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Student club plays 'Key' role in stressing cancer awareness

By Elena Cambio
 Notre Dame of Elmira High School
 The Key Club of Notre Dame High School in Elmira has been very busy this school year. Projects like Christmas caroling, and working with organizations like the Kiwanis, United Way, Red Cross, and even Elmira College's Octagon Fair, have kept the student organization active. Its most outstanding endeavor, however, was a joint venture with the American Cancer Society.

Back in the fall of '85, Mr. Ty Lambert contacted Kathleen Wall, executive director of the Chemung County Unit of the American Cancer Society, to see if the Notre Dame Key Club could do anything for the organization. What the student organization came up with was "creative, interesting and effective," according to Wall.

On February 20, the club members presented a skit depicting a parody of the Tonight Show in the year 2086. Junior Mike Ratchford played the host who, by means of a time machine, brought together high school students from 1986 and 2086. The production's emphasis concerned student indulgences in smoking, drinking, and sun-worshipping. The 21st-century teens were

astonished at the dangerous behavior of their counterparts and enlightened them as to their ignorance of the facts. Their ignorance was caused by a lack of consideration of the long-term effects of over-indulging in such activities. Besides the skit, a 60 Minutes-like segment was shown that handled the topic of potential dangers in chewing tobacco. The point was effectively illustrated with a story acted out by Sean Marcee. Once a fine-looking young man, the character played by Marcee was disfigured beyond recognition by the many operations required to treat his cancer of the mouth and neck. His doctor was convinced that the cancer was due to the young man's constant use of smokeless tobacco. The presentation was successful in relating its message, since many students admitted later that they had never thought of the possible consequences of their actions.

"There was a definite impact," said Marie Ve, a senior at Notre Dame. "It's different when your peers talk about these things. If my friends are becoming concerned, then I think it's about time I did, too."

Lambert, in trying to broaden the program's message, sent a basic description of its purpose to the Elmira Star Gazette, along

with an invitation to other schools and organizations to contact him for other possible performances. Seven area schools responded to Lambert's invitation. The program was shown to students as young as eight or nine. Students and faculty were both very receptive to the message, and Lambert even received letters of appreciation from those who witnessed the educational presentation.

According to Lambert, this year's Key Club has achieved more than any other group that he has moderated in his four years at Notre Dame.

"This has been the most active group; they've shown a lot of positive energy."

When asked if the organization had made any future plans with the American Cancer Society, Lambert commented that nothing definite had been decided. The club did raise \$107, however, selling daffodils on March 25.

Lambert and the Key Club have made Notre Dame proud and have taken some vital steps in the direction of cancer awareness among students.

As Wall said in her letter to Sister Mary Walter Hickey, RSM, principal of Notre




Dame, "By conducting a program, the students greatly helped the American Cancer Society in its public education efforts. However, they did something significant for themselves and their fellow students. I think that is what is truly praiseworthy."

Equal Time

Cardinal Mooney High School
 As a senior on the verge of graduation, what are your greatest concerns for the future?

Renee Rombaut
Track


As a senior, my greatest concerns and anxieties for the future are wrapped up in choosing the right college and in leaving home. First of all, college is what will shape me for a career and train me for a future in the business world. That means the choice of schools and programs will have a direct impact on my career goals and opportunities. Secondly, once I have chosen a school, leaving home will be another source of concern. Suddenly I will be on my own with the freedom and struggle of making my own decisions.



Tracey Roy
Band


My greatest concern for the future is that the world not be united as one in peace and love. Countries must reach out beyond their pride and call of duty to help each other. The powerful must come down and share with the powerless. We should not be separated by race, origin, sex or religion.

I am concerned as to what will come of us if this fighting, prejudice and hate continue. It must be wiped out — only then will you and I have a future.




Beth DeFilippo
Crest Staff

My greatest concern for the near future is college. Now that I've been accepted, I need to accept what my future will hold. High school was a little work and a lot of fun, but there comes a time when you have to buckle down and take responsibility for your life. I'm an adult, and this is my chance to prove it — to prove I can handle the pressures of schoolwork, friends, and anything else lying in the path of my life.



Jim Bittel
Crest Editor

I think we are all worried about whether or not we will make it in the real world. I worry about the job opportunities that will be available when I finish college. I know that the only way to excel in the job world is to apply oneself and be dedicated. I'm not worried about college, because I know I can handle it. I'm going to work hard at whatever I do, and set my mind on excellence. I don't really have great concerns or anxieties. All anyone can ask is that I do my best.



Speaking Out

Mark Simonelli
 Aquinas Institute

Recently, the problem of terrorism has become a very controversial issue. Acts of terrorism, including the TWA hijacking and the recent bombing of the airport in Rome, have caused American citizens to believe that they were engineered by mentally ill Middle Eastern groups which have nothing better to do with their time. Exactly what terrorism is depends on where and how one views the situation.

When one thinks of a terrorist, he pictures a bearded man dressed in khakis who wears a jacket full of grenades and ammunition. The United States is disgusted with the actions and secret tactics of these groups. This is what makes a terrorist a terrorist, according to the American stereotype. We hear of the attacks that have killed many innocent people. The newscasters tell of the situation in such a sympathetic manner, that they are able to influence the public to believe that these people were totally in the wrong. Believe it or not, most of these terrorist actions are in retaliation for other terrorist acts against these groups. This may lead you to ask, who can possibly be terrorizing a group of no-good terrorists? Well, the answer is very easy to understand.

In a recent speech, President Reagan stated that the "United States is to be a help to freedom fighters..." Thus the situation in Afghanistan has caused the United States to have to help those freedom fighters against the Soviets. It is not surprising that the Soviets are calling us terrorists. Marines were bombing Lebanese villages with shells as large as Volkswagens. This seems to be a terrorist attack. No wonder 260 marines were killed in the incident that occurred in Lebanon a while ago.


Once again, these terrorists are freedom fighters. In the case with the Middle Eastern terrorists, their families and friends have been killed by the Israelis. The Israelis were backed by the Americans in this situation. They were able to force these people out of their lands by using American-made weapons. These terrorist groups believe that if the Americans did not support the Israelis, they would be no threat to them. As was aforementioned, these terrorist groups view the Americans as the terrorists. The United States may not be acting sneaky by planting bombs in airports, but we are indirectly involved, as in the cases with the Afghans and Israelis. The only way these groups are able to fight back is by terrorism, since they have no jets, armies, etc.

As was stated on ABC's World News Tonight, "...one man's terrorist is another man's freedom fighter." This quote seems to have summed up the problem quite well. We are just as guilty of terrorism in this world as anyone else.

Terrorism will end when threats from all sides are removed.

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