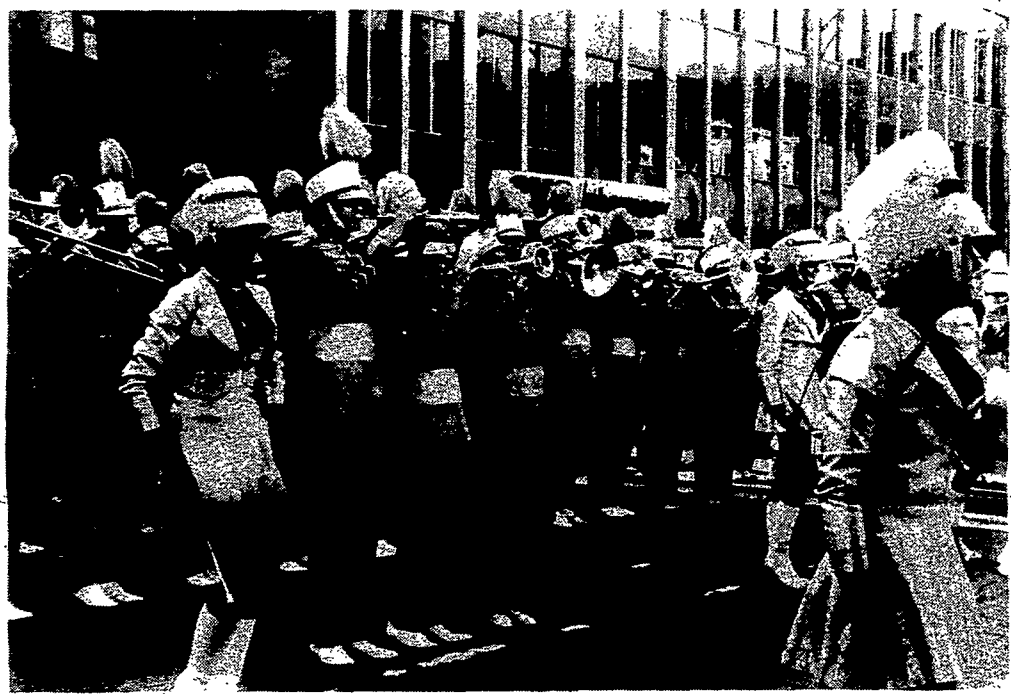


RAP AROUND

Joan M. Smith, Editor

An International Upbeat

Megan Henry, drum major for the BK Marching Kings, gives Wang Zhenrong, head of China's Department of Commerce, some pointers on leading the band. Zhenrong and representatives of the trade commissions of the Chinese government were here for the opening of Sibley's China Fair on Monday, Oct. 25. According to a letter from Sibley's to Arthur Rietman, director of the Marching Kings, last year when Sibley reps visited China they took along pictures of the BK band in previous performances. The Chinese were impressed and the first question the delegates asked when they arrived was, "Where is the band?"



RPO Concerts In December

It's time to make reservations for the December Rochester Philharmonic December Elementary Concerts, Series II, directed by Isaiah Jackson. The program will include "The Magic Flute Overture" by Mozart, "Tubby the Tuba" by Kleinsinger, and "Peter and the Wolf" by Prokofiev. Series performances, beginning at 10 a.m., will be on Wednesday, Dec. 1, Thursday, Dec. 2 and Thursday, Dec. 6.

According to RPO office information, if reservations have been made they need not be made again but if there is a major change in numbers or change from mode of transportation it is necessary to call Mrs. Horn at 342-3565, or Mrs. Beck at 454-2620.

Special Mass Scheduled At Mercy

The Alumnae Association of Our Lady of Mercy High School will gather to honor all deceased alumnae and their families at 7:30 p.m., Sunday, Nov. 7, in the motherhouse chapel, 1437 Blossom Road. Father Vincent Panepinto, former chaplain at Mercy, will celebrate the Eucharist. A wine and cheese reception will follow the Mass. Chaining the event is Sister Rita Beil, with Mrs. Arthur Murrellwright and Mrs. John Strauss assisting with refreshments.

Mercy 202 Boasts 100

The freshman class at Our Lady of Mercy High School came out on top in the school's magazine drive by reaching 119.63 percent of its sales quota. Top homeroom

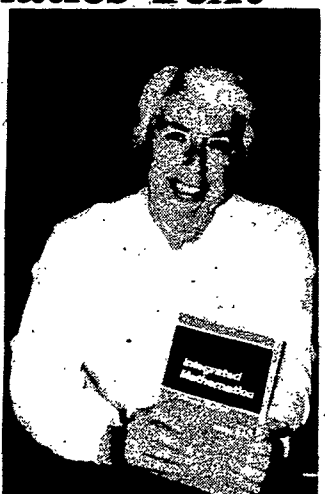
was 302 with \$82 worth of sales. Homeroom 202 had the distinction of 100 percent participation. Top salesgirl was Melanie Hanna who sold subscriptions worth \$566.

Sr. Ann Xavier Publishes New Mathematics Text

The Mathematics Department at Nazareth Academy has an author — Sister Ann Xavier Gantert. Her latest work is a textbook to accompany the New York State mathematics curriculum. Amsco Publishers released her book, "Integrated Mathematics, Course III," last month and it is intended to be the textbook for Sequential Mathematics, Course III.

Sister Ann Xavier is no stranger to the state math curriculum. She was invited to Albany in 1972 to start writing the syllabus for Course I. When Course I, the new math, was completed in 1974, Nazareth Academy was asked to pilot the course. Sister Ann has helped to write the Regents examinations for the past five years, and was not surprised when Amsco asked her to write the textbook.

Sister Ann collaborated with Edward Keenan of Swan Lake, Long Island, in writing the text, which took one year to complete. The book is unusual for Amsco since the company's usual publications are review books and not textbooks.



SR. ANN XAVIER

Sister Ann has her undergraduate degree in mathematics from Nazareth College, and her master's from the University of Notre Dame. In addition, she has ten courses in computer science. She has taught at Nazareth College, and has been associated with Nazareth Academy since 1967.

Teens Needed For Show

Auditions are being called for the Teen Production Workshop of the Rochester Association of Performing Arts' presentation of "Love

EQUAL TIME

Do you think raising the drinking age to 19 will have an impact on teenage drinking?

OUR LADY OF MERCY

MICHELE CILURZO

Senior
dramatics

"It will in a way. It will keep us out of bars but it won't keep us from obtaining beer because we can ask friends who are older to buy it for us. I don't think it's fair. Most kids have been waiting for their 18th birthday and now they've raised the age. We are legal adults at 18 and I don't think we should be kept out of bars."

JULIE PUCHER

Junior
Mercy Athletic Club

"Not for the majority. There are 14- and 15-year-olds who can get the beer they want through older friends. If they think it should have been raised at all it should have been raised to 21 or older. One year isn't that much difference."

JENNIFER MARTENS

Senior
basketball

"Not really. It is going to prevent getting into bars but we'll be able to obtain beer as easily as before. In fact it may even pose a challenge to the teenagers to get beer. I would think if they were going to raise it they should have gone to 21."

BARB MURRER

Junior
Campus Ministry

"It will stop some teenage drinkers but not the majority. It is not going to have a big impact. One year isn't going to make that much difference. Teenagers can still get alcohol. I'm not sure about raising the age to 21. But if they really were going to cut down on teenage drinking they should have raised it to 21. I think teens are paying attention to the drinking and driving aspects but not so much to the health aspects of drinking."

KELLY MATTINGLY

Junior
SGA

"I don't think so. There isn't much difference between 18 and 19. Kids can always find ways of getting alcohol. Many states are raising the age to 21 and I think New York State should also raise it to 21. Twenty-one is more of a responsible age — people have more control over what they are doing."

CATHY LODER

Junior
SGA

"No it won't because they'll still be able to obtain alcohol. It isn't fair to the 18-year-olds today. The law has always been 18 and I think it should have been left at 18. Besides it's just not those at 18 who should be blamed for accidents but the older people who are on the road and drinking."

MARIA ROSICA

Senior
ski club

"It is going to affect teenage drinking in that they'll feel they can stash more beer in the car, and they'll do as much as they can to obtain the alcohol — probably through older friends. They should have raised the age to 21."

TIFFANY PIEKUNKA

Senior
tennis

"I have mixed emotions about it. It will (have an impact) because it will keep us out of bars and keep us from buying alcohol because there will be a crack down about showing IDs. But we'll still be able to get it because we have friends who are older. At 18 you can legally get married so you should be able to legally drink. It will cause this generation to take it as a challenge to obtain the alcohol regardless."

BK Royalty Selected

Sally Hober and Nick Valente were chosen by Bishop Kearney students as Homecoming Queen and King at the annual Homecoming Dance, Saturday, Oct. 23. The crowning highlighted Homecoming Day which started with a 12:30 p.m. parade down Kings Highway, and included the Marching Kings, class floats, finalists for Homecoming King and Queen, and varsity and junior varsity cheerleaders. The junior class won the float contest which was sponsored by the Student Council.



It's Official

Elected to offices of the Nazareth Academy National Honor Society are from left to right: Lourdes Perez-Albuern, vice president; Joanne Buckley, president; Janette Dauenhauer, secretary. Absent is Vikki Hardy, treasurer. Members of the society tutor other students and aid teachers in the classroom. The society also sponsors an annual College Bowl in which juniors and seniors compete for a trophy by answering questions based on their academic training.