

RAP AROUND



Senior Marie LaPlaca working the text-editing machine at school.



Chris Glavin is taking a semester in computers and is working on a program to service the library resource center.

Mercy Expands Computer Curriculum

In an editor's note in "Dial," the Public Broadcasting magazine, it was reported that there are more than 50,000 computer screens in the public schools and as many or more in the private schools. It also reported microcomputer makers saying that by 1985 school children will regularly turn to as many as 650,000 computers in their classrooms.

This September, Our Lady of Mercy High School will add its number to the prophecy. Although the school has had an elective computer course

for the past three years, this Fall it will begin a three-year plan to address the need for computer literacy in the secondary school curriculum by establishing a computer literacy department. The department will deal with computer education on three levels of study, each with a different goal. The program's overall goal is to have every student at Mercy be computer-literate by the time of graduation. This month, for the first time, incoming freshmen were required to register for a ten-week

program.

The Mercy program plans to follow the model set up by the Association of Mathematics Teachers of New York State. The first part of the curriculum, which requires minimum competency of all students, will provide every student with the opportunity to interact with computers and to do simple programming and problem-solving. In the Fall of 1984 the second phase of the

Students Study The World

Bishop Kearney High School juniors and seniors, representing the Socialist Republic of Vietnam, participated in the Model United Nations program in March at Nazareth College. In preparation, they researched the role of Vietnam in the world and in the UN and submitted resolutions from their country based upon their research. The students learned parliamentary procedure, cooperation, and the value of compromise in reaching agreements.

Participants were Michael Bovard, Dave Brescia, Linda Keeler, Leslie Lee, Gretchen Luchsinger, Nancy Mickey, Michael Norton, Beth Palermo, Christopher Toombs, and Dave Trachtenburg. Donald Griffin of the BK faculty was moderator.

program will begin with competency required of all math and science students through a semester course. This phase will have students using computers as learning and resource tools and to develop more useful programming skills.

The following year Mercy will put into its curriculum other computer offerings including completion of Level III of the New York State Association of Math Teachers curriculum and topics from the Advanced Placement Computer Science course. This third phase will develop programming skills and will use more than one language, such as Basic and Pascal. Students completing this phase will be to prepare for the AP exam for college.

According to a school news release at least 15 more computers will be added to the existing five and a new lab will be established. Presently the Commodore 64 computer which has a built-in memory of 64K is being considered for the additional hardware. Expansion would take place for the next three years, adding more computers to the school and opening up a second lab.

A Total Lenten Effort at DeSales

Geneva — Recently, students at DeSales Regional High School presented the House of Concern with a \$71 check. The money was earned through twice-weekly collections of money saved by not buying junk food, or giving up a noon-time meal.

The contribution came as part of a three-fold Lenten program at the school which was coordinated by senior Margaret Toole. According to a school news release, in addition to alms-giving, students planned service projects and participated in special Masses which included visits from area priests.

Paul Bradley, a junior, headed the sub-committee

which collected money toward the House of Concern gift. Senior Robert Evangelista chaired the service sub-committee which arranged for students to sell daffodils during the American Cancer Society's annual drive. Arlene Sollenne, junior, was chairperson of the liturgy committee.

Also as part of the Lenten program, the school scheduled an unusual morning of study when all DeSales classes attended a special showing of "Gandhi," presented at the Geneva Cinema. Compositions were later prepared which discussed the Hindu leader's life of non-violence and selflessness.

Athletes Named Top Performers In Winter Sports

Dennis Sadler, athletic director at Aquinas Institute, has announced the recipients of the Winter Sports Awards. Winners are:

• **Cheerleading:** Nancy Bradshaw, most improved; Linda Gavaghan, most valuable; Terry Szembrot, most outstanding.

• **Volleyball:** Jan Doane, most improved; Mary O'Toole, most valuable; Karen Ren, most outstanding.

• **Girls Basketball:** Elise Scheck, most improved; Mary O'Toole, most valuable; Carrie McNiece, most outstanding.

• **Boys Basketball:** Joe Trabold, most improved; Chris Schiano, most valuable; John Hoover, most outstanding.

• **Swimming:** Pat Hartman, most improved; Pat Rule, most valuable; John Ritz, most outstanding.

• **Hockey:** Joe Buttons, most improved; Kevin Palcic, most valuable; Fred Brognia, most outstanding.

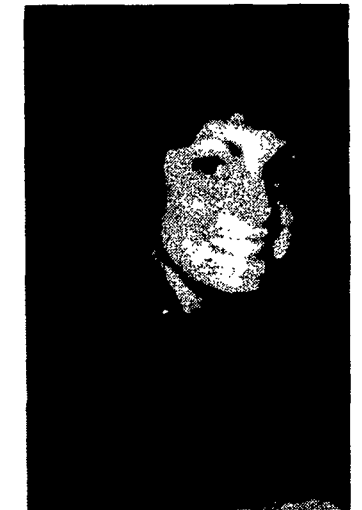
• **Winter Track:** Peter Reed, most improved; Steve Winter, most valuable; Len Fetterly, most outstanding.

BK Graduate Named Runner-Up

Donna Marie Dedee, a 1981 graduate of Bishop Kearney High School, was named first runner-up in the Miss Niagara pageant, a scholarship competition, in Niagara Falls on March 26. The contest is a preliminary to the Miss America Pageant.

For her talent portion of the program, Donna performed a musical comedy, "The Greatest Star," from the Broadway musical "Funny Girl." The talent portion counted 50 percent in the overall judging which included competition points in evening gown, bathing suit and judges' interviews.

Donna, who is a sophomore at St. John Fisher College majoring in communications/journalism, was the 1981 Monroe County Junior Miss (currently co-chairman for the program), 1981 second



DONNA DEDEE

runner-up for Miss Greater Rochester, and 1982 Miss New York State Teenworld finalist. She is a producer's assistant at WHEC-TV, works on a weekly public affairs show at WVOR radio, and is a member of the varsity tennis team at Fisher.

DeMarle Wins Award

Mary Catherine DeMarle, a junior at Cardinal Mooney High School, was a finalist for the Notre Dame Junior of the Year Award, sponsored by the Notre Dame Club of Rochester. Finalist status was based on academic performance, extracurricular activities and an ability to discuss topics that concern teenagers.

Mary Catherine ranks first in the junior class. She has chaired the annual paper drive, has performed in school musicals, and has had short stories published in the "Myriad," the school's literary magazine. She would like to pursue a college program in creative writing.



Photo by Joan M. Smith

Keeping the Schools Operable

In the background, keeping the Catholic high schools running smoothly in all phases of operation, are the parent help groups which donate their time and energies. Above, Shirley Cooper, a member of the Aquinas Parents Association Occasional Help Committee, was on hand to help with the Aquinas Alumni Drive's mailing.



Winner's Circle

Rap Around 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 Bishop Kearney during study period. The person circled should bring the clipping to Joan M. Smith, Courier-Journal, 114 South Union St., by noon, Tuesday, May 3, to receive \$5.



AQ Senior Gains Distinction

Aquinas senior Lawrence G. Denninger has been chosen as one of Ohio State University's Freshman Scholars. This distinction, which is awarded to only a few new freshmen by the university, recognizes impressive academic achievement on the student's part.

Lawrence, son of Karl and Dorothea Denninger of Rochester, is also a Regents Scholarship winner. He plans to major in engineering.