

RAP AROUND

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Frank and friends.

Not Your Normal Pet

Elmira — Notre Dame senior Frank Mix has unusual pets — snakes! He is the owner of two Burmese pythons. The snakes, constrictors, are eight feet long, will grow to 30 feet and are non-poisonous. They kill their prey by squeezing it to death. Their skin is dry and rough, not slimy and slippery, like many people believe. Their food preference is warm-blooded animals, like white rats and rabbits.

Frank feeds them once every six weeks, but in decreased temperatures they can go without food for two or three years. According to

Frank, they are very gentle when well-fed, but when hungry, they aren't too obliging!

Aside from the snakes, Frank has other pets. They include box turtles and a cat which he has to keep away from the snakes lest it becomes their meal.

Frank's interest in snakes is more than a hobby. They've been his interest since he caught his first rattlesnake when eight years old, and he intends pursuing herpetology, a branch of zoology dealing with reptiles and amphibians, when he goes to college.

First Time Winner

It was a first time success, helped along by members of the Student Council, for Cardinal Mooney High School. Its October magazine drive garnered \$67,000 in subscription sales. "A feat," said Brother John Walsh, CSC, the drive's coordinator and head of the Development Office, "which was outstanding for a school conducting such a drive for the first time."

According to the Cadence Publishing Company, this first-year drive is a national record and the school will be presented with a trophy. Top sales people were sophomores John Shannon and Lisa Valvano.

They're Seasoned Players

The Nazareth Academy soccer team, under the direction of head coach Charles Schiano, posted a 3-6-1 season. According to team captain, Joann Casey, the two memorable games were against the Aquinas girls team. Nazareth won both games. They also note the fact that the Nazareth soccer teams were scored upon only 24 times in 10 games.

Schiano began forming the teams, varsity and junior varsity, last spring and started practices in August. "They really came a long way," he said and prophesied, "By next year, we expect to have a winning season. All it takes is experience."

Courtroom Action At BK

"Twelve Angry People," by Reginald Rose, will be presented at 8 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, Nov. 19-20, in the Bishop Kearney High School auditorium. The play, directed by Sister Joselia, tells the story of a jury, and the conflicting beliefs that are held by the jurors.

Members of the cast are Patty Accorso, Grace Alonci, Jim Curran, Linda Cala, Tom Hamilton, Katie Keenan, Chris Knight, Christine Moriconi, Andrew Nesser, Tim Rendsland, Gene Romano, Bob Salerno and Beth Yaekkel. Directing the stage crew is Brother Reidy, and Brother James MacDonald is in charge of tickets which are \$3 and can be purchased at the door or be reserved by calling 342-4000.

Nov. 16 Is Deadline

The Fathers' Club of Bishop Kearney High School will hold a Father/Son/Daughter Communion Breakfast at 10 a.m. on Sunday, Nov. 21, at the school. Cost is \$4 per person or \$12, maximum, per family.

Reservations must be sent in by Tuesday, Nov. 16, to Bishop Kearney High School, 125 Kings Highway, So. Rochester, N.Y. 14617. Enclose your name, check, and number of people attending.



Aquinas Band performing at Stolze Field during half-time.

AQ Band Has Winning Streak

The Aquinas Band Boosters have kicked off their major fund drive of the year in an effort to raise monies to support the band as it enters the 1982-83 season of competition.

The band and color guard, under the direction of H. David Martin III, entered their first competition on Oct. 23 at East Syracuse-Minoa High School where they won their class. On Saturday, Oct.

30, the band performed for the Aquinas Homecoming game at Stolze Field, then boarded buses for Jordan Elbridge High School in Syracuse for competitions in which they captured first place. Last Sunday, Nov. 7, they performed in competition at the Carrier Dome in Syracuse and placed third out of eight corps and first in music, overall, by two points.

Upcoming on the band's

agenda is its annual winter trip to Saranac Lake, holiday presentations for elementary schools, the Christmas Concert on Dec. 19, and then back to practice for Spring competitions.

To help the band reach its goals, the Boosters Club is offering Dinner/Theater Books, a \$500 value for \$8. These books include discounts for many fine restaurants and theaters, and are available through David Martin at the school or by calling chairperson Mrs. Carolyn Phillips, 247-6333.



Push that Brush

The first major Student Council project was repainting the bleachers in Notre Dame's Brewer Stadium. It took three Saturdays for the 75 volunteer students to complete the job.

Good Year With New Officers

Nazareth Academy's freshman class recently held elections for class officers. Voted in as the leaders of the class of '86 were: Susan Angotti, president; Lynne Staropoli, vice president; Genna Veltre, secretary; Beth Pannell and Lorie Bowerman, treasurers.

Sister Rita Jongen, freshman class moderator, said, "We're pleased with the freshman class in general, but really excited about the officers the girls have chosen. They are energetic, enthusiastic and, above all, really eager to lead their class."

With their election, the officers are now a part of the leadership program at the school. They will attend a leadership workshop directed by Sister Kathleen Clary, Youth Minister, with other class officers once a month.

All officers receive regular leadership training, which provides a forum for ideas and concerns among all organizations and class leaders.

Smashing Weekend Acclaimed

Aquinas Institute's 1982 Homecoming, Oct. 29-30, was a weekend of successes. The "Little Irish" football team was victorious over McQuaid. Renee Eaglia, attended by court members Mary O'Toole, Mary Minnoti, and Mary Hanss, was crowned Homecoming Queen, and the Aquinas Marching Band, after it performed for the Saturday football fans, went onto a first place win in competitions in Syracuse.

The weekend was preceded by a Senior Hat Day and pep rally on Friday, Oct. 29, and concluded with a dance Saturday evening.

The new officers have already planned activities with the class including a food basket project for Christmas, a roller skating party and a Freshman Appreciation Day.



Genna, Lorie, Susan, Beth, and Lynne.



Rep. Barber Conable (R-NY) and Karen at the time she became Miss New York Teen World.

She's Reigning Royalty

Not only is sophomore Karen Ransco a member of the Aquinas band's new color guard, but is reigning Miss New York Teen World, 1982. She was crowned last June after competing with 51 other young ladies.

Karen qualified as a contestant in the pageant after completing an application that asked about her civil scholarship achievement, volunteer service, and her grades in school. As a contestant she then competed in judges' interviews, evening gown competition, and a

talent competition. It was her jazz interpretation of Teeny Bopper Lady that won her the talent contest.

Besides being Miss NY Teen World and a member of the marching band, she keeps active by serving on the Aquinas Student Council.

Deadline

The deadline for submitting news to the Courier-Journal is noon on Thursday preceding the following Wednesday's publication.