

RAP AROUND

Equal Time

Why are tuition tax credits for education important?

JODIE CLAWSON
Senior
Nazareth

"If parents feel their children can get a better education in the private/parochial system they should be able to send them through the system without being penalized. If tuitions keep rising it will be more difficult for parents to send their children to these schools and if there aren't enough students the schools will be in trouble."



PAULA LEUZZI
Senior
Nazareth

"I think they are important because parents want to send their kids to Catholic schools and they shouldn't have problems doing that. They shouldn't have to make a second choice because of finances. I think if the private/parochial school system doesn't receive some type of financial help I don't think they will do too well."



PEGGY CLIFFEL
Senior
Cardinal Mooney

"I think they are important because our parents are sacrificing to send us to a private school and they should receive some sort of break. Private/parochial schools will be in trouble if they are not subsidized because the economy is going down, and people won't be able to afford the better things in life which a good education is a part of."



CHRIS BARTLETT
Senior
Cardinal Mooney

"I think they are important because a lot of money is being paid by parents for their choice in education. Inflation will always be here, and if people can get a break on other things, I think they should get a break on education. Some schools could be in trouble without assistance, especially if they don't have a means of raising money. I don't think it would be right just to have one educational system in the country. There should be a choice."



CHUCK WEST
Sophomore
McQuaid

"They are important because we don't receive financial credit of any kind and it's difficult for parents to educate their children. It would be the least the government could do for the private/parochial education systems."



AMY ZLOTNIK
Junior
Bishop Kearney

"I think they are important because we who attend private/parochial schools have to pay more for education and it's not fair for parents who want this choice in education for their children."



PAT CRIBBEN
Senior
McQuaid

"They are important because most people are middle class and are not eligible for certain income tax deductions because they fall outside certain categories. Without the tax credits it will be difficult to get an education you want. There will be a lot of problems for the Catholic schools if the government doesn't help with some type subsidy."

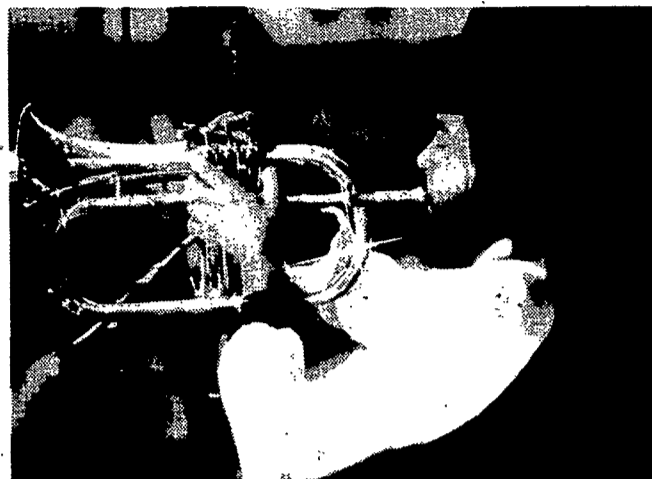


SHARON KOOMEN
Senior
Bishop Kearney

"Money is needed to keep Catholic education going, and the tax credits would help. It is unfair for parents to pay taxes plus tuition for their education choice. People will eventually stop going to Catholic schools because of the expense."



Rochester's own Chuck Mangione as pictured on an album cover, and Aquinas' own marching band when they performed at a Fall football game.



Aquinas Band Scores With Music Celebrity

In February, the Aquinas Marching Band, under the direction of David Martin, participated in Saranac Lake's annual Winter Carnival, and for the second year in a row, took top honors as best marching unit. Included in their musical selections were "El Gato Triste" by Chuck Mangione, "Troika" and "St. Louis Blues March."

After basking in the glow of success, the band returned to school and a normal routine only to be surprised with a telegram that read — "Dear Mr. Martin: What a pleasure it was to see the item in the Courier-Journal about the Aquinas Institute 'Little Irish Band' competing once again at Saranac Lake. My good wishes to you and your band."

It always makes me feel good to know that my music ('El Gato Triste') is being played by others." It was signed, Chuck Mangione.

A Success In Candy

On Friday, March 26, the More and More Awards were presented for efforts in the 1982 St. Agnes candy drive. The student and teacher salespeople sold \$30,000 worth of candy.

The sophomores were top sellers, making 202 percent of their quota. The juniors were a close second with 178 percent of their quota. Seniors and freshmen were next in line with their sales going over quotas.

Top salespeople were Tammy Zaso, Cheryl DiLiberto and Lisa Audino. Homeroom 205 had the highest sales and the senior class received an award for the best song.

According to school sources, there was a 100 percent participation in the drive with 99 students making double quotas, 40 students selling over \$150, and every homeroom going over its quota.

Bowlers Roll Strong

The Bowling Sectional championships were played, on March 20 at North Park Lanes. The Aquinas team, led by junior, Scott Kruppenbacher and senior Bill Bagnie, finished in fourth place out of a field of 12 teams.

Kruppenbacher's sectional average was 185 and Bagnie's 179. Strong performances were also recorded by juniors Mark Kreuzer and Ralph Perrotta, and sophomore Scott Gerken.

BK Math Enthusiast Puts Computers to Work

By Joan M. Smith

According to articles and surveys there is a general consensus that males are more interested in and do better at mathematics than females. Don't tell this to Lucy Hung, a senior at Bishop Kearney High School. Although she agreed that according to what she has read the preference might be true, she said, "For me it isn't. I can pick up the math and sciences quite easily and I like the way everything falls together, especially in calculus."

From her interest in math it was only a step to becoming a computer enthusiast. According to Sister Evelyn Marie Carlin, director of BK's Forensic Club, Lucy with her usual intensity when facing a challenge, used this trait to computerize the regional

forensic tournament held at BK in February.

Lucy had taken the school's TRS80 computer course and it was there that she had the idea of computerizing the tournament, the first time for such an undertaking below state competition level. For a month, she worked four to five hours a day gathering material and turning it into computer language. In the end, the printout sheets contained all the information regarding contestant registration, their categories, housing, the scoring, the final tally, right down to the six top winners. Lucy thought that the computerization not only made the event easier to operate but gave the contestants a faster and more interesting view of their participation.

Aside from her computer



LUCY HUNG

interest, Lucy is a four-year member of the Forensic Club and has won awards in dramatic and humorous interpretation. She is also a

member of the United Nations Club. She likes debating especially about world crises and social and economical problems.

"You have to know about current events," she said, and listed Newsweek and the New York Times as some of her reading material. In fact, she couldn't say enough about keeping up with current events. She recalled her college interview at Princeton where the interviewer asked her about pending federal congressional legislation and Supreme Court decisions like the one concerning women and the draft.

At the moment, Lucy hasn't decided on a college although she's interested in Harvard (where she attended

summer courses) and Stanford. Her interest is in medicine, but she said, "I couldn't centralize into one area." In her opinion, students who do, tend to become narrowminded. Her aim is to enhance her math and science interests with the humanities or social sciences.

Lucy was born in Taiwan, lived there for a year before the family moved to New Jersey, then to Avon, and then to their present home in Webster. She is on the staffs of the school newspaper and literary magazine, is school president of the National Honor Society, plays the piano and has taken ballet. Quite a bit of work for one person but, according to Lucy, she doesn't consider any of her activities work.

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