

RAPAROUND

Joan M. Smith, Editor



Iciskater Joanne goes to Nazareth Academy, Lisa goes to Our Lady of Mercy, John is in the seventh grade at Our Lady of Lourdes, Tammy is a student at Nazareth Academy, and Karen is a student at Mercy.

Competitors Will Take to the Ice

Joanne Glaser, Tammy Fess, Karen Carpenter, Lisa Noon and John Wilkin will compete in the Genesee Invitational Figure Skating Competition to be held on March 25, 26, 27 and 28, at the Rochester Institute of Technology Arena.

A variety of free style and dance categories. An added attraction is the precision team competition which will feature 12 teams of 15 to 30 skaters each, performing a series of precision maneuvers to music on the ice. Teams from California and Canada, and Rochester's Precisionnaires will compete.

The competition is sponsored by the Genesee Figure Skating Club and is sanctioned by the U.S. and Canadian Figure Skating Associations. Tickets are \$2 per day or \$6 for all events, and will be available at the ice arena.

The major individual events will be held on Friday and Saturday evenings, March 26 and 27, and the precision team competition will be on Sunday morning, March 28.

A Master At Typing

Nazareth Academy senior Paula DeFranco set a new record at Nazareth recently in the official Gregg Typing Speed Test. In a five-minute typing test, she typed 86 words per minute with only four errors. According to school sources, that is the highest rate ever attained by a student at Nazareth.

Each year, approximately 30,000 students nationwide take the Gregg Typing tests as a motivational exercise and to sharpen typing skills.

Paula, whose paper has been sent to New York City for official judging, is now working toward 90 words per minute. She has several job offerings for after graduation. She belongs to the Nazareth chapter of the Future Secretaries Club and is also skilled in shorthand and data processing.

Speaking Out

By Ann Conti
Our Lady of Mercy

We must always be willing to change. We should be constantly growing to be alive in the true sense. This means changing and learning. We can not let ourselves cling to the security of the past. We have to plunge forward into the uncertainty of the future with the Lord's guidance, knowing that He will keep us safe.

Everyone makes mistakes. We need to look back upon the mistakes of yesterday, see them for what they are, learn from them, and then go on — no doubt to make still more mistakes, but nevertheless, older and wiser. We must be willing to

take another chance and to give it another try, and with this newly gained experience, chances are that we will succeed this time.

We all need to grow into more complete persons, both within ourselves and in our relationships with others. We have to give those around us room to grow, without influencing them. We need to strive to better ourselves and to improve ourselves into more complete persons, always keeping in mind that "Today is the First Day of the Rest of Your Life." This is the mark of one who is truly young at heart: he always strives to learn, to become wiser, and to develop into an all-around better person.

Mercy Actresses Age Over Spring Production

The drama department of Our Lady of Mercy High School will present "Waiting in the Wings" by Noel Coward at 8 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, April 2-3. Tickets, which may be purchased at the door, are \$2.50 per person and \$2 for senior citizens.

The play focuses on a small charity home for retired actresses. All the residents are more than 60 years old and have been stars or leading ladies during their careers. They are in the midst of a campaign to get a glassed-in porch from the actor's committee so they may enjoy the sun without the bother of the wind. Most of the play's action is in the interrelationships among the women and some of their visitors.

The play has offered a challenge for the Mercy students because the majority of the characters are in their mid-60s or early



Kathy Parisi — Before...



...and after.

70s. To do justice to their roles, the girls watched many older people prior to starting rehearsals. In doing so, the girls discovered many interesting things and were able to see older people as vibrant and very much alive. It opened the students' eyes and resulted in them playing their roles better.

Featured in the leading roles are Kathy Parisi as Lotta Bainbridge, Christine Elliott as May Davenport, both residents at "The Wings," and Tom Kanaley from McQuaid as Perry Lascoe, the secretary of the actor's committee. The play is being directed by Mrs. Julianne Palma.



Mrs. Nancy Tuohey, guidance office secretary, Sue Blake, and Jan Huck, seniors, portray "Marbara Mandrell and the Mandrells" at the assembly.

Comedy Antics Start Drive

St. Agnes officially began its annual candy drive with an assembly on Friday, March 12. This year's theme was "More and More Awards," a mock of the Academy Awards.

The assembly was written and performed by the faculty and staff. Ronald Heath of the Social Studies Department was Master of Ceremonies and introduced such famous stars as Moral Moberts (theology teacher, Mrs. Barbara Swiateck), Mary

Moppins (art teacher, Miss Mary Lou Wenthe), Malbert Meinstein (math teacher, Mrs. Mary Lou Knapp), and Methel Merman (music teacher, Mrs. Marguerite Manning).

The assembly day was also the first collection day and the students brought in 50 percent of the school quota. Goal for the two-week drive is \$20,000. Each homeroom is aiming for 200 percent of its quota.

Debates, Careers On Agenda

Five members of the Aquinas Debate Team have qualified for the National Forensic League State Championships to be held in Albany April 2-3. Those representing Aquinas are seniors Ed Boland for dramatic interpretation; Steve deLarouch; extemporaneous speaking; Pat Doran and Adrian Goding for humorous interpretation; Dave Salah for oral interpretation. Junior Mark Kershner is in the oral interpretation category.

Robert D'Ettore, a physical education teacher, has coordinated a program for seniors who are interested in physical education as a future career. Members of the program assist the gym teacher with class procedures and participate with the students. Program members are: John Bosco, Chris Brennan, Pete Jarda, Tim Lambert, John Merola and Mark Wisniewski.

Cheers Win Trophies

Nazareth Academy varsity and junior varsity cheerleaders carried off two trophies from the Section 5 Cheerleading Tournament held at Greece Athena High School, on Saturday, March 13.

The junior varsity squad took third place in its division and the varsity took fourth place. It is Mrs. Shirley Zimmer's first year as cheerleading coach and she feels that the girls have responded to her instruction and advice.

"Going to tournament is excellent experience," she said. "I'm very happy with their performance. They really came through."

The Nazareth students are the cheerleaders for Aquinas football and basketball.

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