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Speaking Out

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Risk: to venture upon; to take the chance; to dare.

When we get up in the morning, we have the choice to greet the day with a positive or negative attitude. From the time we toddle bleary-eyed into the shower and turn the water on cold instead of medium, to the time we stub our toes climbing back into our beds at night, we can dare to risk.

Risk what? Being as fully you as you can be! It varies in each individual. I took a risk by putting my name on this article because I dared to publicly voice my opinion and accept the outcome.

The positive side of risking might be sitting down with your parents (or sitting down, if you will) and expressing the way you perceive life to be at this point in time and asking them how they look at their lives at this juncture. (The same may apply to your siblings.) Why? Why? Why?

Simply because you love them, and in order to love them, you must first risk getting to know and love yourself.

Padded shoulders are in this year — unisex. You don't like them? So, don't wear 'em! (Who knows, you might reverse the fashion.) You cough most of the time when you light up? So quit! Who told you it was cool? Drugs? Booze? Suicide? Sex? Looking bored?

When an underclass person seeks help and looks to you, why not help? When you feel a teacher needs a little encouragement, (believe it or not, they are human) why not give that smile or deserving compliment? And just because its different (weird?) why not go

through the day completely reversing the negative in-personality, and dig down under to the smiling, wonder-filled you that might once have been, or still could be?

Once some of these steps have been taken, it's only a short hop to, "Yes, I'm jealous of you, but I'm not going to gossip about you or put you down." "I'm going to say hello and mean it." "You got the award and I didn't. OK, congratulations!" "The vice presidency went to someone I thought couldn't do the job as well as I could. Well, send the card anyway."

Love the relative everyone finds difficult to love. It's so easy to love the lovable. While I'm on a roll, don't forget the person who is stuck-up and never says "hello." It won't hurt to ask that shy guy to dance or approach a person you thought unapproachable. Oh, what a surprise when they begin to talk and tell you they were afraid to make the first move.

I could go on and on, and hopefully you will too. Dare to do what the Spirit tells you to do every waking moment of your life (when you listen).

Because family and society may have influenced and insulated us from becoming ourselves in many instances, we hesitate to reach out to our brothers and sisters of another creed or color. Fear may prevent a risk. What a loss!

This article may not convince you to take the chance or risk to be you, but if it makes you stop and think about it, then it's a beginning.

You have the rest of your life to develop the thought.

Equal Time

McQuaid Jesuit High School
What is your opinion of the Philippines situation?

Jason Lange
Junior
Spring Musical

The situation is obviously a revolutionary improvement over the technical rule of Marcos' tenure. The government takeover really can't be considered a coup. Corazon Aquino had the overwhelming backing of the people, and it was accomplished with a minimum of violence. President Aquino will no doubt have a challenge with establishing an efficient democracy. The Reagan administration, however, showed a great lack of conviction by not openly supporting Aquino.



David Schickler
Junior
Spring Musical

Denying Marcos' future continuation as president was absolutely necessary. Rotation of individuals in office is an essential element in healthy democracy. Long periods of individual power, such as Marcos', welcome stagnation and corruption in any political atmosphere. The ousting of Marcos by the people is indicative of the theory that a lack of shifting of ideas favors despotism — a clear threat to democracy.



Jeff Stone
Junior
Indoor Track

I think Marcos was very smart to get out of the Philippines when he did because he probably would have been killed if he hadn't. I also think that the United States government handled the situation very well because Corazon Aquino now has to feel in debt to the the U.S. in some way. I feel that this is because the U.S. was interested in preventing a war in the Philippines.



Joe Noga
Senior
Indoor Track

Historically, rebels have had a difficult time in creating a stable, effective government, and I see little hope for the Philippine rebels. They will either have to depend on the same corrupt officials of the Marcos administration; or install new people who have an incredible lack of experience in international affairs, public administration or economics, and she (Aquino) must constantly keep a wary eye on military leaders who often end up dictators after revolution.



Makem and Clancy Concert

The Arts Center of Nazareth College presents the Bard of Armagh and the Tipperary Troubadour, better known to their

world-wide fans as Tommy Makem and Liam Clancy, in concert Friday, March 14, at 8 p.m. In the past five years, Makem and Clancy have drawn sell-out crowds with their special brand of Irish cheer, terrific music and spontaneous rapport with the audiences at the college. Tickets are available at \$13 each at the box office, 4245 East Ave., or call (716)586-2420.

LeMoyne Alumni Reunion

A reception for Rochester-area alumni and friends of LeMoyne College will be held March 6 from 7:30-9:30 p.m. at the Oakhill Country Club, Kilburn Road, Rochester. Father Frank R. Haig, S.J., college president, will be present to greet guests. Contact Alumni Special Events at (315)445-4564.

Luncheon Fashion Show

The Aquinas Parents Association is presenting a Luncheon Fashion Show on Saturday, March 15 at 11:30 a.m. The show will be held in the Brook-Lea Country Club, 891 Pixley Rd., Rochester. Fashions will be provided by Irondequoit Bridal Fashions and Vittorio's Formal Wear. Musical entertainment by Go Sounds will also be provided. A \$10 donation is asked.

Forum on Drugs, Alcohol

Webster Area Residents Against Drug Abuse and the Knights of Columbus, Trinity Council, are co-sponsoring a panel discussion with community leaders on drugs and alcohol in the working place. The forum will be held on Wednesday, March 12, at 7:30 p.m. in the Knights of Columbus Hall, 70 Barrett Dr., Webster. Fr. Phillip Billotte, associate pastor of Holy Trinity, will be the moderator. A movie entitled, "Everything Looks So Normal: Drugs in the Workplace," will also be shown.

HOUSE OF GUITARS

We received 31 correct entries identifying **Rick Springfield** as the soap opera star to have topped ten hits, "Jessie's Girl" and "Don't talk to Strangers."



The winner was **Jeff Falzoi** of Rochester

MUSIC TRIVIA

This weeks question:

Who was the lead singer of the Stray Cats?

Name _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____
Zip Code _____
School _____

A: _____

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If yours is the winning entry, you will be mailed a coupon for a free album or tape of your choice redeemable at the House of Guitars, 645 Titus Ave.

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