

RAP AROUND

Have a Talent? Share It with Others



By Joan M. Smith

McQuaid, Magis, The American Red Cross, The Monroe County Youth Bureau, and the South Bronx in New York City all have been stepping stones for junior Dan Cardinale in his community service journey.

The school, because "it tries to give you a whole education," he said, and explained that through such programs as Magis and Che students are exposed to the human service concept. The Red Cross and other community organizations, because they have helped him grow through involvement with his fellow man. And the South Bronx because it was a proving ground for Dan's philosophy. "As a Catholic and an American," he said, "my role is to participate in society not just take from it."

When RapAround recently talked with him, Dan had just come back

from the South Bronx where he had spent time helping in the Unitas Program which takes youngsters with social problems off the streets. The program's structure, Dan said, is like a surrogate family setting. Those who work with Unitas are with the youngsters 24 hours a day, everyday, teaching them to interact with the system, to communicate, to listen and to deal with their problems.

What type of problems do the Unitas workers find themselves encountering? According to Dan some of the youngsters have seen their fathers killed or murdered, there are those from broken homes, and those who don't know how to deal with being thrust into new situations. Through the development of relationships between Unitas workers and the youngsters and group meetings, the youngsters learn to react, look at their problems and make conclusions.

A difficult situation for

Dan was the dealing with individuals who were out to disrupt things just to get attention. His way of coping with it was using recreation as a means for getting them involved. "I'd try to put them in a position where they were getting attention," he explained, "without taking the attention away from others."

Learning to cope with such situations was just one aspect of Dan's recent experience. While down in the Bronx, he said he came off of his pedestal of thinking "the white upper class down to help the poor." He said he went down to the Bronx with all the typical stereotypical ideas of what it was like — people running wild and drugs everywhere. "But it wasn't like that at all," he said. "The people were like everyone else."

Dan went to the Bronx with experience in helping youth. In his work with the Monroe County Youth Bureau he has served on the

Juvenile Justice Committee and with PINS (Persons In Need of Supervision). But his volunteering also takes him into the adult services. As a member of the Red Cross Inter High Council he is presently involved in plans for the organization's annual Carnival at the Rochester Psychiatric Center scheduled for April 27. Dan has also volunteered time and effort to the St. Joseph Hospitality House.

Dan said his commitment to community service is the result of being exposed to the concept of helping others. And it is the non-exposure, he feels, that is the reason many people are shy about contributing their efforts to community service. His advice is to "just do something," and said, "It doesn't have to be a major thing."

"Some people are good in athletics," he continued, adding that their sharing this bit of talent can be a stepping stone to helping others.

BK Announces Scholarships

Brother Brian M. Walsh, principal of Bishop Kearney High School, has announced the following incoming freshmen scholarship winners:

Shan Barley and Christopher Bellavia, St. Anne; Kimberly Cattat, St. Joseph; Jonathan Christ, Holy Trinity; Kevin Consul, St. Ambrose; Ellen Dailor, St. Joseph; Douglas Delong, St. Joseph; Maureen Dillon, Christ the King; Jeffrey Ford, St. Joseph; Marilou Halstead, Good Shepherd;

Jocelyn Harmon, Blessed Sacrament; John Kane, St. Ambrose; Janice Keeler, St. Anne; Daniel Mack, St. James; Alexander Molina, St. Jerome; John Noonan, East Rochester Junior High School; Tara Ogilia, Holy Trinity; Danielle Osburn, Holy Trinity; William Pawluczkie, Holy Trinity; Daniel J. Slayton, Christ the King; Michelle Thompson, St. Josephat; Jill Villone, St. Ambrose; Patricia Weaver, Christ the King; Dan Williams, Dake Middle School.



Stepping out of literature are (in front row) Mrs. Jeanne Grinnan as Hester Prynne and Ms. Marilee Skelly as Circe. In the back row are Mrs. Bette Geen as Madame Defarge, Ms. Marcia Habecker, commentator, and Ms. Mary-Ann Satter as Miss Havisham.

Busy Times at BK

Bishop Kearney High School's halls were filled with doctors, lawyers, business people, housewives, and teachers on Wednesday, March 2, as Kearney seniors celebrated their "83 Day." To carry out the day's theme — "What will you be in the year 2003?" — each senior came to school dressed to show the occupation or way of life he or she intended to have in 20 years.

The day is an annual event at BK and organizing this year's program were seniors Sally Hober and Dave Brescia.

Sister Justene moderated the day.

In the freshmen class, 80 boys recently saw "Ghandi" with Brother John Reidy, Afro-Asian Culture Studies teacher. Brother Reidy offered the opportunity to his classes to broaden the students' knowledge of and interest in India. Brother Reidy prepared his classes for the film through lectures and classroom discussion and led follow-up discussions in class after the film was viewed.

Brother Reidy has always had a special interest in India because of the Christian Brothers missions in the New Delhi and Calcutta areas. According to school sources, he will conduct a tour to India March 25-April 10, which will be open to the public.

Play Set

McQuaid Jesuit High School will present the musical, "Shenandoah," at 8 p.m., Thursday, Friday and Saturday, March 24-26, at Our Lady of Mercy auditorium.



MARY JO REYNDERS

Reynders, Spiwak Win Awards

Nazareth Academy juniors Mary Jo Reynders and Colleen Spiwak scored second and third respectively in the Competition Scholarship Exam sponsored by the Division of Human Studies at Alfred University. Several hundred high school juniors from throughout New York State took the competitive social studies exam.

As second place winner, Mary Jo received a \$25 and a scholarship to Alfred worth \$500 for each of her four years there. She is a cheerleader for Holy Cross parish and plans to major in psychology in college.

Colleen won \$15 and will win a \$2,000 scholarship if either of the first two winners declines the award. Colleen plans on majoring in journalism or English.

Madame Defarge Giving Awards?

Recently, Nazareth Academy's English Department held its eighth annual awards assembly. Using the theme, Famous Women in Literature, teachers dressed for the part addressed the students in character. Marilee Skelly, department chairperson, played Circe from Homer's "Odyssey."

After Ms. Skelly announced the freshman awards, Ms. Mary Ann Satter, as Dickens' Miss Havisham from "Great Expectations," announced the sophomore awards.

Juniors were treated to Mrs. Jeanne Grinnan as Hester Prynne who appeared with her "Scarlet Letter" to present their awards, and the

seniors were threatened by Mrs. Bette Geen as Madame Defarge from Dickens' "A Tale of Two Cities." She promised to include them in her "knitting" for offenses such as "misplaced modifiers, dangling participles and incomplete sentences."

According to Ms. Skelly, the annual event is meant to emphasize one literary theme each year and to reward students for their good work. "The idea of dressing and acting the part was just a natural outgrowth of all that," she said. Past themes have included literary monsters, famous pairs and famous authors. "Actually, I think we have more fun preparing for this than the students have watching it," Ms. Skelly said.

NHS Members Inducted

Thirty-six new members were inducted into the Bishop Kearney National Honor Society on Tuesday, March 8. They were: seniors Celestine Hober, Jeffrey Meteyer, Patricia Owen, Elizabeth Palermo, and David Trachtenberg. Juniors inducted were Michael Baccoli, Bryan Bailey, Lori Bianco, Christopher Borton, Mimi Dvonch, Katherine Dyga, Daniel Gasbarre, Patricia Gutacker, Lori Hanford, Adam Herdzik, Eileen Imperato, Kathy

Knapp, Mary Krowl, Scott Lawlor, Gretchen Luchsinger, Mark Maring, Michael Mendolia, Caroline Moynihan, Susan Palmer, Thomas Richter, Suzanne Rinere, Nora Shively, Irene Shurny, Steven Smith, Colleen Sullivan, Barbara Stephan, Teresa Talia, Denise Ugino, Daniel Viola, Marcia Wiegand, and Bruce Wilson.

Their nomination was based on their scholarship, service, leadership and character.



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 school office before noon of the Tuesday following our publication date, he or she will receive \$5. This week's photo was taken at Notre Dame in the library. The person circled should bring the clipping to the school office to be mailed to Joan M. Smith, Courier-Journal, 114 South-Union St., by noon, Tuesday, March 22, to receive \$5.

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