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Speaking Out

By Stacey Hamlin
Cardinal Mooney

Recently, our school took part in Central American Awareness Week in which we all became a bit more informed on the political and human conditions existing in such areas as El Salvador and Nicaragua. We heard the stories of Alejandro Gomez, who told us about his life in a Third World country, and through these pieces of information we began to see the reality of violence in this part of the world more clearly.

We also began to see how the United States is, in some ways, contributing to the violence. The money our president so desperately sought to aid the contra rebels has afforded weaponry to kill and maim innocent people in Central America.

It is my opinion that there is a lack of information given to the American people regarding our involvement in this area. I say this because I find it difficult to understand how people who know the reality of the situation could sit back contentedly, while innocent lives are taken with the help of our country.

I tend to believe, however, that there is

a deeper reason for the blind support that is given to the foreign policies we have in Central American countries. I heard it in so many people's voices as they said the posters in the halls were some sort of religious propaganda, and I heard it in the laughter of some while we watched a film on the deaths and suffering of others.

There is a fear we seem to have about admitting that maybe our government has made a mistake. We look past that possibility and do not deal with it. It is better that we close our eyes and believe that all is well rather than seeing the truth which may not contribute to the ego of the United States.

Soon we will have to open our eyes. We may have no choice about it. Some have already made a decision to see the reality and to try to bring about change. Supporters raised \$50,000 to help Alejandro Gomez.

We, as young people, need to remain open-minded and ready to hear the truth, even if it may not be pleasant to us. Once we lose our ability to see the needs of others clearly, we lose the ability to reach out and help.

McQuaid elects new Executive Council



Pictured left to right, Kevin Spoor, Kevin Considine and Tom Wiltberger. Missing from the picture is Eric Stock, president of the executive council.

By J. Peter Huggins
McQuaid Jesuit High School

Even though school has not yet finished, the new executive council at McQuaid Jesuit High School is already making plans for next year. Led by President Eric Stock, the council consists of Kevin Spoor, Kevin Considine and Tom Wiltberger.

There are many new goals which are being worked on this summer for next year. Of these new ventures is a joint Mercy-McQuaid co-op. Tried earlier this year with such sporting events as basketball, the co-op did not work as well as hoped. The new council, however, is very anxious to increase the number of activities shared by the two schools, above and beyond the dances. One such idea is a Mercy-McQuaid field day that would be either in September or on the day that McQuaid holds its own "F"

day. At this point, Mercy representatives are deliberating on the matter.

Another major project being planned is a student government association. This would concern many area schools as well as those in the diocese. The council is also thinking of sponsoring a luncheon much like the one that was just held at Aquinas. While still in the planning stages, the council is very enthusiastic about its success.

Other items of interest are a video yearbook, Project Pride, and new work on the track. The video yearbook would be in addition to the regular yearbook and would be a video experience of McQuaid. It would probably only be made available to seniors. Project Pride is a campus restoration project to clean up the areas around the school. Work on the new track may entail a new practice track, or work on the present one.

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Equal Time

Bishop Kearney
What makes a Catholic school Catholic?

Sheila Kennedy: freshman & softball, cheerleading

I think Bishop Kearney is a Catholic school because of many things. Our teachers are religious, but the traditional values have been changed to respond to today. There are still some of the rules of Catholic schools of the past, but we have more of a family atmosphere rather than getting hit with rulers because you write with your left hand.



Jeff Failing: freshman — soccer, lacrosse

A Catholic school is not just a Catholic school because of the long religion classes. The school isn't as traditionally strict and rigid as it once was, like many people think. There are also dedicated lay teachers employed here, not just Christian brothers and sisters, which adds to form a modern Catholic school.



Jennifer Englert: junior — track, NHS

What makes a school Catholic is the type of people in the school. The people in a Catholic school make it a community rather than a learning factory. Although Catholic schools are traditionally thought of as strict, prayerful and segregated, today they are more liberal and open to new ideas.



Doug DeLong: junior — volleyball, tennis, NHS

Without question, atmosphere makes Bishop Kearney Catholic. The attitude of the teachers, students and the religious create an atmosphere where God is present not only in religion class. That is not to say that we walk with our heads in the clouds, but I believe that people take more pride in themselves, and show more respect towards others because of the religious presence.



HOUSE OF GUITARS

We received 5 correct entries identifying **Peter Green, Jeremy Spencer and Danny Kirwan** as all being guitarists from Fleetwood Mac.



The winner was **Tom Ryan** of Auburn

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