

RAP AROUND

Joan M. Smith, Editor



First Place Cheers

Bishop Kearney junior varsity cheerleaders pose with their trophy from taking first place in the Greece Invitational, Saturday, Jan. 15. Members of the squad are, in front row, Sharon Wolskij, Jean Guadagnino, Jeannie Schaefer, and Paula Giordano; in back row are Sue Naylor, Karen Ford, Mary Laffey, Shelle Lumpkin and Laurie Lupo, team captains, and Mariella Kacannizzo. Their coach is Anne Walker.

Benedicte Finds Americans 'Puritan'

Belgium is situated between Holland, France, Germany, and Luxemburg. It has three principal languages, two of which, Flemish and French, Benedicte Chaidron speaks. The other is German.

Benedicte, who is from Brussels, is here in the U.S. attending Bishop Kearney High School through the auspices of the EF Exchange Student Program. She is the houseguest of Mr. and Mrs. Larry Boudens whose daughter Christine is a sophomore at BK. Benedicte has been in the U.S. since September and will return home in June. And there is one aspect of American life she would like to take with her — the use of schools for extra-curricular activities.

The schools in Belgium, she explained, are not available for after-school student clubs or activities. "If you want to play sports," she said, "you have to go to a club."

And since being in the U.S. she has been playing more



B. CHAIDRON

sports, goes to a health club, and takes aerobic dancing. At BK she is a member of the Library Club. "I like books," she said, and I enjoy working in the library." She will also be active on the Coronet newspaper staff this semester.

RapAround asked Benedicte what has changed for her since coming to the U.S. Chicken was one turn-

about. Seems she won't eat it in Belgium but thoroughly enjoys a special chicken a dish prepared by Mrs. Boudens. Another change has been her previous image of Americans. She, along with her countrymen, she said, have this idea of Americans as extremely liberal people. "While in fact," she said, "many are very puritan."

What has been difficult for her to understand while here is the boy/girl relationship. You just can't be friends and do things together, she observed, without having it on a boy/girlfriend basis. Back home, she explained, she had many friends who were boys and the friendships were not based on going steady or dating.

Benedicte graduated from high school last year in Belgium. When she returns home she will enroll in the university to pursue a career in journalism. Her interest in the field comes naturally because her father is a TV director in Brussels.

It's Time to Think Green

The Irish community of the greater Rochester area is gearing up for St. Patrick's Day and entry requirements for the 1983 "Colleen of the Shamrocks" selection have been sent to 56 area high schools. To enter, girls must be juniors or seniors maintaining a B/C average in any area high school. They must also be of Irish heritage. To be considered an entrant, girls must submit an essay of 800 words or more entitled, "Why I'm Proud of My Irish Heritage;" one page (or at least 250 words), explaining "Why I Would Like to be the 1983 Colleen of the Shamrocks," and a brief outline of extracurricular activities, including future plans, education, etc.

Entries must be submitted no later than Wednesday, Feb. 9, to: Mrs. Eileen

Culhane, 56 Village Walk, Spencerport, N.Y. 14559.

Selection of the Colleen will be at the third annual Shamrock Ball on Saturday, Feb. 19, at Blessed Sacrament school hall (Oxford, Monroe area). The Rutherford Irish Family Band will provide the entertainment.

The awards for the winning selections will be \$500 for the Colleen, \$100 each for the next two runners-up, and \$50 each for the third and fourth runners-up. All will be payable in savings bonds.

The Colleen and her court will be expected to participate in the sixth annual St. Patrick's Day Parade, Friday, March 11, in downtown Rochester. She will also be an honored guest at the United

Irish Societies Gala Event on Thursday, March 17, at the Mapledale Party House.

Mercy Chalks Up Win

Our Lady of Mercy varsity basketball team beat Cardinal Mooney, 47-27, Saturday, Jan. 22, at Mooney. According to Shirley Hess, Mercy coach, Mercy's strength was in the total team effort. All the Mercy players saw action, with Kelly Lane scoring 21 points.

Next Mercy goes against — Aquinas at 4 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 3, at Aquinas; Edison at 3:30 p.m., Monday, Feb. 7, at Edison; Harley-Allendale-Columbia at 4 p.m., Wednesday, Feb. 9, at Mercy.

EQUAL TIME

Is marrying the right person all it takes to have a happy marriage?

BISHOP KEARNEY

PATTY O'LEARY
Junior
color guard



"Yes, if the right person is someone you love and are compatible with. I guess you have to see them for a long time and do different things with them, and even maybe stop seeing that person and see others to see if that person is the one you love."

JIM CURRAN
Sophomore
band



"No, it's not. The two people also have to have respect for each other and unselfish love. Marriage break-ups come when the person wasn't really in love with the other person but was only looking at the relationship in the physical aspect."

MIKE FUSILLI
Freshman
wrestling



"Yes, but you just can't know them — you have to respect them and you can't go by the material things they may have. You should know the person well before marrying and long engagements help in getting to know if the person is the right one."

GEORGE BRUMFIELD
Senior
class rep



"Yes, because if the two people love and know each other well enough they won't let each other go because of problems. They'll work them out because they love one another."

BETH BUDDENDECK
Senior
basketball



"Yes, because if you love someone you can go through all your problems together and not break up. Long engagements can help people know if they are marrying the right person, and also a lot of communication before marriage."

LINDA MERKEL
Sophomore
basketball



"Yes, because if two people really know and love each other everything else in their lives will work out. A lot of divorces are because the people thought they were marrying the right person. I think talking with the person and not holding back what you want to say before marriage helps you to see if that person is right for you."

MARK EGELING
Junior
football



"It is if both people love each other a lot and have a gradual relationship before they get married so they know each other's personality."

ELIZABETH GAU
Freshman
volleyball



"I think you need to marry someone you love and are compatible with. But you also have to have financial stability or it causes trouble."

'Learn New Technology,' Advises Professional

Nazareth Academy business students were treated to a look at the future recently as Eastman Kodak engineer Francis Soucy spoke to them about business technology. "What students don't realize is how rapidly business technology is moving into computer and other automated devices," he said. "Business students should be prepared to learn new technology on a regular basis even and especially after they enter the working force."

Soucy brought displays of business machines currently being developed by Eastman Kodak, and explored with the girls the types of training and experience they will need to get jobs using these machines.

"It's not that computers are doing away with jobs," he explained. "What we're seeing is that computers are creating entirely new kinds of jobs."

Part of student training in Nazareth's business program is working on business



Soucy demonstrates one of the business machines from Eastman Kodak.

computers. According to school sources, Nazareth Academy piloted the business computer curriculum for the New York State Education

Department last year. This year, the enrollment in that course has doubled, and the school has had to double its computer capability.

Action At Aquinas

The Aquinas Band will be off to Saranac Lake Feb. 11 for competition ... a school movie night, featuring Clint Eastwood in "Fire Fox," will

be Friday, Feb. 25 ... and a Donkey Basketball game will be held at 7:30 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 26.

By James J. NC Ne

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