

RapARound

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Spirit Abounds

The Mercy campus was alive with action on Friday, Sept. 25. A song fest, scavenger hunt, baseball games between classes, and tennis matches between students and faculty were just a few of the Field Day events. Above, Kathleen Vergo, Stacy Salmon, and Kacey Dunn cheer the sophomore baseball team. At right, freshmen Anne Gaudieri, Mary Darlak, and Jody Wesgate gather around the class mascot, Taffy. The day ended with the launching of 900 balloons.



What's in a Mud Room?

According to Shari Claus, St. Agnes RapARound coordinator, Mrs. Patricia Sheridan has been with the school art department since 1977.

"It has been a personal goal of mine," she said, "to return ceramic production to the art department and develop its strength in our curriculum."

This year, Mrs. Sheridan reached her goal with the expansion of the department's work area into room 105. The new mud room will be the ceramic production room.

Last Monday, the senior art majors, along with Mrs. Sheridan, opened the room with a birthday party. The students made ceramic candles for the cake and

invited the faculty and fellow classmates to see the new addition.

Out on the sport field, the varsity soccer team has been working hard. Practices began during summer vacation to

Busy Month at BK

The activity calendar at Bishop Kearney is filling up fast. The alumni will meet at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 9. On Oct. 10 the football team will play Monroe while the cross country team competes at Cobbs Hill. The Kearney band will be marching at DeSales High School on Sunday, Oct. 11, and there

get the players in shape for a tough season.

"This is a hard year," said player Mary Hans. "We couldn't play the Sodus tournament because there weren't enough players. We're trying to fill in the spaces."

will be a senior homeroom retreat on Tuesday, Oct. 13. Also on the 13th the boys' varsity soccer team plays McQuaid at Kearney, and the girls' JV soccer takes on Mercy at the BK field. The boys' varsity soccer is against East and the gymnastics team will compete with Franklin on Thursdays, Oct. 15. Both events are at BK.

The Follies Are Coming

Cardinal Mooney High School parents, alumni, teachers and students are rehearsing for their 5th annual "Follies" production. There will be a dinner-theater presentation at 8 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 14. Tickets are \$12.50 per person and reservations must be made by Nov. 7. For reservations call 663-4366.

Other shows will be presented at 8 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 13, and Friday and Saturday, Nov. 20-21. There will be a matinee at 2:30 p.m., Sunday, Nov. 15. Senior citizens are invited to attend a dress rehearsal, 8 p.m., on Thursday, Nov. 12.

Tickets are \$3 per person and can be reserved by calling 865-1000 or 865-1411.

A Time For Fixing

Due to repair work on the Eastman Theater stage, the Rochester Philharmonic Orchestra was forced to cancel its October elementary school concerts. Two more sets of concerts, however, have been scheduled for Dec. 4, 10, and 11, and for June 2, 3, and 8.

Frosh Action

Nazareth Academy freshmen launched their first class meeting with 125 balloons. There are a lot of plans also in the air to help the freshmen get involved in activities.

The frosh will be participating in the Freshman Parent Night, and have already shown class spirit by participating in the chocolate drive opening assembly.

A Classic

The National Players, from Catholic University in Washington, D.C., will perform Shakespeare's "Much Ado About Nothing" on Tuesday afternoon, Oct. 13, for the Aquinas student body.



Mrs. Mary (Flaherty) Hanley with her two daughters Maura and Brigid. Mrs. Hanley was on hand for Mercy's Field Day a few weeks ago, and said "The spirit of the school goes on and on."

Now There Are Two

The Hanley/Mercy tradition began in 1939 and will continue until 1985.

It was Mary Flaherty (Mrs. Hanley) who began it back in 1939 when she entered the Blossom Road school as a freshman. Since then her seven daughters have followed suit, and so would have her other four children except they are boys.

The Mercy graduates are Mary Elizabeth (Young), 1970; Kathleen (Yianonakos), 1972; Patricia (Gaulle), 1974; Ann, 1977; and Margaret, 1978. The remaining two daughters are Brigid, class of '82, and Maura, who is a freshman.

Brigid and Maura are carrying on the tradition.

College Night

Our Lady of Mercy High School is hosting a suburban college program tonight at 7:30 p.m. Admissions officers from 86 colleges will be on hand to answer questions about their schools. Parents and students are invited to attend.

Schools sponsoring the program are Mercy, Bishop Kearney, East Ridge, Irondequoit, R.L. Thomas, and H.W. Schroeder. Sister Diane Marie Erskine is chairperson.

Hanley involvement with the school. Maura is on the soccer team and will try out for basketball. Brigid plays soccer and basketball. She also teaches Sunday school at St. John's on Humboldt St., the family's parish.

Although Maura will be the last of the Hanley daughters to receive her diploma from Mercy, there will remain a continuity of involvement. Whether they are alumni or students, the Hanleys are always on hand for school events and projects.

ND Students Commended

Elmira — Sister Mary Walter, principal of Notre Dame High School, has announced the names of those commended by the National Merit Scholarship Program. Letters of commendation will be presented to seniors Peter J. Dunphy, Daniel R. Geraghty, Linda J. Limoncelli, Keith R. Meyer, Lindsey C. O'Connor, and Alicia M. Stanton, who placed among the top 51,000 participants in the current competition.

Of some 1.2 million students who entered the 1982 Merit Scholarship competition by taking the qualifying test in 1980, 36,000 are being commended this month, as they begin their last high school year.

Speaking Out

By Lynn Bell
Cardinal Mooney

Loneliness, a lost, empty word connected with such negatives as nothing and nobody. The word loneliness brings several images to mind. A hand, reaching, but falling back with nothing in its grasp. A face lost in a crowd. A storm without shelter. It is the one example disproving John Donne's "No man is an island."

We have all felt loneliness at one time or another. It comes to us at different times and in different places. Whether in the midst of a crowd or just by ourselves, we get hit by the "Ziggy" feeling that life is passing us by. It estranges us from love and laughter, slowly cutting us off from all hope, and

threatening to drown us. But one thing keeps us buoyant: that we have a purpose to be, to do, to love.

So we are saved. But how many fail in the struggle against this enemy, loneliness? Do we ever think to identify with the thousands of mentally ill who are in a lifelong fight with this disease? Our ability to understand what it is to be lonely and feel unwanted could be put to use in helping others to see that they are not the only ones to experience these feelings. Just as all evil has a combatant of good, so love and joy are the foes of loneliness. But in order to fill this gap in a life, there must be someone to reach out with compassion and with the ability to relate his feeling with theirs.

One opportunity to do this is the Compeer program. This is a program where a volunteer "friend" is matched with a person recovering from a mental illness. This friend gives the love and support necessary to help a mentally ill person face the world with renewed confidence and the knowledge that there is someone on their side helping them along the way. The only requirement is that the friend spend at least one hour a week with the person.

If you are interested, call or write Compeer, The Health Association, 973 East Ave., 14607, or call 271-3540 for an application. Share good feelings and happiness with another while doing Christ's work.



Photo by Terrance J. Brennan

Let's Come Out Fighting

It was the kick-off pep rally at McQuaid on Friday, Sept. 25. Tom Seymour, head football coach, knows his cheers as well as anyone, and was only too glad to lend his enthusiasm to revving up the teams for a successful sports season.

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