, inner peace will begin to dominate us.

Happiness is a challenge. Meet this challenge and dare to be happy.

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