

RAP AROUND

EQUAL TIME

Is racial discrimination still a problem?

OUR LADY OF MERCY

KATHY QUINN
Senior
yearbook staff



"I don't think there is but I haven't really encountered many people of different races in my daily life. If there is, there's not as much as before, although mixed marriages aren't accepted and there isn't as much interaction between the races. I don't think forced busing is the answer but having mixed races participate in extracurricular activities would counteract against discrimination."

ANNE HOULE
Sophomore
Junior Achievement officer



"I think there still is a lot of prejudice against minorities but it will improve because there are so many coming into the U.S. The problem is solved because of the school student exchange programs, and because of this exposure to different cultures, people will begin to accept others."

CAROL CALCAGNI
Freshman
ski club



"Yes, but not as much as before. We have this problem because people aren't willing to accept people who are different from themselves. It helps when kids while in school mix with different racial groups so they become acquainted with cultures different from their own."

KAREN SHANE
Junior
soccer



"Yes, but not as much, although you still see cultural cliques. Discrimination can also be on the minority's part. Exposure to different cultures helps people to accept other cultures."

KELLY GLAVIN
Sophomore
Student Government secretary



"Yes I do, but there's not as much. We don't see so much of it in the schools but we've been talking about the fact you don't see so many blacks on TV and when you do they're on the comedies. People are still offended when minorities move in; they say 'what is our neighborhood coming to?' Desegregation of schools is an answer. I don't see any prejudice in the schools. It seems to be the older generation that has the problem."

COLLEEN McELROY
Senior
math club



"Yes, but it's better. I think most of the discrimination is in the job field because of the problem with hiring quotas. The solution to the problem is teaching kids to accept others. The younger they learn this the better. Mixing with different cultures, the kids begin to know them and then they begin to accept them."

PAULA RILEY
Freshman
class vice president



"Yes I think there is still one, but it's much better right now and that's because of the intermixing of cultures in the schools, churches and cities. I think a lot more minorities are immigrating into the country and we should learn to accept them and intermix with them instead of judging them."

JEAN YURGEALITIS
Junior
soccer



"Yes there is. I just don't think people accept minorities as being real people. I think people should think about it and if each individual began accepting them, everyone will accept. But there are always going to be people who are prejudiced."



Keeping the Food Coming

The school image is of books, schedules, students and teachers. Few think of the people in the background who work to keep the schools running smoothly like the office personnel, parents associations, booster clubs, and those working in, where if the students were asked, would say the most vital spot in any school, the cafeteria. Two such people are Midge Adam and Bobbie White who serve in the cafeteria at Our Lady of Mercy.

Retreats On School Agenda

Senior girls from Cardinal Mooney High School attended a retreat, directed by Father Christopher Linsler, former Mooney faculty member, at the Mercy Retreat House, Wednesday, Jan. 19. Participants described the staff at the Retreat House as "outgoing" and said the setting was "tremendously conducive to making a good retreat."

Mrs. Piedici, a Mooney math teacher, guided the first group of students. Her topic, "On Being a Christian Woman," addressed roles assumed by Christian women — wife, mother, religious, and career person. The retreat format was developed by senior class officers who selected topics and liturgy readings.

Sister Virginia Wilson, RSM, will conduct the remaining retreats.

Artists and Audience Benefit from Program

On Friday, Jan. 14, Aquinas Institute hosted a performance of "Reach Out and Touch" by the School of the Performing Arts at Monroe High School. Their Aquinas appearance marked a tribute to Dr. Martin Luther King.

Under the direction of Ken Sarkis, drama coach, Mary Taylor, music coach, and Robert Litwiller, art director, 44 junior high students have created a highly sensitive hunger awareness program through the use of dramatic readings, song, mime and audio visuals.

Although Friday was a school holiday for the Performing Arts students, as troupe member Heather Schloss put it, "We have very strong feelings about world hunger and what we are doing. Otherwise we wouldn't

be here. Today is special for us."

Yvonne Enders said, "Performing can be very hard if your audience is not tuned into what you are doing," but she also stated that their initial performance for peers at Monroe High a year ago was well received. Kris Schultz and Lisa Wesche agreed.

"We have had good audience reaction wherever we have performed so far," they said.

The troupe performs by invitation and has appeared at Midtown Plaza, Mercy High School and other area schools and churches.

These young people are very proud of the fact that they have adopted two children through the World Vision program. Monies

raised at each performance go toward the support of these youngsters. At a time when youth has received a lot of bad publicity, the troupe's enthusiasm and concern for others is both encouraging and refreshing — and, according to school sources, inspired a very generous contribution from the Aquinas student body.

Father Joseph Moffatt, Aquinas principal, termed the performance "superb," while sophomore Sue Dorr summed up the feelings of the students. "By the end of the program," she said, "you realized the tremendous need and felt you should do something about it."

Hosts Needed For Irish Visitors

The Irish Children's Program will hold a meeting at 7:30 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 10, in the Penfield United Methodist Church, 1795 Baird Road, for people interested in hosting a child from Belfast, Northern Ireland, for six weeks this summer. The meeting will feature a slide presentation and committee members will be available to answer any questions. Application forms will be given at this time.

The program, non-profit and ecumenical, brought 20 boys and girls, ages 9-12, to Monroe County last June and hopes to bring 30 children

here this summer. The children will be given the opportunity to intermingle with others of various religious, political and ethnic backgrounds in the hope of seeing how those of various backgrounds live peacefully with one another.

The families that host these children need only provide love, room and board for six weeks. The program provides for transportation to and from Rochester and insurance.

For further information call 223-8699, 377-5921, or 227-5761.

Classes Being Registered

St. Charles Borromeo School, 64 Maiden Lane, Greece, will hold registration for September 1983 during Catholic Schools Week, Feb. 6-11. Pre-schoolers and pupils through grade eight can register between 9 a.m. and 3:30 p.m., Monday through Friday in the school office, and 7-9 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 8. Special activities scheduled

for the week include: Science Fair, Monday, Feb. 7; Mass at 9:30 a.m., a Sharing Supper, followed by a talent show at 6 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 8; Mass for junior high students with band performing, Wednesday, Feb. 9; Junior High Careers Day and "Kids on the Block" puppet show, Thursday, Feb. 10.

Latin Coming Back?

In a recent education supplement of the New York Times, an article told of an unusual switch in education curricula. The article reported that Latin is alive and well — and in grammar school!

According to the report, a federally financed program was designed by the classic department at Brooklyn College to introduce Latin into the elementary schools in New York City. The program, begun in 1981 with fifth and sixth graders, aims at improving English vocabulary and reading skills of the young students.

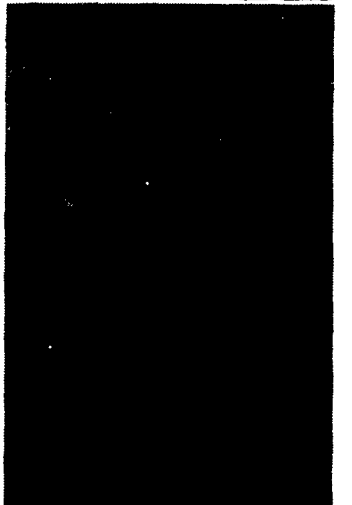
The article also stated that Latin is regaining its popularity in high schools. It stated that, nationwide, Latin study in secondary schools has

been in decline since the mid-1930s. In 1934, when Latin enrollment in the U.S. was at its peak, 899,300 public high school students were studying it. By 1976 the figure had declined 151,000.

A Visit To Siam

"The King and I," under the direction of Andrew Boone, will be Nazareth Academy's Spring production. Performances are scheduled for March 24-26.

Try-outs for the musical were held the first week in January and a call went out for people to work on sets, make-up, props, and costumes.



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