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Photo by Terrance J. Brennan

Did Rembrandt Start like This?

The Bishop Kearney Marching Kings kept themselves busy during their winter break. They painted the band room. Their motif was a display of international flags. Vincent Parks, band president, supervises while junior Rick Pollard adds finishing touches to England's Union Jack. Sophomore Joe Marcoux (striped sweater), and Joe Micca look on. Other painters on the project were: Bill Watson, Steve Scheg, Greg Reuter, Terry Kaleta, Lou Micca, Cliff Milliagan, Tom Murant, Sean Jackson, Kathy Kukuvka, Debbie DePerna, RoseAnne Telaro, Rowena Tinio, Lisa Burns, Marie Talia, Jeanne Lanio, Kim Zimmerman, Kelly and Chris Bobeck.

Lilac Contest in Progress

Lilac time isn't far off and 15 high school juniors have been selected as semi-finalists in the 1981 Lilac Festival Teen Contest. The young adults were chosen from applicants representing 26 Monroe County High Schools. The contest is co-sponsored by Monroe Community College, the City of Rochester and County of Monroe, and the Convention and Visitors Bureau.

These semi-finalists will advance to a series of events during which they will be judged on essays, interviews, poise and personality, school and community involvement. By mid-April the competition will be narrowed to five finalists who will participate in additional judging events. They will ride aboard a special Lilac Festival Teen Contestants float, sponsored by General Railway Signal

Company, during the Lilac Festival Parade which will kick off this year's Lilac Festival, May 15-25.

The Lilac Festival Teen will be selected on Sunday, May 17. The winner will receive a \$1,000 savings bond contributed by Perkins Steak 'N' Cake.

The semi-finalists are: Holly Barrett, Pittsford-Mendon High School; Kathie Barrows, John Marshall; Lori Foos, Cardinal. Mooney; Elizabeth Giles, Fairport; Leslie Grushkin, Pittsford-Mendon; Christine Hansen, Greece Athena; Diane Heim, Bishop Kearney; Tammy Howarth, E.J. Wilson, Spencerport; Mary Ann Kelly, Nazareth; Tracey Krenzer, E.J. Wilson, Spencerport; Ann Louise Leon, Nazareth; Jennifer Moore, Penfield; Joan Ruffin, Cardinal Mooney; Tamary

Sardone, Pittsford-Mendon; Kimberly Ukshe, E.J. Wilson, Spencerport.

Dine Out March 27

The Catholic Schools Mission Crusade (CSMC) of Our Lady of Mercy High School will sponsor a spaghetti supper, 6-8 p.m., Friday, March 27.

Dinner will be served in the school's cafeteria at 1437 Blossom Road. Tickets may be purchased at the door.

Winner

Lana Tubiola, a junior at Bishop Kearney, was the recipient of the Winner's Circle \$5 for the week of March 4.

Seeing the World From the Birds' Angle

What makes a red letter birthday? For Sharon Claus it will be soloing a single engine Cherokee 140 on May 15, her 16th birthday.

Wilbur and Orville Wright started the flying craze with their first flight in 1903 and Sharon continues the tradition. Although the two events differ — the Wrights flew cold turkey, whereas behind the modern day pilot there are 78 years of aeronautical advancement — learning to fly is still rugged on the nerves.

Sharon, who is a sophomore at St. Agnes, has logged 25 flying hours with a certified instructor. It has only been lately, however, that she has begun to relax and enjoy the sights when she is at the controls.

"I was terrified," she said about her first landing attempts at landing. Instruction in landing a plane is through a process called "touch and go." The pilot will bring the craft onto land, touch the wheels to the runway, and then immediately take off again. First time out, Sharon did three "touch and gos" and her stomach rebelled.

Sharon is a determined young lady and learning the fundamentals of landing, climbing and turning didn't deter her. In fact, with each new achievement in the ability to control the plane her love of flying grew. Now, in a few weeks she will take her solo flight and can hardly wait.

Although she can solo at 16, she will have to wait until she is 17 to obtain a pilot's license. To qualify for the necessary test, the Federal Aviation Agency (FAA) requires 20 hours dual flight with a certified instructor, 20 solo hours, and pilot ground school classes. She will then be required to take a written test and a flight test, monitored by the FAA.

Sharon's interest in airplanes began eight years ago when she built and flew model planes. Along with her dad and young brother Joe, she



Sharon at 15 can't drive a car but has flown many hours at the controls of an airplane.

was a member of the Eastman Kodak model airplane club. Last summer she began working at the Ray Hyland School of Aeronautics on a barter system. She washed airplanes and worked on building maintenance in exchange for her flying lessons.

Her ultimate goal is to fly commercial airplanes and she's 100 percent confident that she, or any woman who is determined and capable, can become a commercial pilot. In fact, she feels she has an advantage in being a woman. According to her, the airlines are beginning to loosen up regarding women pilots.

Another challenge that intrigues her is aerobatics. The Blue Angels are her favorite aerobatic team, and she admits that doing stunts like snap rolls, barrel rolls, and tail spins would be tamer at 100-miles-an-hour than doing them at 500-miles-an-hour.

Like her father, who took the above photo, Sharon is an avid photographer. She maintains a 3.8 average in her studies and is majoring in math. She plays the piano and guitar.

What is it like to fly? "It's tough to explain," she said. "It's like a different view of the world and I love it!"

Moving to Finals

Nazareth Academy senior, Karen McCloskey, has been named a finalist in the



National Merit Scholarship Competition. She is now eligible to receive a \$1,000 college scholarship sponsored by universities and industries throughout the country. The honor puts her among the top one percent of the nation's high school seniors.

Karen is president of her class and has an over-all academic average of 96.5. She

is taking three college level courses, plays in the school band and recently traveled to France and England with her French class.

She plans to attend Harvard University for a major in political science.

BK Sign-Up

Registration for Bishop Kearney incoming freshmen will be held 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. and 7 to 8:30 p.m., Monday, March 23 at the school.

Language curriculum will be discussed and uniforms measured.



Who, What, Where, When?

Who is the protagonist in "The Scarlet Letter?" What are the primary colors? It was fast questions and fast answers at the St. Agnes College Bowl on Feb. 26. Above, senior Amy Pappoon congratulates teammates Kathy Lilly and Ann Trunfio while Anne Corcoran shows how sweet victory is. The seniors won over the juniors 500 to 290. On the junior team were: Kathy Przybycien, Sue Blake, Beth Frederick and Jane Hellenschmidt. MCs were Martha Connolly and Jacki Whitcomb.

Speaking Out

By Sandra Romanowski
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It's sad to imagine that some people live from day to day sitting, waiting, and hoping for someone to visit them. Watching TV game shows and eating doughnuts are all that they live for. And it is amazing how few people realize how many human beings suffer from this loneliness.

Most of us are fortunate, have good health, love-filled relationships, and people who truly care about us. I often questioned how well those who aren't as fortunate and gifted with the

"essentials" of life deal with the loss.

The Compeer Program of Rochester has helped many people who find life difficult to handle by getting them involved within the community and giving them a sense of self-worth that many mentally ill people need. The basic thrust of the program is to enable the clients to share in a friendship with volunteers who care and wish to share their love. The volunteers share at least one hour a week with their friends who may range in age from 10 to 80. Some clients live in their

home while others live in institutions.

Establishing a real friendship is the expectation of the volunteer with his/her friend. Happiness in both persons is the goal of the relationship.

Being a Compeer volunteer is a worthwhile experience. Helping other human beings to recognize their individual importance is what being a friend is all about. A person can learn that being a friend to someone who is mentally ill is a love-filled experience; an experience that never has to end.