

RAP AROUND

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Speaking Out

By Monique Cirelli
St. Agnes

It has been announced that St. Agnes High School will close as of June. I have compiled the following comments to show the strong feelings that the students have concerning this decision.

Jackie Kelly, junior: "There is friendship and love among the students. I don't think this should be thrown away."

Nancy Campa, sophomore: "When we found out, we were in total shock. We just couldn't believe it was happening."

Terry Szembrot, freshman: "I think that St. Agnes is more than a school, it's a

family. Our family at St. Agnes is very close and it shouldn't be broken up. I don't want to be separated from all of the great friends I've made this year."

Anna-Lynn McSweeney, freshman: "I don't want it to close because I love this school and I don't want to go to school anywhere else."

Doreen Byers, sophomore: "It's not fair, because they never gave us a chance to show our support. We are losing our friends, our community and a great education. This school is unique."

Elaine Dangler, sophomore: "It was a decision that was made too quickly. We didn't get a chance to react. I feel that I am going to lose a quality education, my good friends and a lot of fun."

Nancy Dennstedt, sophomore: "It's a shame because such a great school and a wonderful group of people are to be separated due to the decision of a few."

Ann Lootens, junior: "With the closing of St. Agnes we are losing valuable friendships, and a lot of spirit. We are also losing the feeling of belonging to a community."

Anne Schlicker, sophomore: "We've grown together as a family. Now we may be separated, leaving us with only our memories."

Margaret Mangan, junior: "St. Agnes is unique in that there are extremely close ties between faculty and students."

Karen Dugan, Peggy Thomas and Shelley

Winters, seniors, agreed that it is depressing because they can't return here in future years.

Stella Psyllos, senior: "We should have been informed prior to the decision. We're losing a great school."

Jennifer White, junior: "We worked for three years to unite our class and raise money for our senior year. Now it seems worthless because we won't get to spend that senior year together."

Renee Laglia and Lorraine Vaccaro, juniors, agreed that the closing of St. Agnes will be a terrible loss to them and to the community. During these past two weeks they have all grown closer than ever before.



They're Titled Players

The DeSales Girls Junior Varsity Basketball team captured the Finger Lakes West JV Title with a 10-0 record. The Saints, coached by Frank Pane, averaged 44 points on offense while only giving up 25 points per game on defense. Susan Maher led the team with a 13.2-point average per game. Heather Koch, Kirstin Sindon, and Lisa Cote each averaged seven points per game. In bottom row from left are Lisa Giorgianni, Susan, Pane, Chris Cosentino and Missy Salotti; in top row are Monica Tette, Debbie Clark, Kirstin, Lisa and Heather. Missing from photo are Arelene Sollenne, Mary Rinaldo, and Jill Andrews.



ND travelers are in front row from left: Stacey Korbeck, Lori McCarthy, Sister Mary Edwina Butler, chaperone, Lisa Martini and Daniel Dimon; second row, Kanchalee Svetvilas, Thomas Stone, Barbara Falkenberg, Richard Buchanan, and Vincent Santoro.

Students Visit London Town And Gay Paree

During the February break, Notre Dame students journeyed to England and France. In London they visited the Tower Hill Memorial to the martyrs, including St. John Fisher, the patron saint of the Rochester Diocese. They toured Oxford and Stratford-on-Avon and Windsor Castle, which was built by William the Conqueror and is still used extensively by the Queen of England.

They crossed the English Channel by ship and traveled through the north of France "where poppies grow"

Welcome Seventh Graders

During the month of March, the faculty and students of Cardinal Mooney High School will welcome visiting seventh grade students from area junior high schools who wish to attend Mooney.

During the afternoon visits, the seventh graders will learn more about the education programs and activities at the school. They will hear from Brother Francis Ellis, principal; Sister Barbara Weyand, assistant principal; Ed Nietopski, athletic director; and Steve Gawley, Student Council president. All will

commemorating the casualties of the First World War. A sight-seeing tour of Paris introduced the students to places studied in French class. They assisted at Mass at the Shrine of the Miraculous Medal and touched the chair where Mary sat during her appearances to St. Catherine Labouré.

The exhausted group of students returned to school much wiser after a week of foreign travel.

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There will be a demonstration by the freshman cheerleaders, a panel discussion and a slide presentation depicting life at Mooney. The program will conclude with a tour of the building and a visit to classes. Refreshments will follow the program.

What's in for Spring?

The Entity Club of Cardinal Mooney High School is having its annual fashion and talent show, "A Touch of Class," at 7:30 p.m., tomorrow evening, Thursday, March 18, in the school auditorium. Spring fashions and student entertainment will be the order of the evening. The student models have been trained by Evelyn Powell, Tony Anderson, Sandy Jackson and Dee Jones. Fashions have been provided by the Running Store, Bridal Gallery, Hermans, Tuxedo Junction, Donlevy's Brooks, and Merry-Go-Round.

Musical entertainment will be provided by Mary Beth Goddard, Mary VanGennip, Annette Fuller, and Steve and Kristan Campo. Lori Foss will be the accompanist.

Commentators for the show are Joan Lee and Craig Wallace. Ticket sales are being handled by Jim Harris and Lucretia Holomon and

refreshment coordinator is Ann Harris. Faculty moderator is Mrs. Ginny Probst.

Tickets are \$2.50 for

students and \$3 for adults and can be purchased at the door. Refreshments will be served following the program. All proceeds will benefit the club's scholarship fund.

Drive Begins

On Friday, March 12, St. Agnes High School kicked off its annual candy drive with students and faculty joining together in a special assembly presentation to motivate sales. The drive will continue for the next two weeks.

Notre Dame Makes an Impact

Notre Dame seniors Peter Dunphy, Marty Falkenberg, Ray Garman, Karen Kozlowski and Keith Meyer travelled to Sayre, Pa., on Saturday, Feb. 27, to compete in the second annual Scholarship Challenge sponsored by radio stations WATS and WAVR. Fourteen high schools competed for scholarships in the academic competition.

ND-students participated in

two matches with each match consisting of three rounds of 12 questions. Correct answers were awarded 10 points while incorrect responses were penalized 10 points.

In the first match Notre Dame opposed Spencer Van Etten High School and won 170-10. ND's 170-point score was the highest of all the schools competing that day.

In the semifinals Notre

Dame met Athens High School and the tables were turned. Notre Dame was penalized for incorrect answers, but the team members kept their spirits up, were aggressive and took necessary risks, but the final score was Athens 130, ND 50.

The school is proud of its team who proved that Notre Dame will be a strong competitor in future Scholarship Challenges.

They Said It Musically

Music in the Schools Week was celebrated at St. Agnes High School with several special events. The Casella Quartet (two violins, viola and cello) played an informal concert. Six freshmen participated in the Junior High Monroe County All-County Chorus at Schroeder High School in Webster. The St. Agnes Glee Club, chorus and voice classes performed in concert. The Glee Club also gave a concert for the students and faculty of Corpus Christi School. Throughout the musical week, the music students were available to send singing messages in two-, three- or four-part harmony.

Bishop Says Mass

Bishop Matthew H. Clark was on hand to celebrate a Lenten Mass at Aquinas on Wednesday, March 3. In his homily he expressed his gratitude to the students for the Christian values they manifested. After Mass the students were invited to speak their concerns to the bishop.



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 Nazareth during a class meeting. The person circled should bring the clipping to Joan M. Smith, Courier-Journal, 114 South Union St., by noon, Tuesday, March 23, to receive \$5.