

RAP AROUND

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Students Work to Promote A Birthday Remembrance

The Black Student Union (BSU) is a motivating force at Nazareth Academy. The organization sponsors baked food sales, skating parties and rap sessions where students can meet and discuss topics ranging from inter-racial relationships, to teen pregnancy, to attending integrated schools as opposed to segregated schools. But according to Vikki Hardy and Emira Woods, the focal point of the union's activities is the annual celebration in honor of Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday, Jan. 15.

"We put all our energies into it," said Emira, who, along with Vikki and members of the union, coordinated the special assembly on Jan. 14. The assembly, said Vikki, gives the students a chance to know who Martin Luther King was and what his aims had been. Emira agreed and added that through the assembly the students are also given a feeling of what the BSU stands for and what it works toward.

They took pride in producing this year's celebration and were gratified to see Nazareth graduates and Aquinas students arrive



Vikki and Emira are happy to welcome former graduates and friends Michelle Thompson, Levada Millon, class of '81, and Petrenella Pierre-Davis, a senior.

to attend the prayer service. This year the agenda featured guest speakers Sister Frances Sweeney, SSJ, member of the Pastoral Team at Immaculate Conception Church; Ms. Deborah Mullen, soon-to-be ordained to the ministry at Colgate Rochester Divinity School; and Garth Fagan,

founder and artistic director of Rochester's Bucket Dance Theatre.

Although, like Vikki and Emira, BSU members were babies at the time of King's assassination, through study and events presented by the BSU, his memory and goals are kept alive. Both Vikki and

Emira said that he's being recognized. "The media is recognizing him more and more," said Emira, and that helps keep his memory alive. They do their share by promoting his birthday celebration and remaining optimistic that someday Jan. 15 will become a national holiday.



Sister Magdalena explains Spanish trip itinerary to student Mary Strong, who will be part of the group.

Travelers Will Escape Blahs

On Feb. 12, a group of Nazareth Academy students will bid "hasta la vista" to the U.S. as their jumbo jet wings them to sunny Spain for the February school recess. The girls and their teacher, Sister Magdalena Kellner, will visit the Prado and the Royal Palace in Madrid and sample the Spanish capital's shopping areas and restaurants. They will then bus to Segovia, whose famous Roman aqueduct is a reminder that Spain has had many visitors over the centuries.

Next, it will be on to Toledo with its famous cathedral and the fabled castle of El Cid. The girls will have the opportunity to get the painter El Greco's view of the city with their cameras. From Toledo the group will travel southward to Granada to view the fabled Alcazar, fashioned by the Moors in the ninth century. The trip will

end with a stop at Malaga on the famous Costa da Sol, Spain's Riviera.

According to school sources, the trip is being arranged through Youth Travel Associates of Honeoye Falls, which has been arranging European tours for Nazareth for a number of years. Students must, of course, pay for the trip themselves. Sophomore Mary Strong says she has been planning to go to Spain since last year, and this summer she did babysitting to earn the money. "I babysat morning, noon and night," she said, and ended up with \$900.

Sister Magdalena has also said that she would welcome anyone else who would like to come along on the trip. For more information, interested parties should call her at Nazareth at 458-8583.

Speaking Out

By Ed Boland Aquinas

This time, there is no reason other than blatant ignorance on the part of our law makers.



The fact that thousands of high school seniors must leave high school at mid-year to attend a college in order to receive Supplemental Social Security benefits is appalling. This latest budget cut

will stop funds intended for the college education of students with a deceased or disabled parent. For many families this was the primary source of funding for higher education and without it many students will have no choice but to drop out.

However, members of this year's senior class have a final chance to hold onto these vital funds, but not without sacrifice. They must enroll full-time in a college for the Spring term and give up one of the most eventful years of their lives.

Not only is this transition inconvenient but the academic and social adjustments will be awesome. This budget cut was poorly timed and students were not informed of the cut.

True, these are hard times and belts must be tightened, but at least make budgeting impartial and uniform. Why does the military receive more money? Why not spend money developing minds, not destroying bodies?

In a nation that considers

education a virtue and warfare a plague, it is ironic that its leaders would suddenly strip many of its citizens of the means to higher education and yet increase its ability to kill others. It seems that men who hold such beliefs should return to higher education themselves, if they can afford it.

Editor's note: According to Social Security sources, the supplemental social security benefits for college education were cut from the budget last August and will become effective in July. Students may retain these benefits, at a reduced rate, if in attendance, full-time, in college before May 1982.



Winner's Circle

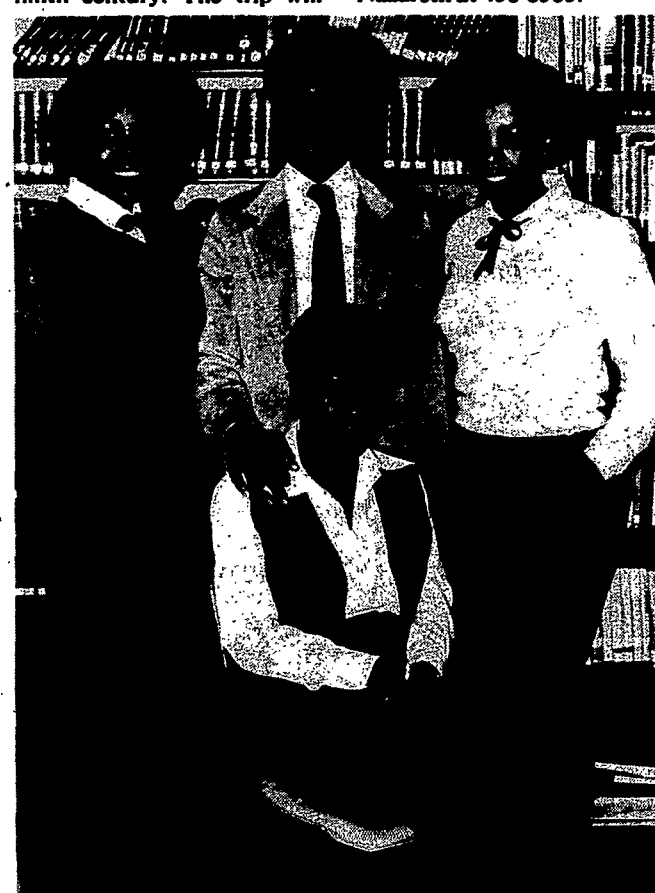
RapAround weekly will run a photo of a group of students taken somewhere in the diocese. One person will be circled and if that person brings the clipping to the Courier-Journal before noon of the Tuesday following our publication date, he or she will receive \$5. This week's photo was taken at Cardinal Mooney in the cafeteria. The person circled should bring the clipping to Joan M. Smith, Courier-Journal, 114 South Union St., by noon, Tuesday, Jan. 26, to receive \$5.

Clubs Keep Busy

Aquinas has added a new organization — the Sidelines Club. The primary function of its members is to aid at the various sporting events by working at the concession stands or keeping score at the games. The club also plans to help in establishing intramural athletic leagues at Aquinas.

In talking about intramural sports, Aquinas, along with Nazareth Academy, has started an intramural bowling league for the students. Senior Gary Sharpe is organizing this activity.

Other clubs as just as busy. The Spanish Club, moderated by Maurice Restivo, is planning a trip to Mexico this summer and will be selling candy to raise funds. The Math Club has been busy with its weekly visits to the school's computer, and the Ski Club, moderated by Mrs. Anita Tortorella, will be conquering the slopes at Bristol Mountain.



Seated is Navlette James who is treasurer of the Entity Club. Other officers from left are: Wilma Reynolds, vice president; James Harris, president; Joan Lee, secretary.

Students Helping Fellow Students

The Entity Club of Cardinal Mooney High School has had an active year and looks forward to an even busier Spring. In December the club collected food and clothing for needy families in the Rochester area. On Jan. 14, in conjunction with a Martin Luther King celebration, a scholarship was awarded by the club to a

deserving minority student. The winner was Melvin Gibson, a freshman. The award will help defray the student's tuition.

April is the month for the club's annual Fashion and Talent Show. Proceeds from this event and other fund-raising activities throughout the year make up the scholarship fund.