

Rap Around Rap Around Rap Around Rap

Joan M. Smith, editor



Stefania shows Sister Cora Marie Mitrano her home town in Sicily.

Students Link Sister Cities

Nazareth Academy students traded one student for another this year. Nazareth senior Cindy Rosso is being hosted by Caltanissetta, Sicily, Rochester's sister city, and Stefania Ippolito, a senior from Caltanissetta, has been welcomed by Nazareth. Stefania is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Angotti of Henrietta whose daughter Susan is a sophomore at Nazareth. Stefania's favorite

American food is corn on the cob which is not available in Sicily, and she is amazed that students change rooms for each class. In her school in Caltanissetta, the teachers change but the students remain in the same classroom all day. Stefania speaks English but is working to improve her language skills. She will graduate in June with the Nazareth class of '84.

Awarded

It has been announced that Aquinas junior David Boehm and senior Robert Zobel are the recipients of the Arthur Shaheen Scholarship. David is the son of Arnold Boehm of Irondequoit and Robert is the son of Mrs. Elizabeth Zobel also of Irondequoit.

Fall Means Homecoming

The 1983 Aquinas Homecoming game will be at 1 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 15 on Stolze field at the school and against Fairport. A parade will precede the game and will start at Sacred Heart Cathedral parking lot. Parents, alumni, and students are invited to decorate their cars, build floats and meet at 11:30 a.m. in the parking lot to take part in the parade. Crowning of the Homecoming Queen will be during the game.



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 Courier-Journal before noon of the Tuesday following our publication date, he or she will receive \$5. This week's photo was taken at Our Lady of Mercy during a songfest. The person circled should bring the clipping to Joan M. Smith, Courier-Journal, 114 South Union St., by noon, Tuesday, Oct. 18, to receive \$5.

Merit Honors

Cardinal Mooney National Merit Scholarship semifinalists are: Luke Ambrose, Joseph Esposito, Ann Furey, Peter Gemmill, Susan Gusherowski, Paul Lechner, James McCann, Paul Scheible.

Close Game

Our Lady of Mercy High School varsity soccer team lost a close contest to Brighton High School, 3-2, Monday, Oct. 3. Mercy outshot Brighton 25-17 with Mercians Jean Yurgealitis and Anne Peacock scoring the two goals.

On Sept. 30 the Mercy team defeated Marshall High by 6-1 with goals by Lisa Palvino (hat trick), Maureen Paonessa, Peacock, and Lisa Shoemaker.

Noted Mercians

Our Lady of Mercy seniors have received commendation status from the National Merit Scholarship Program. They are: Patricia Cahill, Katherine Cobb, Jane Coyne, Stephanie Foote, Peggy Fuller, MaryJo Kennelly, Karen Paradies, Karen Paul, Caroline Regan, Jennifer Roberts, Ellen Shields, and Joannie Sun.

Monica Rigney

CARDINAL MOONEY

Are you truly an individual? That question I hope will serve as a basis for reflection on a topic which affects all teenagers and adults at some point in their lives - the influence of peer pressure on their lifestyles.

A good definition of an individual is "a person who lives their life in accordance to their social and personal beliefs." We sometimes tend to think of an individualist as someone who is "different" - "that person doesn't fit in with us," is the thought and creed of several cliques in society who select people for their ability to follow rather than to lead.

How often do we find ourselves conforming to other people's ideas, attitudes, dress, etc.? We'd probably shock ourselves if we tried to keep track of

all of the times that we have seemingly bent over backwards trying to win someone's acceptance or approval. Let's face it - we've all done it and are probably going to do it for the rest of our lives.

However, an individualist doesn't necessarily have to be thought of as a social rebel or an outcast. We all have individual characteristics and personalities; all we have to do is break free from peer pressure conformity and be what we really are.

This "opening up" takes a considerable amount of forethought and a lion's courage. Your character emergence should come gradually and subtly. Eventually, your peers will look up to you as someone who can lead, not merely a follower.

And remember, if at

first you think your peers have written you off as a rebel or outcast, think of some individualists who have changed history - the most prominent being our Lord, Jesus Christ. He encourages us as Christians to become individualists in our faith while focusing on our goal to reach eternal salvation.

So, if you can ask yourself "Am I an individual?" and respond with a resounding "yes" then you have accomplished a feat which very few people can claim - that you are not only a follower but a leader - a true individual who likes themselves just the way they are!

Speaking Out

Tune in for Action On Chemical Crisis

According to a news release from WXXI, a forum to discuss the scope of drug and alcohol abuse among school-age youth and how to deal with it will be the focus of local town meetings at 8 p.m. on Wednesdays Nov. 2 and 9. A panel of local experts in health services, education, alcohol and drug abuse services, law enforcement, government and industry will lead the discussions following the viewing of a two-part PBS TV series, "The Chemical People". The ultimate goal of the project is to provide the impetus for forming ongoing task forces in local communities.

The first of the TV broadcasts, hosted by First

Lady Nancy Reagan, will document the prevalence of chemical abuse and will feature celebrities Bill Bixby, Bruce Weitz, Rita Moreno and Michael Landon. The program will confront the "wall of denial" which often prevents meaningful assault on the problems of chemical abuse and will emphasize the fact that no one is to blame, and school-age drug and alcohol abuse is everyone's problem.

The second program with Nancy Reagan and Willie Stargell will offer a plan for action. The program will show how parents, schools and neighbors are fighting drugs and alcohol and what a task force does. After each broadcast panel members will

be available to give information and discuss prevention, intervention and treatment for chemical abusers.

For more information contact Ida Morse, WXXI at (716) 325-7500, ext. 282.

Open House

Peace is the theme for Nazareth Academy's Open House for 6th, 7th, 8th graders, neighbors, families and friends scheduled from 2-4 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 23. The afternoon will feature an assembly, peace exhibits, a drama sponsored by the Religious Studies department in preparation for the October 22 rally for Peace in Samson.

The band, chorus and Perosian Choir will also be performing.

NDIT Visits

The National Technical Institute for the Deaf (NTID) performed at an assembly at McQuaid, Tuesday, Oct. 4. The purpose of their visit was to make hearing people aware of deafness. Their performance was a series of skits that demonstrated the obstacles deaf people confront in daily life followed by a question and answer sessions.



Scholars Score Letters

Recently McQuaid awarded academic letters and service bars to students, who during the September to June 1982-83 school year achieved 39 scholastic points for above average marks. For last years efforts members of the class of '86 who received honors were: John Dice, Frank Sibol, Paul Toth, Mark Wiltberger; from class of '85 were: Andrew Arp, Stephen Bond, John 'Buck, Stephen Carl, Vincent Coccia, Christopher

Costello, Edward Dennee, Timothy Donahue, Stephen Fitzpatrick, Anthony Gutowski, Daniel Hettrich, Andrey Kushnir, James MacDonald, Matthew McGuire, Michael Schickler, Roland Schindler, Stephen Shuler, Stephen Walker; Gregory Williams, James Zabelny.

Class of '84 winners were: Mark Bergin, Hans Blaakman, Philip Brown, Boris Calderon, Daniel

Cardinali, William Cusack, Stephen Del Vecchio, Brian Dowdell, Hesham Eassa, Michael Guerin, Gregory Hanna, Tim Hurley, Timothy Judson, Danny Mahar, K. Peter McCarthy, Kevin McCarthy, Frank McLaughlin, Peter Morgan, Joel Motsay, Kevin Neary, Robert Nemes, Edward Nicosia, Richard Piccarreto, Edward Stanek, Michael Tozzi, Richard Triassi, Stephen Welling.

Who, What Is Man

High school students will have the opportunity for an insight into human evolution through talks and demonstrations by Rochester Museum anthropology, natural science and history staff members in the seven-part series beginning at 1:30 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 23. The film "The Making of Mankind" will be shown at 1:30 and 3 p.m. in the museum auditorium and programs including a demonstration of fossil collection techniques and major trends in hominid evolution with a display of skulls and skull casts will follow.

Discovery Sunday programs are free with general

museum admission of \$1.50 for adults, \$1 for senior citizens and \$.50 for students through high school. RMSC members and preschoolers are admitted free at all times.

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