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Kearney high school seniors aim to keep PACE with drug problem

Bishop Kearney High School was the first Irondequoit high school to host a Graduation PACE Party this year.

The party on Thursday, June 5 was coordinated by Irondequoit PACE, a non-profit organization whose goal is to combat drug and alcohol abuse in Irondequoit by working with parents, students, schools and the community. The organization asks parents to "Get involved before your kids do."

In order to attend the party, each student was required to sign a contract, containing six stipulations, among them, to remain throughout the party and to behave appropriately — no fighting, vandalism, or use of drugs or alcohol. These contracts, which also stipulated that students have a good time, were ratified by the students' parents. If a student violated any of the rules, his or her parents would be notified and the student would be forced to leave the party.

The evening began in the Kearney parking lot at 7:30 p.m. with a thank you and balloon send-off to the program sponsors as well as to the parents who helped.

Kearney seniors then took off in five buses (supplied by National Bus Lines) to the Holiday Health Spa on Ridge Road in Irondequoit at 8 p.m.

"The whole facility was donated to us free of charge," said Lynn Barbera, chairwoman of the program. "The kids had a great time; some didn't want to leave."

At midnight, the students went on to the Moose Club of Thomas Avenue, where they watched movies and danced to music provided by Nards Rock'n Roll Review.

According to Barbera, the seniors indulged in 50 pounds of spicy chicken wings and two tubs of cold cuts, as well as veggies, chips, sheet cakes, donuts, pastries and pizza — all



Bishop Kearney students (left to right) Lisa Kraus, Joe Buddendeck, Erik Haas and Brian Keenan enjoy the music of Nards Rock 'n Roll Review at the Moose Club.

donated by area sponsors.

"The community support was the best ever," Barbera said. "When I solicited people, they were more than willing to help."

The majority of students danced the full three hours at the Moose Club, with some still looking to rock 'n roll after 3 a.m.

"Those kids did not want to stop dancing. At about 2 a.m., I had to tell them to rest

awhile," Barbera said. "You could actually feel heat coming off the floor."

Barbera was extremely grateful not only for the resounding support she received from the community, but also the Kearney staff, who accompanied the students all night — and morning.

"Brother Costello and Brother Cardillo were with us all night. I've never seen such rapport between kids and teachers," said Barbera, who admits she was somewhat anxious in her first year as party coordinator. "You can tell the kids highly respect both of them."



Sharon Wolskij gets a good workout during the aerobics portion of the PACE party at Holiday Health Fitness Club.

In addition to proving that students could have a good time without the use of drugs, the program unified the parents as well, Barbera said.

"The parents were absolutely super; I saw a lot of new faces," she said. "The program brought together parents that probably haven't seen each other in four years at Bishop Kearney. They really made their presence felt."

In all, everyone went home tired and excited, feeling a different kind of high, one you don't get from drugs or alcohol.

— Mary Kay Ross
Bishop Kearney

Speaking Out

By Lisa Frisone
Cardinal Mooney

What impact does the individual have on our society? "I little or none," is the popular response today. The people of our nation are obsessed with group movements. I am referring to the concept known as the "wave effect." We are all so willing to sit back and be guided. Most of us want to be led. A case in point is Nazi Germany during World War II. The people of Germany, for the most part, blindly followed a leader they believed they needed. On a more positive note, recall the New Testament. Jesus was received by those that wanted to be guided.

As the school year draws to a close, our seniors will be venturing out into the big, bad world. I would ask of them, as well as of the other students in our school, never to take a back seat and go along for the ride. Always take an active role in society. Be concerned with what affects your life. Take one step further

and be concerned with what may not directly affect you.

The individual is crucial to the success of a nation. For the most part, our country relies on this belief. It is what the United States was founded on. As of late, however, we the people are content to sit back and let ourselves be driven around by our leaders. If something goes wrong, our attitude is "Oh, well, that's life." The Europeans have one up on us in this respect. In Europe, it is much easier for individuals to band together and support their beliefs. Their governments are forced to listen, and that's a big step, though it may not always create action.

Seniors, we are the future. It is ours for the sharing. Whatever path you decide to take, whatever you decide to support, be true to yourself and believe in what you stand for, while understanding the opposition.

Open minds are the key to the unification of the world.

Equal Time

De Sales High School
What are your plans for summer vacation?

KATHERINE OYLER, sophomore

I'm probably going to learn how to drive, do some work around the house and hang out with my friends. I have no major plans.



PATRICIA COOKE, junior

I'm planning on working in youth theater and taking driver's education. I'm also going to the Monkees' concert in July.



MATT CARTY, senior

I will be busy working at McDonald's, going to Cape Cod with my family and dreaming of far-away places.



LINDA FANCETT, freshman

I plan to travel. I'm going to Florida for a couple of weeks. I'm also going camping at Sampson State Park.



KEVIN POWERS, junior

I'll mostly be working. I'll also be going out with my friends and getting ready for the football season.



MARK BELLOMO, freshman

I'm going on a tour of Europe with my family for a month. We're going to England, France and Belgium.



HOUSE OF GUITARS

We received 1 correct entry identifying **Culture Club** as the 1983 group to cut 3 top 10 singles from their debut album.



The winner was **Jeff Vilenski** of Sutherland High School.

MUSIC TRIVIA

This weeks question:

What star of the 80's was once a "lowly" Roadie for the Doobie Brothers? (Clue: Initials are C.C.)

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