

# Round Around

## Equal Time

What can be done to improve the lot of the handicapped?

### ST. AGNES

**DANIELLE MANGAN**  
Junior



"I'm for mainstreaming, too, and if they are mainstreamed into the educational world they should have tuition reductions. Films should be shown about the disabled to stop the ignorance of the able-bodied and alienation of the handicapped. I think ignorance is the reason for any prejudice against the handicapped. They need love, motivation and support, but they should also be allowed to be as independent as possible."

**MARY CARYL**  
Sophomore  
Student Senate



"I think that manufacturers have done a great job with supplying the disabled with the things they need and most places I've been to have changed to handle their needs — like lowering the sidewalk and having bathroom facilities accessible. These needs, however, should be reinforced with moral support, like understanding their disability and treating them as we would a non-handicapped person. I think there is prejudice and one cause for it, I think, is that people's taxes are paid for the aid to the handicapped."

**ALINE NGUYEN**  
Sophomore  
Student Senate



"There's a lot to be done, especially in making facilities accessible to them — more elevators and ramps for wheelchairs. The handicapped need understanding and care."

**JENNIFER WHITE**  
Sophomore  
council



"They shouldn't be looked at as different than the rest of the people. What they should be able to do is to socialize with other people. They shouldn't feel that people are laughing at them. People's sense of social justice regarding the handicapped can be improved upon. In some cases there is prejudice against the disabled but I think people generally ignore them because they don't know what to say when they're confronted with the handicapped."

**ANNE HARAN**  
Senior  
WTNT



"I think they should have more parking facilities because so many people tend to use those already set aside for them. Public facilities should have ramps and elevators. I think stairs would be the biggest obstacle, especially for the wheelchair handicapped. There's a little discrimination against the handicapped but not as much before. They should be told that they are human beings and can do things."

**SUSAN BROWN**  
Sophomore



"I've known handicapped people and have seen their daily routines and I think they have a greater opportunity nowadays to be mobile. There was a time when they would just sit around because these opportunities weren't available — this has changed. Many places are now accessible. But I think besides the ability to be mobile they should have someone to talk to. It's just not the physical nature of their disability but the emotional aspect that accompanies it."

**CATHERINE CIBELLA**  
Sophomore  
WTNT



"I'm for mainstreaming and I think they should be a part of regular school. The buildings should be equipped with the proper facilities so the handicapped can be a part of the regular community. I think they need understanding because so many people are ready to mock them."

**CHRISTINE GLAVIN**  
Sophomore  
class co-president



"A lot has been done for them in the mechanical sense but as far as the social and spiritual sense I think they are the most ignored minority. They need more support rather than stares or questions about their handicap. They should be treated equally and given a chance to explain themselves. Disabled people are still people on the inside."

## Ever Hear About a Witch Who Couldn't Be Bad?

Our Lady of Mercy High School Children's Theater will present "Pegora, the Witch" at 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, March 11-13, in the school auditorium, 1437 Blossom Road. There will be a performance at 2 p.m. on Saturday, March 14. These are special school group performances and reservations are required in advance.



Learning their lines are (sitting) Anne Zink, who will play Thopplebrock; standing in back, Dorothy Quinlan, who will portray Mother Cloy; Patti Noll, King August; and Maureen Dooher, who is Pegora.

The Thursday performance will be interpreted in sign language for the hearing impaired, in cooperation with the Department of Interpreting Services at the Rochester Institute of Technology. The performance on Saturday will be open to the public. Tickets, \$1 for students and \$2 for adults, will be sold at the door.



ELISE

## Her Goal is Music

Nazareth Academy senior Elise Scullin has grown up with a french horn! On Jan. 31 her hours of practicing and perfecting her technique on the instrument paid off. The New York State School Music Association, after hearing her solo audition, awarded her its highest rating, a 6A.

Elise has been taking lessons on the French horn since she was eight years old. Besides practicing every day, she plays in the school band and the Greece Symphony Orchestra. She works at the Paddy Hill Library earning money for college. Her goal is to become a music teacher.

## Service Club Pushes Food

The Red Cross Club of Cardinal Mooney High School is sponsoring a canned foods drive from Wednesday, March 4 to Wednesday, March 11. The food will be donated to the Genesee Settlement House.

On Thursday, March 12, the club will also sponsor a faculty-student volleyball game. All students, alumni and friends are invited to attend. Admission is fifty cents or one can of food. Prizes will be awarded.

## Winner

Darlene Potter, a junior at St. Agnes, was the recipient of the Winner's Circle \$5 for the week of Feb. 18.

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## Speaking Out

By Patrick Faul  
DeSales

America was euphoric over the return of the 52 people held hostage by the Iranians. Parades, press conferences, and welcome home parties were held. When the indignities these people suffered were revealed, all America became angered. Few people feel that the ex-hostages received more attention and compassion than they deserved. The problems the hostages went through were often compared to the Vietnam War prisoners of war. This brought the situation of the Vietnam

veterans and POWs back into the news again.

We often forget the problems of the POWs and the Vietnam veterans. When they returned home they were not greeted by parades and public outpourings of sympathy. There were complaints that the Vietnam vets were not accepted as heroes like most soldiers returning from war because Americans could not accept that we had not won the war. Generally, the public tried to ignore them and we preferred to dust them under the rug. We regarded the Vietnam War as an un-

fortunate episode in our history and tried to forget it.

There is, of course, the feeling that the Vietnam veterans went in as soldiers and therefore they should have been prepared to suffer. The hostages on the other hand just happened to be in the wrong place at the wrong time. Does that mean that what the veterans went through took less courage?

Surely the ex-hostages deserved the attention they received, but perhaps others who went through a great deal for us should not have been ignored.