

# Rap Around Rap Around Rap Around Rap

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## Ancient Art Finds Growth in Rochester

By Joan M. Smith  
"Cascade, clump, forest, formal-upright," he said.

The he is not some master earth mover, designing vast landscapes.

It's Joseph Noga, McQuaid sophomore and member of the indoor-outdoor cross country track team, discussing the various designs inherent in his interest in bonsai.

A bonsai is a tree or shrub that is grown in a pot and has been dwarfed by pruning, pinching and wiring to produce a desired shape.

It is also the art of developing and growing such a plant.

According to Joe, bonsai began in China but it was the Japanese who perfected the art. In the U.S. it is most popular on the West Coast; and Joe and his father made a trip to California last Spring to investigate the bonsai nurseries that flourish there.

It was his father's working with bonsai that prompted Joe's interest in the hobby.

He and his father, also Joseph, attend meetings and workshops on the subject, and are members

of the Bonsai Society of Upstate New York.

Joe scours area nurseries for trees, which must be dwarfed either genetically or by environment, with interesting trunk lines. Once found, the tree will go through a number of phases of development beginning with the first cutting or drastic pruning.

Yet even before this first step is taken, the designer already has decided upon the tree's future shape.

"It's fun to see something that just looks like a bush become a creation with pleasing effects," Joe said. He further explained that it takes careful pruning, bending of limbs and wiring to achieve that pleasing effect. It also can be a delicate job at times, especially when the gardener is pinching, wiring and bending limbs on a \$100 tree.

The Noga's huge backyard has developed into a bonsai haven where the hectic work season is Spring when the trees are ready to burst forth into new growth and forms. It is then that the pruning,



Joe Noga displaying a bonsai that has been sculpted into a graceful oriental design.

wiring, and reshaping has to be done.

And there are rules to the game: limbs cannot be allowed to grow straight up or straight down, but must be cajoled into

assuming the traditional lines and proportions of classic Japanese design: the lines of cascade, slanted, or formal-upright sculpture that will make it an accepted bonsai.

## Hanna Fights Back

On Tuesday, Oct. 11 Our Lady of Mercy soccer team lost to Aquinas, 2-1, with the only Mercy score made by Bethany Parrinello.

The varsity tennis team continued its winning streak by defeating Bishop Kearney 5-0, Monday, Oct. 3.

Chise Koyama, 1st singles;

Kelly Mattingly, 3rd singles; Janet Knowles and Kris Zeman, 1st doubles; Tracey Mattingly and Meg O'Leary, 2nd doubles, all won their matches in two sets.

Liz Hanna, 2nd singles, lost in the second set tie breaker but fought back to beat her opponent 6-3 in the third set.



## We're Here!

The Nazareth Academy class of '87, 160 students strong, which likes to describe itself as "close to heaven," officially arrives at the annual balloon launch that welcomed the class to the school.



## Events Entertain Present and Future

Members of the Cardinal Mooney class of '84 will share an evening of dining and dancing with their parents, Saturday, Oct. 22. Following a 6:30 p.m. roast beef buffet, there will be music by "Vegas". Tickets are \$9.50 per person and each family is requested to bring a dessert.

At 7:30 p.m., Thurs-

day, Oct. 27 the school will welcome the parents and their daughters and sons of the class of '88. Administrators and Student Council members will be on hand to welcome the guests. A slide show will depict scenes from various phases of Cardinal Mooney life followed by a tour of the school. Refreshments will be in the cafeteria.

The week of Oct. 24 is Homecoming week. A pep rally is scheduled for Friday, Oct. 28 with the

Homecoming Dance that evening. The varsity Cardinal football team will go up against Franklin at 2 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 29 on the Mooney field.

School faculty and parents have been in rehearsal for the annual Follies. Dress rehearsal for the annual event will be Thursday, Nov. 10 with opening night scheduled for Friday, Nov. 11. A dinner theater performance is scheduled for Saturday, Nov. 12 with a 2 p.m. matinee on Sunday, Nov. 13.

## Blood Drive Scheduled

Tuesday, Oct. 24 is the date for the Aquinas annual blood drive. This year's coordinator for the event is Mike Fischer.

## By Patrick J. Guisto McQUAID

In 1982, according to the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services, Monroe County alone reported 170 rapes, 1,340 robberies, as well as over 1,600 assaults. Statistics like these don't exactly help put your mind at ease, especially if you are going to be walking on the streets at night. These statistics, however, are not meant to demean our excellent police force; rather they are to make the statement that it isn't humanly possible to be everywhere at once. But never fear the "Red Berets" are here! That is, the Rochester Chapter of the Guardian Angels.

The group commenced its practice patrols on Wednesday, Oct. 5 when Angel trainees walked through downtown Rochester. The practice

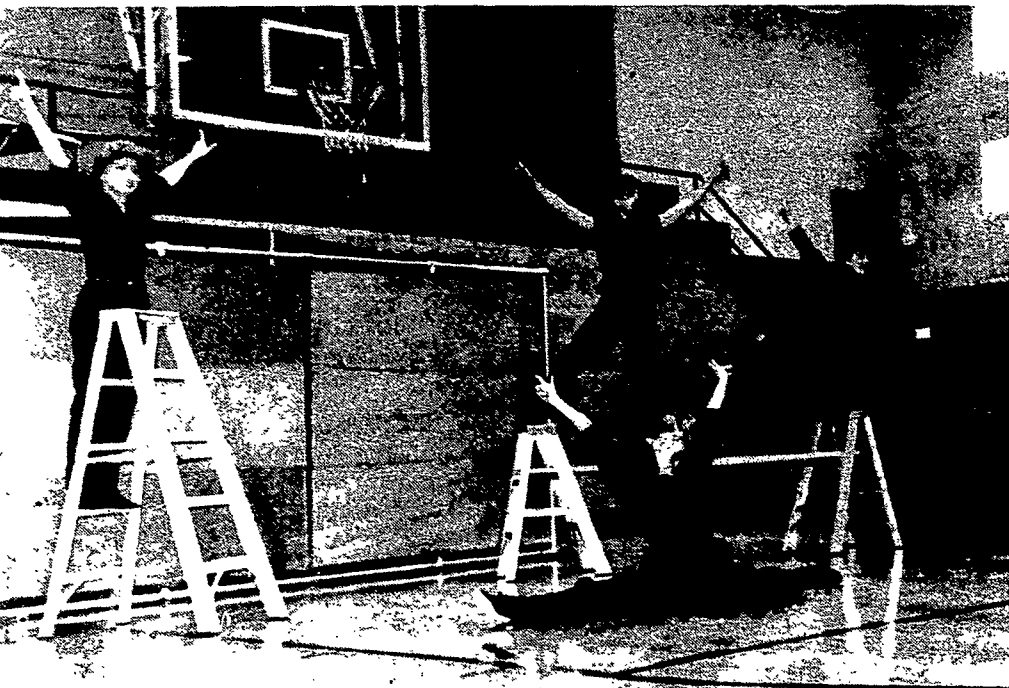
patrols have a dual importance. Not only do they give the Angels experience, but they allow the public to get acquainted with the group.

The Angels ultimate goal is to deter crime through its presence on patrols and to intercede in crimes in progress. The group is in no way a division of the police force, yet in some cities they have assisted police in obtaining information about victims and witnesses. Curtis Sliwa, founder of the Guardian Angels, was in Rochester to monitor the patrols. He is optimistic about the group and its future in Rochester. While here, Sliwa in referring to the old Archangel patrol said "It is not what it had been before, it is regimented."

The Archangels, started in January 1983, was nothing more than a copy

of the Guardian Angels, but the group was not committed to patrolling the streets and it had religious overtones. Also some of its members had criminal charges against them, therefore, many neighborhoods didn't want them patrolling in their areas.

In contrast, the training for the Guardian Angels is quite rigorous. It involves courses in disarming techniques, CPR, first aid, legalities of making a citizens arrest and tolerance of verbal abuse. The possibility of the Guardian Angels providing a genuine sense of security to the people of Rochester is the desired result.



## Silently Performing

The National Technical Institute for the Deaf recently performed for the McQuaid student body. Their performances, to make hearing people aware of deafness, demonstrate the obstacles deaf people confront in daily life.

## Winners

Karen McGrady, a junior at Our Lady of Mercy, was the recipient of the Winner's Circle \$5 for the week of Oct. 12.

Donna Catalano, a senior at Bishop Kearney, was the recipient of the Winner's Circle \$5 for the week of Oct. 5.

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