

RAP AROUND



Grand Finale

Members of the Genesee Figure Skating Club Joanne Glaser, a sophomore at Nazareth Academy; Karen Carpenter, Mercy junior; and Charles Glaser, a third grader at St. Stanislaus, do a little slapstick on the ice during a break from their exercises. Children and adults of all ages — who know how to skate or not — are invited to the club's skating clinic from 5:30 to 7:45 p.m., Sunday, Jan. 16, at the ice arena at Rochester Institute of Technology on Jefferson Road. The clinic is free and open to the public. Skating professionals as well as members of the club will be on hand to give instructions and demonstrations. For more information, call 424-1420.

Language and Math Proficiency May Hold Key to Scholarships

St. John Fisher College has announced a \$2,000 tuition scholarship for achievement in foreign languages and a \$2,000 scholarship for excellence in mathematics.

The math scholarship award will be based on a competitive examination to be held 9 a.m. to noon, Saturday, March 5, room 141, Fisher Science Building. The examination is open to students of the greater Rochester area with good math skills who have a composite score of at least 1000 on the SAT and will be entering college freshmen in Sept. 1983.

The award, \$500 a year renewable over four years, recognizes and promotes achievement in mathematics. The award is not limited to applicants planning to major in math. The stipulations attached to the award are completion of one advanced mathematics course during the first year and maintenance of a minimum 3.00 average for award renewal.

Students interested in applying for the scholarship

Vocation Evening Planned

The Sisters of Mercy Vocation Team invites women interested in exploring the vowed life to an evening presentation followed by prayer, 7:30-9:30 p.m., Wednesday, Jan. 12, at Melita House, 124 Evergreen St. The event is part of the Mercy Sisters' monthly Faith Sharing Program. Interested women may contact Sister Sheila Stevenson, Mercy Vocation director, 605 Edgewood Ave., 244-2175.

The next evening event is scheduled for Feb. 8 at the Motherhouse.

should contact their guidance counselors or their mathematics teachers who may register them for the examination. The recipient of the award will be announced by March 19.

Foreign Languages

Students of the greater Rochester area are encouraged to apply for this award if they have achieved a sound proficiency in French, German, Italian, Latin or Spanish, have a composite score of at least 1000 on the SAT, and will be entering freshmen in Sept. 1983. Interested students should see their guidance counselors or foreign language teachers to seek their school's nomination.

The award, \$500 a year

renewable over four years, is open to students of any major. The award stipulates completion of one advanced course in the foreign language during the first year and maintenance of a minimum 3.00 average for award renewal.

Application forms, available through the Admissions Office of the College, are due Feb. 28. Finalists will be interviewed Saturday, March 12, to determine their level of language proficiency. The recipient of the award will be announced March 19, at Foreign Language Day.

For further information concerning the math or foreign language scholarship contact Jay S. Valentine, ext. 212, 586-4140, or Judith L. Reynolds, ext. 234.

Teens Are the Same Throughout Americas

By Joan M. Smith

In Brazil you can go to the beach all year long. Chile has one of the largest copper mines in the world. These tidbits of information about America's neighbors to the South came from two South American students visiting the U.S. and attending Nazareth Academy.

Manoela Cabral from Espirito Santo, Brazil, and Monica Poblete from Rancagua, Chile, recently talked with RapAround and delighted in discussing their respective countries.

"Chile has the best wine in the world," boasted Monica who is an exchange student staying with Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hinkelman, whose daughter, Laura, a Nazareth senior, is herself an exchange student in West Germany.

Manoela, using her vacation (it's summertime in Brazil) to attend Nazareth, came to the U.S. because she has a brother attending Churchville-Chili High School. She is the guest of Mrs. Jeanne Feller. Manoela raved about the friendliness of the Brazilian people which caused Monica to add that the same went for Chileans. This resulted in their agreeing all South Americans are friendly.

And the girls seem to prove it. Although from opposite sides of the South American continent, and only here a few months, they have developed a rapport with each other and have adapted to the U.S.

Was there anything in particular that made them nervous about coming to the U.S.? Yes, they answered. The image they had of the American teenager as too liberal and involved in lots of drugs and sex. They are happy to report that they discovered this wasn't true. In fact, they agreed, American teenagers are more conservative than their South American counterparts.



Monica and Manoela, homesick but enjoying their adventure in the U.S.

But conservative or liberal, the American teenager's school setting is different. Like the two Mercy exchange students (Courier-Journal, Dec. 15) from West Germany and the Dominican Republic, Monica and Manoela can't choose elective subjects. All regular subjects are selected for them.

In Brazil the school day is from 7:30 a.m. to noon. Then in the afternoon students have the opportunity of taking what Manoela called "professional courses." These subjects and activities are career-oriented like languages needed to become an interpreter, drafting for an engineering career, ballet classes, etc. There is gym twice a week.

In both Chile and Brazil, students do not change rooms but remain with the same groups of students in the same room for all classes. The girls maintain that, perhaps this is the reason for the deeper friendships found in South America than in the U.S. Friendships, they said, continue after school hours

when friends gather in each other's homes where they are well known by the parents, to study, watch TV and share meals.

While here in the U.S. food has posed a problem, chuckled the girls, as they mimed gaining weight. They find American food completely different and "very rich," laughed Monica who said her favorite food here was pizza. Manoela said hers was ice cream and then referring to her Portuguese and Italian heritage said, "My grandmother really knows how to make pizza!"

Both girls agreed that the mixture of the social classes here in the U.S. was a plus. In both their countries, where there is no middle class to speak of, class distinction between rich and poor is sharp.

Although it is their first trip to the U.S., the girls have traveled within South America. Monica has visited Brazil, Argentina, Peru and Columbia. Manoela has been to Argentina and Uruguay.

Volleyball Season Reported

The Mercy volleyball team finished their season with a record of 8-4 and a 5-3 league record which earned them a berth in the Section 5 volleyball tournament. However, the team lost to Fairport on Dec. 29 in round one of the sectional play.

Mercy will graduate seven seniors this year: Beth Hannon, Mary Beth Hirsch, Amy Keenan, Annie Risch, Sara Risch, Margaret White, and Barbara Wilmot.

Juniors returning next season are: Joanne Carges,

Eileen Dolan, and Chrissy Glavin. Sophomores are: Sabra Ebersole, Kelly Lane, Aileen O'Leary, Anne Peacock, and Terri Treis. Freshmen are: Katie Fitzsimmons, and Colleen Sheehy. Coach is Karen Johnston and the manager, Debbie Troidle.



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 Aquinas during a concert. The person circled should bring the clipping to Joan M. Smith, Courier-Journal, 114 South Union St., by noon, Tuesday, Jan. 18, to receive \$5.

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