

# RAPAROUND



Photo by Terrance J. Brennan

## McQuaid Welcomes Mercians

It was Student Exchange Day at McQuaid on Tuesday, Feb. 2, and visitors were students from Our Lady of Mercy High School. In top photo sophomores Pete McDermott and Karen Anderson and juniors John Smith, Vicky Pautz, Ellen Ciuffo, and John Cardinali assess the McQuaid display case. Sharing lunch are, seated from left, senior Jim Coughlin and sophomores Lisa Casciano and Jim Gonzales. Behind them are Maria Quatro and juniors Rich Piccarreto and Mary Jo Kennelly.



## BK Graduates Continue Tradition of Involvement

"The best part of the job," 19-year-old Michael Perrotta, president of Monroe Community College's Student Association, told Barbara Hurysz, "is having an active voice that can be influential." Perrotta, who is a 1981 graduate of Bishop-Kearney High School, was elected president of MCC's Student Association in September.



MIKE PERROTTA

According to what Perrotta told Ms. Hurysz, public relations at BK, this type of leadership role is nothing new for him. He was president of the Student Council his senior year at BK and he credits that experience with his ability to work constructively with many different groups of people in an effort to meet common goals.

projects, and acts as a liaison between students and administration. He meets once a month with the Board of Trustees of MCC to voice student concerns and ideas and to inform the board of new student projects.

One student program which Perrotta is proud of is an aluminum can recycling project. The revenue received from this project will go to MCC clubs and organizations in need of funds. Perrotta also organized former South Dakota Senator George McGovern's visit to the college last Fall.

Perrotta readily acknowledges and is grateful for the help he receives from his staff which includes two former Kearney classmates: Pat DeNero, former BK Student Council treasurer, who is physical activities coordinator; and Pat Russi, who coordinated the BK Christmas Food Basket Drive in 1980, and is MCC Student Services coordinator. Another Kearney '81 graduate, Janet Soprano, is MCC's Nursing Association president this year.

Perrotta's term of office ends in May and, as yet, he is undecided about running for a second term. However, according to Ms. Hurysz, there is no doubt about his enthusiasm for the job. Although demanding and at times frustrating, he finds the challenge well worth the effort.

## Montemalle to Study At GM Institute

Mary Ann Montemalle, a senior at Bishop Kearney High School, has been accepted at the General Motors Institute in Flint, Mich., for a five-year study program in industrial engineering. She is being sponsored by Harrison Radiators in Lockport in the co-op GMI program which operates alternating 12-week periods of study and work.



MISS MONTEMALE

Mary Ann, aside from being a math and political science enthusiast, is a flutist with the BK Marching Kings Band and works at Star Markets. She sees no problem in becoming an engineer.

"The field is pretty much open," she said, "with a lot of opportunities for advancement, and I don't think there are any obstacles in my way."

60 percent, but said the interest is growing among women.

There were three steps Mary Ann had to pursue in applying to GMI. The first was a review of her application by GMI; secondly, selection and interview with a sponsor; and thirdly, the appointment by a sponsor.

According to Mary Ann, the ratio of females to males interested in engineering is women, 40 percent, and men.

## A Streak of Wins

Our Lady of Mercy's basketball team, under the coaching of Shirley Hess, has an impressive record. On Jan. 17 the team defeated Notre Dame 51-26. On Jan. 20 they beat Bishop Kearney, 50-46, and on Jan. 22 the team won against Cardinal Mooney, 47-27.

Jan. 27 with Eileen Dolan scoring 19 points, and Kelly Lane and Theresa Franklin scoring 14 and 10 points respectively.

Then the team went on to beat Aquinas, 66-6, with Linda Haas scoring 16 points.

According to Coach Hess, Mercy's strength lies in total team effort.

## Stress Is Targeted

"Stress Among Teachers and Students" was the topic of a Cardinal Mooney faculty in-service day, Monday, Jan. 31, which was coordinated by Sister Barbara Weyand, RSM, assistant principal. The causes of stress in the classroom were discussed and the ways to ease various degrees of stress were explored.

Services, who directed the program. "But sometimes," he continued, "in helping professions such as teaching, it can reach high proportions. Teachers and students alike must be aware of its consequences for good emotional health."

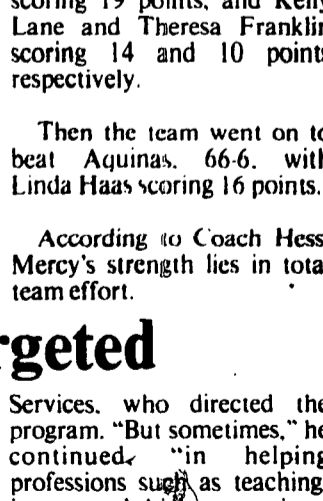
"Stress is a fact of life," said Gerald Pashby from the DePaul Mental Health

DePaul staff members Mary Kearney, Christine James and Michael Knope were also on hand for the day's program.

## Science Win Announced

Mark Mancuso, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Mancuso, was recently named winner of the annual Bausch & Lomb Science Award at Aquinas Institute. The award, a bronze medal, is presented each year to winners at more than 8,600 participating schools throughout the U.S. and Canada.

As an award winner, Mark is eligible to compete for one of several (two-year Bausch & Lomb Science Scholarships at the University of Rochester). Scholarship winners are selected on merit, and the stipends, based on need, could range up to \$2,500 a year. According to school sources, surveys indicate that the award has encouraged more than 30 percent of the winners to follow scientific careers.



MARK MANCUSO

## SPEAKING OUT

By Lynn Fitzgerald Cardinal Mooney

The new year has arrived, and the Christmas holidays are now in the past. People have put away the festive decorations, the joyous Christmas carols are only haunting melodies, and the spirit of the season has faded as well.

A few months ago there was an unmistakable feeling in the air. A sensation of intense spirit was present everywhere. Even strangers exchanged warm smiles as they passed on the street. Everyone participated in the hustle and bustle of this lively season.

However, an unfortunate change has occurred. Now that the Christmas holidays have disappeared, so has the once prevalent feeling of "good will toward men." Yuletide preparations have

long been forgotten and the Christmas cheeriness has transformed into an apathetic attitude.

The mailboxes are filled with bills, reminding us that we must pay for the many gifts that were purchased in December. The snow that we always hope will create a "white Christmas" is now viewed as a dreadful inconvenience.

It is indeed a pity to think that our Christmas spirit only lasts for such a short time. It is as if we feel obligated to wear a "mask of happiness" during the holidays.

Perhaps the period of time that follows Christmas is a bit depressing. We go to such extremes to prepare for this holiday, and, with the blink of an eye, it is gone. However, this is no reason to dwell on what we have lost. It is better to concentrate on what we have gained instead.

During the Yuletide

season we often count our blessings. Yet our thoughts of gratitude should not be limited to Christmas time. We should be thankful for all we have throughout the year.

There are so many people who are less fortunate than we are. We are lucky enough to have clothes to wear, food to eat, and warm homes to rest in. Furthermore, we have our families and friends who love us.

Our loved ones accept us as we are, and, in turn, we should give them the same consideration. We should try to smile a little bit more, to lend a helping hand, and to retain our "Christmas spirit." As we love one another, we love Jesus as well.

The celebration of Christmas is to rejoice in the miraculous birth of Jesus, our Savior. We should honor our Lord all year, not only for a few days. In other words, we need a little Christmas — now.

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