

RAP AROUND

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Mercians Hit the Travel Road

Five Mercy students, along with their teacher, Ms. Lori Rivers, will leave Rochester for a nine-day visit to Spain on April 8. The group will visit the festive Plaza Mayor, the Prado museum, and the historic Puerta del Sol in Madrid. There will be excursions to the walled city of Avila and to the ancient aqueduct of Segovia and to El Greco's house in Toledo.



The group will then go on to Cordoba, Seville, Granada and Torremolines, arriving in Rochester on April 16. The trip is being coordinated by the American Council on International Studies.

Senior Sue Bileschi, Sister Mary Celeste, senior Kathy Parisi, and Sister Mary Borromeo are all packed and ready for Quebec.

On April 12, forty-eight Mercians and their two chaperones, Sister Mary Borromeo and Sister Mary Celeste, will head for a four-day holiday in Quebec City, Canada. The group will stay

at the Quebec Hilton which is located outside the gates of the old city. Highlights of the trip will be a bus tour of the new city and a visit to the Chateau Frontenac. Excursions are planned to the shrine of St. Anne de Beaupre, Laval University and Montmorency Falls.

Eight is Magic Number

The Bishop Kearney finalists in the National Merit Scholarship competition are, front row from left: Kevin Kane, Robert Salamone and Kimberly Kane. Back row from left: David Zumchak, Joseph Lanzafame, Diane Heim, Janice Nagel and Matthew Christ.

They're Talking Winners

Nazareth Forensic team members Emira Woods, Jill Falzoi and Veda Nyoth competed in the State Forensic Tournament on April 2-3 in Albany.

Emira and Jill had taken third and fourth places, respectively, in the March 20 Regional Tournament. Veda, because of her high ranking in preliminary tournaments, accompanied the two girls for the Albany competition.



Forensic competitors Veda, who is from Liberia and is in her first year of speech competition, Emira Woods, and Jill Falzoi.

The Forensic team is three years old and Sister Beatrice Ganley, moderator, said, "We have had representatives in both state and national tournaments throughout the three years. The girls have been winners from the very beginning."



Ms. Lori Rivers, Aileen Tamayo, Anita Lagnese, Barbara Guentner, Joan McCloskey and Ann McIntyre are a few of the contingent headed for Spain.

Decisions Being Made

With St. Agnes closing in June, students are in the process of selecting alternate schools to attend next year. Present freshmen, sophomores, juniors and their

parents learned about the other Catholic high schools in the Rochester area at an informational meeting on March 29. Aquinas, Bishop Kearney, Cardinal Mooney,

Mercy, and Nazareth Academy were on hand with presentations. Counselors from these schools also visited St. Agnes during the week.

Academic Record Is Award Material

Mark Mancuso, Aquinas junior, has won the Rensselaer Mathematics and Science Award from the school. According to school sources, he was chosen because of his outstanding academic record in science and math.



MARK MANCUSO

Besides singing in the choir at St. Anthony of Padua, his parish church, Mark is a substitute organist. At Aquinas he is active in the Math Club and has a special interest in computers. He is considering a career in medicine. He is the son of Joseph and Phyllis Mancuso of Rochester, and his father is a graphics and printing instructor in the Fairport BOCES system.

The Rensselaer Medal has been awarded to 55,000 students in the U.S. and

Spelling Is His Game

Geneva — Thirteen area eighth grade students participated in the third annual Sister Helen Kannan Memorial Spelling Bee sponsored by the English Department of the DeSales High School. Paul Long from St. Francis/St. Stephen's won first place. He received a \$200 scholarship to DeSales and a plaque.

Ceci Hong of St. Michael's in Newark placed second and Donna Weston of St. Mary's, Waterloo, placed third. Both received plaques.

The event was coordinated by Beryl Tracey of the DeSales English Department.



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, April 13, to receive \$5.

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