What do you think of religious cults?

BISHOP KEARNEY

ROCKY LANZAFAME

Senior soccer

'I think they are pretty bad. We have cults where it's not what the people think or say but what the cult wants them to think and say. Young people join these cults because they are new and different and they want to experience new ideas and ways of life. We can't do anything about these cults because we do live in a society where religious freedom is guaranteed."



"I think cults are harmful because they control the minds

of the young people who join them. I think young people join cults because it is an easy way out from the problems that face them. The cults give them security and instant family. When students first go to college they are lonely and scared. I'd say the family has the right to kidnap the child away from the cult."



KATHY PERROTTA Sophomore class chairperson



'Personally I don't like them because you get brainwashed. If people join them on their own they have the right to do so but if they are brainwashed to join that isn't right. Young people join cults because they are insecure and are looking for something. Also maybe they have lost faith in their own religion. think parents have a right to kidnap their child from the cult for the child's own good.'

JIM LOCIGNO Junior "West Side Story"

"I think they are generally detrimental to society when they

interfere with the normal function of society. Most of the time people join cults because they are looking for something like happiness and they think these cults will give them this happiness; but it is usually false. Also they join because it is hard for them to find a meaning they can accept in the established religions because our society is generally more liberal and free. In the



time of Jesus, His followers were considered cultists, and

SHARI KALETA Junior band

"I think they are harmful to society and I thnk they are a



farce. They do more damage than good. They damage people's minds. I think young people join cults because they don't know what they are looking for and the cults offer them security and people to talk to. Cults manipulate people and offer a false security. It's the parents instinct to save their child; and I think it's right for them to try to get their child away from the cult.'

DON KENNISON Freshman football

'I think cults are harmful to society because of their beliefs

and practices: basically the manipulation and brainwashing of people. I think people should have the right to believe what they want but there are certain beliefs that can be harmful and affect other peoples' lives. Young people join cults because they are insecure and don't have a place to belong. They become so involved in the cult they lose all sense of reality. I don't agree with cultist ideas



but cults will always be around especially as long as people are insecure. I don't believe laws should be passed against them; but I do think there should be a limit to what they can do."

Recognition, Programs, Keep BK Busy

School will offer a certified Driver Education Program to students who will be 16 years of age on or before June 25. The six-week program begins Monday, June 25 and will continue through Aug. 3. Instruction will be from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. daily at Kearney.

Enrollment will be limited to 104 students and registrations will be processed on a first-come, first-serve basis. Tuition fee is \$135 which covers car loans, gas, insurance and administration costs. Non-Kearney students registration fee will be \$10.

Those interested in the program can register at the school's business office from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., during the school week or call the office at 342-4000?

Seniors Cathy DeMarco and Patti Gutacker spearheaded the school's blood drive with

Bishop Kearney High the help of Red Cross coordinators Jöyce Ellinwood and Betsy Stearns. A total of 102 students and teachers donated 84 pints of blood.

> Senior class representative Lee Vento with the help of Brother John Costello, moderator, coordinated the annual Father/Daughter Dinner Dance, hosted by the senior girls, Monday, May 7 at the Party House.

The Marching Kings, always in demand, have a busy Spring and Summer schedule. They will be performing in the Lilac Parade, May 19; the Irondequoit Memorial Day Parade, May 28; at St. Anns Home, May 29; in the school's Spring concert, May 31; in St. Ritas Parade, June 1: Rochester Sesquicentennial Parade, June 9. Band camp is Aug. 20-24.

First On the Track

Bill Kehoe and his wife Katie will coach Nazareth Academy's first varsity track team said a school news release. The team will com-

A Night Out for Dad

Our Lady of Mercy High School's annual Father/Daughter Dinner Dance is from 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m., Friday, May 18 at the Burgundy Basin Inn. Dinner begins at 6:45 p.m. and music for dancing will be provided by the Rainbow Band.

Tickets, \$20 per couple and \$10 for singles, are on sale at the school and may be purchased through homeroom representatives.

Artistic Gala

The Nazareth Academy music and arts departments will present the annual Fine Arts Festival, 8 p.m., Thursday, May 17. The Perosian Choir, Nazareth Chorus and band will perform.

pete in 16 events, including the 1500 meter race walk

Team members are: Anne Bell, Natalie Boland, Christin Culligan, Charlecia Guiles, Gillian Hobbins, Laura Hryhrenko, Lisa Irwin, Beverly Jones, Tonya Miller, Jackie Montgomery, Tricia Ryan, Sue Salisbury, Katie Schiano, Nora Senecal, Sarah Young, and Debbie Greco.

According to Nazareth sources, Kehoe, a McQuaid graduate, holds the national title in the 50-kilometer run for his age group.

Cruising the Canal

The parents and teachers of Nazareth Academy are sponsoring an historical Barge Canal trip, 6 p.m., Saturday, May 19, from Packett's Landing in Fairport. Those taking the trip are requested to bring a picnic. Other refreshments will be available on board. Tickets are \$7. Further information is available from Mary Stevenson, 254-8845.



Recently the Marching Kings were awarded a certificate of appreciation from Monroe County for their achievements and contributions to the community. On hand to accept the acknowledgement from Joseph Morelle, Monroe County legislator (middle) were Mary Roy, band secretary: Arthur Rietman. band director; Brian Shuptar, president; Jim Curran, vice president.



Sackda Viravong is congratulated by Brother Francis Ellis, Cardinal Mooney principal, on winning the Peter Castle Scholarship. Brother John Walsh, assistant principal/director of Development looks

Virayong Receives Castle Scholarship

Cardinal Mooney High School has awarded Sackda Viravong, an eighth grade student at Frederick

Douglass Junior High School, the Peter Castle Scholarship.

Sackda 'Viravong came to Rochester from Laos three years ago with his family. In Laos, said a Cardinal Mooney news release, Sackda was taken out of school by the Communist regime to work in the fields. He was forced to live in a refugee camp in Thailand for two vears.

After arriving in the U.S., with his family, Sackda spent three years learning English and pursuing the studies he missed.

The Peter Castle Fund was established by the Castle family, Cardinal Mooney High School and friends, and is able to offer through the efforts of friends and the Cardinal Mooney alumni a scholarship which is granted to an eighth-grade student based on need, character and academic acceptance at Cardinal Mooney.

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 Nazareth Academy. The person circled should bring the clipping to Joan M. Smith, Courier-Journal, 114 South Union St., by noon, Tuesday, May 22, to receive \$5.

