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Kearney, Brother Brian Walsh, principal, an-nounced that seniors Gretches Lactuages and Michael Mendolis are National Merit semifinalists in the 1984 Merit Scholarship competition. Both Gretchen and Michael are members of the BK High School band, the Forensics Club, the yearbook Crown and Sceptre, and the school's literary magazine, Orb, of which Michael is editor. Michael has also been involved in Kearney's spring musicals and the Video Club.

In addition to Gretchen a activities she is also a member of the newspaper staff and the international Club

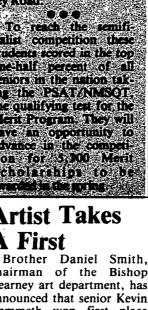
Gretchen is the daugh-ter of Paul and Anne Lucisinger of Pittsord Michael is the son of Michael and Rosemary Mendolia of Irondequoit.

Our Lady of Mercy seniors Maria Gerace of Penfield, and Suzaane May of Fairport are also semifinalists in the 1984 National Merit Scholarship Program. The girls are among 21 semifinalists from the Rochester area.

Thomas Glordano, John Kelly and Tammy Ramey are the Aquinas semifi nalists in the competition Tom, a member of St. Ambrose parish, is the son. of Mr. and Mrs. Alphone Giordano of Overbrook

John is the son of Dr. and Mrs. Thomas Kelly of Seneca Parkway and is a member of Sacred Heart parish. Tammy is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bradford Wheeler of Pixley Road.

To reach the semifi nalist competition these students scored in the top one-half percent of all seniors in the nation tale ing the PSA (/NKISC) the qualifying test for the Merit Program. They will have an opportunity to advance in the competi-tion for 5,300 Ment Scholarships to be Average to the printer.





chairman of the Bishop Kearney art department, has announced that senior Kevin Kommeth won first place (\$300 prize) in the regional competition of the nationwide art contest sponsored by the Cheeseborough-Ponds Co. Competition theme was the family and Kevin's winning entry was a pastel scene of an urban family gathered together at the end of the

Kevin's entry will now be judged in the national competition in New York City this fall involving 60 high school art students from throughout the nation. Top contest awards will be a \$1,500 prize and an allexpense paid trip to New York for the winning student and art teacher.

Kevin is the son of David Kommeth of Irondequoit.



They're Bullish on Sales

The Bishop Kearney Magazine Drive is under way. Money raised will be used toward a new guidance and career center, new gymnastics equipment, computer hardware, and to subsidize student activities and athletics. Getting psyched for the biggest drive ever are in front from left, Mark Egeling, Mark Maring; In back are Sister Jovce Whitman, moderator, Jolita Rakutis, Kathy Brown, Cathy Coffas, Amy Freitas and Mike Sciolino. Anyone interested in ordering magazines, records or tapes, or to renew current magazine subscriptions can contact the school at 342-4000.



Mercy Mag Push

Mercy sophomores Missy Piekunka and Michelle D'Ambrosia look at the prizes available to Mercians for selling subscription quotas. The school's magazine drive starts Thursday, Sept. 29 and will run through Thursday, Oct. 13. Goal is \$50,000 in subscriptions.

Has the U.S. become a nation of mediocrity where people don't strive to do better but do just enough to get by?

BISHOP KEARNEY

MICHAEL MENDOLIA Senior band

Officers See Active Year

Aquinas Student Council officers are from left, E.J. Mills,

treasurer; Steve Tomanovich, vice president; Rick

Gerbino, president; Tom Giordano, secretary. Council

events include dances, the boys annual Spaghetti Bowl the

girls first annual Powder Puff Game, and a Ham Jam '84.

"We plan to give our best efforts to make this school year a

unique and memorable one for the Aquinas student body,

"No because the American dream still exists and it is one of



said Rick.

idealism. The school systems are getting stricter. In technology we're making greater strides. We're not complacent with our advantages over other countries but are trying to gain in technology. Some people are mediocre but the

majority of Americans are trying to be the best they can become.

> **MATTHEW SMITH** Freshman

Video Club

are still in foreign

the best standards. Factories

are trying to top one another

with better products and we

competition. I think it's the

competition that makes this

nation strive to turn out the

education. Americans have

always tried to be the best in

best in athletes, cars, and

"No. I think we still are trying to achieve

are upgrading our educational system. The young are our future so we have to educate them the best way we can.'

KIM JONES

Junior

forensics

Because of the space and computer age we

MICHELLE BRUNELLE Sophomore

gymnastics

phase. There was a time we

striving for higher goals. It

was definitely the foreign

competition that changed

and technologically and

Americans have always

wanted to be the best.

things. We are in a race with

Japan and Russia, militarily

were pretty lazy but are now

"No. I think we are coming out of that

"No. I think everyone has a personal goal

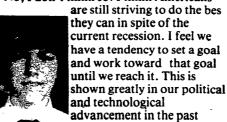


they wish to achieve. Everybody wants to be number one so people recognize them. There is so much competition in the world and we are all striving to be the best at what we do. Maybe we slacked off for a while but I think everyone was concerned that the U.S.

stay number one. Without competition there is no high goal for us to reach. Competition offers a chance to be as good as or better in everything.



"No, I don't think so. I think Americans



years. If America had become complacent we wouldn't be where we are today."

BARBARA ENOS Senior

"I don't agree with that. I think Americans are still striving for what they believe in and working hard for their dreams and goals. There might have been a time when we were like that but it didn't have much effect. We controlled it. We know that to get anything out of life we have to work hard for it. I

think foreign competition keeps us wanting to stay ahead.

BETSY OBERLIES Freshman

"No, I don't think the U.S. has become a



nation of mediocrity. I think everyone strives to do the best they can because there is so much competition in the world in jobs, sports, education. Schools are much stricter now because they want the people to get a good education to help them

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prepare for future careers so that no matter what field they go into they will be the best they can be.'

MIKE GRECO Sophomore

"Yes. I think people just do what they have to do to get by. As long as they can get by they don't want to put anymore effort into what they are doing. I don't know if we are falling behind the foreign countries because they also may becoming complacent. I think it is the competition that motivates people to be

befter than they are."

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