

RAP AROUND

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A Day to Shout Hey Look at Us Now!



Tuesday, Dec. 14 was a red letter day for the juniors at Bishop Kearney High School. Not only did they receive their class rings but a special guest, Bishop Matthew H. Clark, was on hand to help them celebrate. Concelebrating the Mass with the bishop were Fathers Charles Manning, chaplain, and David Kearns, O.Carm. The bishop during his homily thanked the juniors for letting him "share in the joy of the event," and focused his talk on the true meaning of love. "Love is not words," he said, "but a spirit placed in action for others." In photo on right the bishop chats with Becky Williams and Leslie Vadas before the ceremony and below in front row are happy juniors Cathy De Marco and Jenny Swain. In back row: Cheryl Kazanowicz, Chris Buckheit, Mary Motyka.



Photos by Joan M. Smith



Consumers Learn Fashion Economics

Nazareth Academy home economics students had a lesson in fashion consciousness when Mary Beth Higgins, fashion coordinator for McCurdy's, recently presented a seminar on "how to make the most of what you have." Using various charts, illustrations and her own expertise, Ms. Higgins showed the students of Mrs. Karen Gray's Clothing I and II classes how to determine what kind of figure they have, and how best to dress to its advantage.

"There are various shapes and skin and hair color variations that determine what style, fabric or color will work to your advantage," she told the girls. "You don't need a perfect figure; you just need to utilize your own figure to make you look your best," she said.

The home economics students have done a study of various modes of dress as background for their own clothing projects. The classes teach not only how to cut and sew from a pattern but how to

choose fabric and clothing in the most economical ways.

"We have to teach students that they are consumers and that they have a responsibility to be wise consumers," explained Mrs. Gray. "After all," she continued, "the economy of the future turns on the decisions of these students."

Dancin' For a Cause

Elmira — From 8 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 4, to 8 a.m., Sunday, Dec. 5, the Notre Dame seniors held a dance-athon. The 40 seniors who participated got people to sponsor them by the hour, and the event, sponsored by the Senior Class Council, netted \$800. Profits will go to the Southern Tier Office of Social Ministry.

Music for the dance was recorded with turntable and lighting loaned by "Pegasus," an ND rock group.

DeSales Musicians Entertain Guests

Geneva — Clients from the Newark Developmental Center for the mentally handicapped were special guests for the DeSales Regional High School Christmas concert held yesterday, Tuesday, Dec. 21. The 40-member Music Ensemble, under the direction of John Englert, performed in the gym.

Vocal arrangements included a medley of Christmas songs as well as several selections from the music of the Beatles and Christopher Cross. Sophomore Sue Mayer and senior Matt Leisenring were featured soloists, and junior Mary VandeMortal performed a duet with Andy Pacitto, a senior. Sister Janet Connorton, art teacher, performed two solo selections.

Instrumental performances

included solos by Matt Leisenring on clarinet; Penny Cortelyou, junior, on flute; Phil Lombardo, senior, on tenor saxophone; Dave Maher, senior, on piano; and Sue Mayer on trumpet. Chris Claxton, a 7th grade student at St. Stephens School, was featured on trumpet.

New Year Starts Musically

Aquinas students will start off the new year with a musical bash. The Rochester Philharmonic Orchestra, under the direction of Isaiah Jackson, will give a concert at the school at 1:20 p.m., Tuesday, Jan. 4.

SPEAKING OUT

By Jude Leblanc
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Quite a bit has been said recently about nuclear war. We can look to recent calls for a nuclear freeze, the MX "peace-keeper" missile plan, and the National Conference of Catholic Bishops. However, the issue is ever-present, whether we hear about it or not. Many people are aware of what can happen, but casually dismiss it as an impossibility. Well, the sobering fact is that death is looking us in the face. This may seem to be a grim outlook, but think about it. The U.S. and the USSR possess enough nuclear destructive capability to kill the world's population several times over. Something must be done about this.



With regards to this matter, it is important for us to acknowledge the feelings of teenagers, who are the future of this nation, and indeed, the world. A survey was conducted at Notre Dame High in Elmira concerning nuclear war. Although only 26 percent of the 432 students surveyed felt that a nuclear war was likely before the end of the century, an overwhelming 90 percent believed that it was indeed possible. Eighty-two percent of the students were scared of a nuclear war. And 97 percent thought that something should be done about the possibility of a nuclear war. These figures speak for themselves: fear, concern, and hope for an end to this threat to the world.

How can we impede this threat to mankind? The only viable option at this time is to implement a nuclear

freeze. The reasoning behind this viewpoint derives from the following facts. First, a nuclear deterrence policy, opted for by both the U.S. and the USSR, is unacceptable since it causes the nuclear arms race. Second, disarmament without a nuclear freeze does not work. It is difficult to bargain for, it does not end the production of nuclear arms, and it has not succeeded in the past. Therefore, we can see that the nuclear freeze, which would leave the U.S. and the rest of the world in a relatively good position, is truly the only logical solution. Although a nuclear freeze would not terminate the nuclear threat, it could initiate the end of the threat.

In this light, I think I speak for all teenagers when I say that we want a world safe from the threat of imminent death.

There's Something about a Clown

Twenty students at Nazareth Academy have really gotten serious about clowning around. Under the direction of Sisters Donna Marie Cucci, herself a certified clown, and Kathleen Clary, the school's youth minister, the girls participated in several clown workshops. The experts came in to teach the aspects of clowning which included balloons, make-up, props, costumes and finally choosing a name. Twinkles, Smiley, Happy and Bonjo were among some of the new names on the Nazareth roster.

The purpose behind this has to do with an outreach program developed by the Youth Ministry Board at Nazareth. "We needed something that would provide a smooth and fun-type medium through which we could meet people," explained Sister Kathleen.

"Everyone loves a clown and young people especially can relate very easily to someone who makes them laugh," added Sister Donna Marie.



Learning the know-how of clown make-up.

The Nazareth clown brigade has already visited children at one of the local hospitals to cheer up children for whom laughter is the best medicine. The girls have also visited Greece Towne Mall to spread some pre-Christmas cheer.

The Youth Ministry has planned a program of hospital and nursing home visits

throughout the year, but meanwhile, the clown brigade is perfecting techniques for a long career.

Winner

Scott Meisenzahl, a senior at McQuaid High School, was the recipient of the Winner's Circle \$5 for the week of Dec. 8.