

RAP AROUND

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Music Her Specialty

By Joan M. Smith

The violin was a mistake, so said Christine Elliott, a senior at Our Lady of Mercy. Back in grammar school when she signed up for band, she listed flute as her first choice in instruments; violin, second. When she attended the first music session she was handed a violin. She hasn't regretted it.

That was six years ago and Christine is now playing with the Rochester Philharmonic Youth Orchestra, under the direction of Howard Weiss. Although she enjoys playing with the orchestra and considers it a great opportunity, playing with a symphony orchestra is not a future goal of Christine's. Music will be included in her future but at present she isn't sure how, especially since she has discovered another musical medium — her voice. She relishes singing the Broadway show tunes, has participated in musicals, and will be singing in the Mercy production of "No, No, Nanette," scheduled for early December.

So, added to her hour-and-a-half violin practice a day, and the three-hour rehearsal



Christine demonstrates the violin technique. "Music," she said, "gives you something special."

stints with the RPYO every Sunday at Monroe Community College. Christine is now taking voice lessons and learning operatic arias. In the violin area, she is tackling Mendelssohn's Violin Concerto, "a difficult piece," she admitted.

Music is Christine's way of expressing herself, yet she said there are discouraging times

when there doesn't seem to be any improvement, then everything begins to click.

It is because of these discouraging times that Christine offered advice to fellow musicians. "There are going to be times when you feel like quitting," she said, "but you have to hold on and finally you'll be playing pieces you enjoy."

They Said Their Best

The Nazareth Academy Forensics Team proved they could have the last and best word when they participated in a tournament, Saturday, Oct. 24, at Mount Mercy Academy in Buffalo. Senior Ann Leon, captain of the Nazareth team, won a first place trophy for her performance of the Lincoln-Douglas Debates. Junior Veda Nyoth took second place in oral interpretation for her performance of a piece from "Sixteen," by Maureen Daly, and "For My People" by Margaret Walker. Third place trophy in declamation went to sophomore Maureen Sindram. Other members participating in the tournament were junior Andy Ford and freshman Jill



The winners: Ann, Maureen, and Veda.

Falzo. Sister Beatrice Ganley, club moderator, is proud of the group which was started three years ago and has received

awards in various state tournaments. The club also hosts a tournament at Nazareth for junior high school forensics teams.



Winner's Circle

RapAround weekly will run a photo of a group of students taken somewhere in the diocese. One person will be circled and if that person brings the clipping to the Courier-Journal before noon of the Tuesday following our publication date, he or she will receive \$5. This week's photo was taken at Aquinas. The person circled should bring the clipping to Joan M. Smith, Courier-Journal, 114 South Union St., by noon, Tuesday, Nov. 17, to receive \$5.

Equal Time

Do you think it important that this country continue its space program?

BISHOP KEARNEY

RICH TRACY
Freshman
band

"Yes, because they say that in the future they'll put people into space to live. Space exploration will give us the knowledge to do this. There probably will come a time when mankind will have to live up there. I think the government is justified in spending the money for the space program. I think it would be spooky going up in the shuttle."



KAREN LaCAPRUCCIA
Senior

"Yes, I do, because knowing more about space will increase our knowledge of whether there is life out there and also give us better ideas about the universe. I think mankind may have to move out into space because our resources are running low. I think there is life in other forms to be found in space."



MIKE AMAN
Junior
cross country

"We need the advancement in space but shouldn't have to spend so much money on it. There are other needs for the money like helping the poor. Our space program shouldn't be kept at a standstill because we have to keep up with the other governments, but the cost factor is too much."



MATTHEW CLEMENS
Junior
International Club

"Yes. Someday we're going to have to move out into space and we just can't sit here and do nothing about exploring it. Someday we are going to run out of resources and be overpopulated and we'll have to explore new worlds. I think there are other forms of life out in the galaxy. If I ever had the chance I'd like to go in the shuttle of a moon shot."



MARK FICO
Junior

"Yes we should keep exploring in space because it can only advance our technology. We should explore space to know more about it, but I don't think there is life on the other planets."



DAVE HALLER
Junior
band

"Sure. I figure that by exploring space we can improve our technology. If we ever have a major catastrophe here on earth we can reach out to new worlds. I think we'll be living in space. If we are running out of resources we'll have to turn to space. I wouldn't mind living in space; it would be interesting."



COLLEEN SULLIVAN
Sophomore
cheerleader

"It is really important. It proves to the world that we are still strong and courageous because, ironically, it was two years ago today (Nov. 4) that the American Embassy was taken over in Iran. It is to our advantage to increase our knowledge of what is out there in space. We may have to expand into space but not for a long time. I think the money spent on the space program is justified."



KATHY BLICKWEDE
Senior
twirler

"Yes, I do think it's important, because there may be other life forms from which we could learn things. I think that somewhere out there there might be other life forms. I think the money spent is justified. Someday mankind will be living in space but not for a while."



KELLY McCOY
Senior

"Yes because other countries are progressing with space exploration and they might use their knowledge against us in some way. Also somehow there might be a way to deposit nuclear waste in space and then be able to reuse it. I think there could be life in other forms in space."



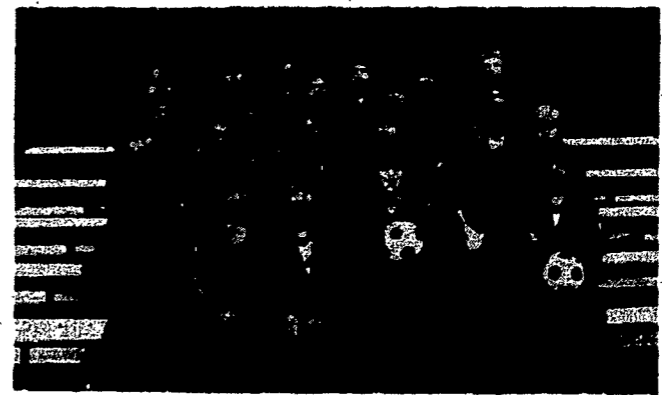
Grad Active In Drama

Ithaca — Diana M. Georger, a sophomore majoring in drama at Ithaca College, is serving a second year in a work-study program as costume shop assistant. She last performed in "The King and I" as Topsy and one of the court dancers.

Diana is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David J. Georger of Rochester and is a 1980 graduate of Cardinal Mooney High School.

Deadline

The deadline for submitting news to the Courier-Journal is noon on Thursday preceding the following Wednesday's publication.



Impressive Record

The 1981 Aquinas varsity soccer team, coached by David Kleehammer, ended the season in second place in the City/Catholic High School League with a 7-3 record.

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