

# RAPAROUND

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Father Donald Haycock, chaplain; Brother Francis Ellis, principal; Mrs. Bain; Steve; Father Jankowiak, and Mr. Edward Nietopski working to help the people of Poland.

## Always There if Needed

Recently, Steve Gawley, president of the Cardinal Mooney Student Council, presented a check for \$300 to Father Joseph Jankowiak, chairman of the Committee to Aid Poland. The funds were raised by the Student Council in response to the plight of the Polish people since the institution of martial law in that country last December.

The fund drive was initiated by Mrs. Margaret Bain, a teacher at Mooney, and Sister Barbara Weyand, assistant principal.

"One day I wore a Solidarity button to school and several people asked where they could get them,"

explained Mrs. Bain. "Someone suggested that we sell them at school and there was so much support that the fund drive developed almost spontaneously."

The Council organized the drive by selling buttons in the school cafeteria during lunch periods. Faculty and students both volunteered their time to make the fund-raiser a success. "We wanted to show our support for a beleaguered and valiant people," said Mrs. Bain.

Father Jankowiak expressed his appreciation. "This was a marvelous contribution," he said. "The efforts of the students and faculty of Cardinal Mooney

High School are a clear indication of their awareness of world events and their willingness to contribute to the welfare of the world community."

### Come Enjoy The Winter

"Winter Interlude," a party for parents, faculty and friends of St. Agnes High School, will be staged by the Parents Club at 7 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 27. The evening consists of a cash bar, dinner and music for dancing. Tickets are \$6 per person, and are available by contacting Ruth Dangler, 475-1987.

## Get to Know Your Red Cross

A new American Red Cross activities brochure is now available and may be obtained by calling the Red Cross Public Relations department, 275-9800, ext. 225. It describes all courses and youth programs being offered

by the local chapter through June 1982.

The Nursing and Health Services courses provide instruction on many facets of health, including child care instruction for children and parents, health courses for senior citizens and preventative health care seminars.

Community Service Training offers courses on administrative and supervisory techniques, stress and time management, public relations, program development and career performance feedback. There is even a course designed to help bridge the gap between youth and adult workers.

### Students Witness Law Action

Fourteen countywide high school teams are competing in the fifth annual Mock Trial competitions. The number of teams participating in the tournament has risen to 14 in 1982, compared with four in 1975. Additions include John Marshall High School, Harley School and three teams from Fairport High.

The case of Thomas Judson vs. The Albany Dispatch, which involved custody and first amendment rights, was argued in each of four rounds. The preliminary rounds were held Feb. 2 and 9 at R.L. Thomas High School. Subsequent rounds will be conducted at the Hall of Justice Feb. 23 and March 2.

Fourteen attorneys and three area judges will serve as mock trial judges. Judge Eugene W. Bergin and Judge Donald J. Crobett Jr., will participate in the semifinals Feb. 23, and Judge Richard D. Rosenbloom will preside at the finals on March 2.

High schools represented are: Brighton, Gates-Chili, Fairport, Harley, H.W. Schroeder, John Marshall, Pittsford-Mendon, Pittsford-Sutherland, R.L. Thomas, St. Agnes, Sperry and West Irondequoit.

## Academic Efforts Pays Off in Awards

Father Joseph Moffatt, CSB, Aquinas principal, recently announced the first semester winners of the achievement awards. These awards are commendations given to those deserving students in recognition for their effort in their studies. Seniors, juniors, sophomores and freshmen were honored at a special assembly and accepted into the St. Thomas Club and Honor Roll. The senior class placed 67 students in both societies out of a total of 208 students honored.

Eric Gertin, Anthony Giordano, William Harney, Mark Kershner, Michael Kreuzer, Scott Kruppenbacher, Edward Lynd, Mark Mancuso, Thomas Reifsteck, Vladimir Stefanovic, Joseph Trabold, James Uebelacker,

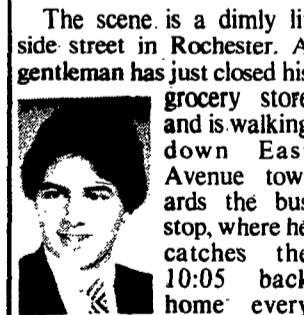
Sophomores Daniel Berube, Richard Concordia, Thomas Giordano, Thomas Kase, John Kelly, Joseph Menz, David Tomer, and freshmen David Abbruzzese, James Callerame, Joseph Catone, Mario Di Luigi, Pasquale Iannoli, Brian Jakubowski, Gregory Kerrick, John Liotti, Alberto Mayorga, Sean McBride, Walter Mykins, Wayne Romano, Joseph Sanguedolce, William Schenck, Joseph Toscano, Brian Waldmiller, Stephen Whelan.

To be named to the St. Thomas Club, students must attain a 92 average with no failing grades. For the Honor Roll, they must attain a B average with no failing grades.

Juniors Richard Battisti, Paul Buechel, Lawrence Demninger, Robert Fallone,

## Speaking Out

By David Albee Aquinas



The scene is a dimly lit side street in Rochester. A gentleman has just closed his grocery store and is walking down East Avenue towards the bus stop, where he catches the 10:05 back home every evening. Suddenly, out of the darkness, he is confronted by a mugger who points a knife at him and demands his money. At this moment, the grocer pulls his .38 caliber pistol from his pocket and shoots the mugger in the foot, thus sending him to the nearest hospital, and saving himself the earnings from a long day's work.

Now the scene shifts to a courtroom where the grocer could be sentenced to up to one year in jail for carrying an unlicensed handgun. The obvious question to ask is, What about the mugger? Well, the mugger didn't get one day in jail even though he has a criminal record and was the guilty party, involved. Why? Because a new

law enacted by the New York legislature mandates a compulsory one-year prison sentence for anyone convicted of carrying an unlicensed handgun. As for the grocer, he could probably escape the jail term but only after he pays the cost of a lawyer.

Stories like this one have interested me in how people feel about the current gun laws and what is being done by legislatures to renew the existing ones.

An issue which has opened the controversy on gun control took place recently in the suburb of Chicago, Morton Groves, where Jane Byrne, Chicago mayor, proposed that city council tighten the control of handguns by forbidding new gun registration and requiring the registration of guns already lawfully kept in the city. The re-registration would apply to all fire arms, not just those that are handguns.

This new ordinance requires: annual registration, as opposed to the current one-time registration; registration of firearms before possession, as op-

posed to current registration after; an impending \$12 fee on the owner to register the weapon; the police superintendent to be in charge of registration records, currently under the jurisdiction of the city department of revenue; biography and pictures of purchaser and fingerprints to be used to establish identity. This new law has come under much controversy because of its strict points and fees.

My personal feelings on the issue are outweighed by solid facts. In one way, I sympathize with the people who have been robbed, or carry guns for their personal protection, but on the other hand, I cannot tolerate the destruction they cause in the form of human and animal life in our world today.

These questions may never be answered until someone does something about the federal laws that surround firearms. Maybe when that someone is touched personally by their effects, thus awakening him to the reality of the only true purpose of a firearm — to cause death — maybe something will be done.



St. Agnes Mock Trial team members are, in front row from left: Felicia Mongeon, Susan Marchand, Maggie Kellogg, Vivienne Reynolds, and Donna Erdle; standing are Mrs. Annmarie Van Son, advisor, Mary Buggie, Jane Hellenschmidt, Pam Agliata, Lori Cropp, Nancy Gilligan, Monique Cirelli, and Robin Angst.

## In Defense of a Title

St. Agnes is the only Catholic high school participating in the Mock Trial competition this year, and it will be competing to retain its 1981 title as first place winner. The 12 students on the team have been working for two months preparing for their case with the help of Mrs. Annmarie Van Son of the social studies department and Dianne Cicero, attorney. The students play the parts of attorneys and witnesses for the plaintiff and the defendant.

The case involves issues of child custody and whether or not information given to a reporter is privileged. The law says that a reporter does not have to reveal his/her sources unless a burden of proof is presented and accepted. Student lawyers Donna Erdle, Nancy Gilligan and Jane Hellenschmidt, along with student witnesses Maggie Kellogg and Monique Cirelli, are trying to meet their burden of proof. Student lawyers Mary Buggie, Vivienne Reynolds and Pam Agliata, along with their witnesses, Sue Marchand,

Robin Angst, and Randy Bates, are representing the reporter. The procedures for the trial are identical to those used in our legal system, and "It's a real learning experience," said Jane.

The St. Agnes team won the first round of the Mock Trial against R.L. Thomas High School on Feb. 2. The team won both the case and the presentation.

Submitted by Shari Claus