

RAP AROUND

Joan M. Smith, Editor

Monroe County Pins its Hope On BK Student

Kathryn Jackson, a senior at Bishop Kearney High School, is Monroe County's entry in the Junior Miss Program and will be competing in the annual New York State Junior Miss Scholarship sponsored by the Monroe County Junior Miss Committee. During the competition she will perform a dramatic presentation from the "King and I" for her creative and performing segment.

While at Bishop Kearney, Kathryn has been a member of an Explorer Post, the indoor track team, intramurals, the Forensic and Red Cross clubs, and the yearbook staff. She is also a member of the National Honor Society. After



KATHRYN JACKSON
graduation she would like to attend Siena or LeMoyné College and become a Certified Public Accountant.

What Jr. Miss is All About

Thirty-four outstanding high school senior girls will travel to Syracuse on Feb. 5 to begin preparation for the 24th annual New York State Junior Miss Scholarship Program. Sponsored by the New York State Junior Miss, Inc., this scholarship program seeks to reward, recognize and encourage excellence in high school seniors. Their rewards are college scholarships, with New York State's Junior Miss receiving a \$1,500 college scholarship and the right to compete in America's Junior Miss finals in Mobile, Ala., where the winner will receive a \$25,000 college scholarship.

More importantly, the winner and finalists in the New York Junior Miss

Program also receive full tuition scholarships to various colleges across the U.S.

Kim Smith, America's current Junior Miss, is using some of the \$42,000 in scholarship money she won both as North Carolina's Junior Miss and as the national Junior Miss to attend the Julliard School of Music and Dance in New York City.

There are two ways a girl can become a finalist, according to Ray Gordon, the current New York Junior Miss chairman and a member of the Junior Miss Board. One is for a local organization to sponsor a program for high school seniors in a particular

area. The winner is automatically eligible for the finals. The second involves the girl reading about the Junior Miss Program in a major news publication, and writing to Mobile, from where an inquiry is made to the state chairman. The chairman must then forward forms to the contestant, and the completed forms are evaluated by a panel. From a hundred who may apply, only 10 or 12 are chosen from all across the state to compete with the local winners in Syracuse.

If any local organization is interested in learning more about the program, it should contact Ray Gordon, State Chairman, 29 Sylvan Ave., Glens Falls, N.Y. 12801.

Those high school juniors who may be interested in learning more about the scholarship program may also write to Gordon.

The judging standards are 15 percent for scholastic achievement; 15 percent for youth fitness; 15 percent for poise and appearance; 20 percent for creative and performing arts; and 35 percent for the judges' interview.

Local programs are held throughout the state beginning in May and continuing to the first week in November in some areas of the state.



Trumpet section members are Paul Menz, Tim Enright, James Tierney, Chris Goetting, Mike Spuck and Sam Griffith (baritone).

Marchers Defend Title Up North

The hills of the Adirondack Mountains will be alive with the sound of music when the Aquinas Band returns to Saranac Lake to perform in the 85th annual Winter Carnival, Feb. 13-14. Last year the band won the marching band competition and this year will be defending its championship against bands from every part of the Empire State.

In the Saturday parade the band will feature "El Gato Triste" by Chuck Mangione, "Troika" and "St. Louis Blue

March." The jazz band will give a mini-concert at the Saranac Lake town hall following the parade. Featured in this segment of the Winter Carnival will be Peter and Paul Zaepfel on alto sax, Mike Spuck and Jim Tierney on trumpet.

The 40-piece Little Irish Band, under the direction of David H. Martin, has performed all over the United States and Canada. It is a four-time winner of the New York State Marching Band Championship.

Spelling Is Her Business

Recently, the students at Nazareth Academy participated in a spelling contest in their English classes. The winners in each class then competed to narrow the field to 15 finalists.

In a school assembly they took turns stepping up to the microphone and carefully spelling "word demons" which commonly plague anyone who writes.

After 45 minutes there was a winner. Cheryl Shank, a senior, successfully spelled down her fellow finalists to become the 1982 Nazareth Champion speller. She was awarded a certificate.



CHERYL SHANK

What St. John Fisher Is Offering in Classes

Understanding hypnosis and its applications are included in the subjects of a non-credit course offered by the Office of Continuing Education at St. John Fisher College this spring.

The course offers insight on hypnosis, self-hypnosis and their current applications and experience in some tapping of inner resources. Issues addressed are weight, smoking, pain, phobias, hypertension, concentration and others. The course will be offered 7-9 p.m., on Wednesdays beginning March 10 and concluding April 28. Fee is \$45.

"Women Mystery Writers" is the subject of a non-credit course that will be offered from 7 to 8:30 p.m., on Mondays beginning March 1 and concluding May 3. The course will investigate the contribution of women writer

to the "who-dun-it" field. Mysteries by P.D. James, Lucille Kallen, Dame Ngaio Marsh, Emma Lathen, Ruth Rendell and Mary Higgins Clark will be discussed. The fee is \$25.

What may have originated as training devices for the German General Staff in the 1800s are now known as military simulations, or war games, and will be the subject of a non-credit course that will be offered 7-9 p.m., on Tuesdays beginning March 9 and concluding May 4.

Modern variations of these training devices have become popular as recreational games and in this course, the design and methods of play of several different types of war games will be examined. The fee is \$25.

For further information contact the Office of Continuing Education at 586-4140, ext. 365.

The Old And Young Get Together

The Cardinal Mooney High School Action For People Association (AFPA) will entertain the Golden Agers of Greece at a Valentine Day's party on Saturday, Feb. 6, in the school cafeteria. Dinner will be served by AFPA members, and music for dancing will be provided by the Golden Agers' own musical group.

Amy Summers, Kathy Jennings, Andree Mey and Kathy Egan are coordinating the program. Faculty moderators are Maria Feszczyszyn and Susan Kroubalkian.

Speaking Out

By Elaine Norton
Cardinal Mooney

A few weeks ago I accidentally stumbled into a conversation concerning abortion. My classmate insisted that a woman should do as she wishes with her own body. To him, a young unmarried girl who has involved herself in an accidental pregnancy

could have problems. He stated that the easiest way out is an abortion, no harm done to anyone; besides, the baby isn't even alive yet! — Wait a minute! Abortion stands on two opinions; my classmate's and mine.

I strongly believe that abortion is unethical — no exceptions accepted! The Roman Catholic Church holds a firm stand that life begins at conception. Even though this being cannot survive on its own for many months to come, it is still a

creation of Almighty God. What right do we possess to commit murder? Especially on helpless victims who cannot defend themselves.

The crime of abortion has been legal in this country for the past nine years. Millions of abortions each year are performed. No problem is ever solved by perpetrating a vicious act of slaughter.

God created man and woman to create and love, not to create and destroy!



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 in the cafeteria. The person circled should bring the clipping to Joan M. Smith, Courier-Journal, 114 South Union St., by noon, Tuesday, Feb. 9, to receive \$5.