

# ECHO ECHO ECHO

## Geneva community rallies around efforts to renovate gym

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As DeSales High School prepares to celebrate its 75th anniversary in 1987, the DeSales gym-campaign committee is working hard to achieve the support of businesses and organizations for a much-needed project: the renovation of the school's gym, home to most of the Saints' sporting events as well as social and arts affairs.

The committee, which is headed by boys' varsity basketball Coach Tony Alvaro, became concerned about the deteriorating conditions of the gym and launched a campaign to create a first-class athletic and arts facility.

The committee planned the renovation in four stages, the first of which is well underway. In the first stage, it was necessary to correct a drainage problem that required much outside work. The side windows of the gym were blocked off to keep the heat in the school from being lost, and a more comfortable and cost-efficient heating system will be installed to warm the gym. There will also be more storage space and a concession area is planned for sporting events.

The second stage of renovation is also off to a good start, and is expected to be complete sometime in the spring. This stage entails lowering the ceiling and replacing the current ceiling tiles with acoustic blocks, which will improve the sound in the school gym for musical and sporting events. The upper part of the gym will also be insulated to keep the heat in and lower the costs of maintaining the gym in the winter, and there will be a new heating and ventilating room for the area. New, brighter and more efficient lighting will then be in-

stalled to save energy and reduce the cost of lighting the gym.

In the third stage of renovation, the gym entrance will be replaced by new weather-proof doors that will save energy and protect the gym from the elements in bad weather.

The fourth and final stage of the renovation of the gym will include new curtains for the stage, as well as new dimmer and lighting systems for the performing arts. The floor of the gym will also be repaired, as it suffered water damage last year. DeSales also hopes to see new bleachers in the gym and new locker rooms for the sports teams.

The members of the DeSales Gym committee include: Alvaro as chairman, Steve Mruczek as vice chairman, Robert Sollene as treasurer and Thomas Higgins as the assistant treasurer. Other members include Richard Guinan, Edward Kenny, Bruce Ike, William Riley Jr., Robert Taney, George Lamson and Mary Crisanti.

Renovating the gym will be expensive. The committee has found many ways of bottle-necking money already, including a can and bottle drive and donations from the DeSales Booster Club.

Coach Alvaro headed a basketball camp over the summer. Half of the proceeds from the camp will go to the gym fund, and there is an alumni game planned for December 30 which will also help the campaign.

The renovation fund has also been helped in a big way by individual and family donations. DeSales thanks those who have donated to the gym fund, for without these donations, the gym's renovation could not have become a reality.

### St. Louis girls capture title at invitational hoop tourney

St. Louis School in Pittsford won the second-annual junior high Basketball Invitational Tournament at Our Lady of Mercy High School on November 15 and 16.

Seventh grader Sheila Doyle and eighth grader Mary Beth Cleary combined for 38 points in leading St. Louis to a 50-15 victory over St. Joseph School of Penfield in the championship game. It was the second consecutive championship for St. Louis School, which is coached by John Doyle and Matt McConville.

In the consolation game, St. Rita's School of Webster defeated St. Ambrose of Rochester by a score of 33-8.

To reach the championship game of the tourney, St. Louis defeated St. Rita's 59-15. St. Joseph's earned a place in the final game with 21-12 victory over St. Ambrose.

Sheila Doyle, the tournament's most valuable player, scored 12 points in the first quarter, as St. Louis jumped out to an 18-4 lead. In the third quarter, Doyle, Cleary and Erin McConville combined for 20 more points to put the game out of reach.

Nicole Geier and Mary Darlak of Penfield led St. Joseph's team with seven and six points respectively.

The tournament all-star team, which was selected by the coaches, included Doyle and Cleary of St. Louis; Geier and Darlak of St.

Joseph's; Gabby Testa of St. Rita's and Stacey Selner of St. Ambrose.

The Mercy Invitational Tournament was held to help kick off the CYO League season, which began November 24.

### Nazareth to offer scholarships to eighth graders in January

Nazareth Academy will award 25 scholarships as a result of the Diocesan Entrance Exam to be offered to eighth-grade girls on Saturday, January 10, 1987. Scholarships will go to the top 25 scorers on the exam, with a full, one-year scholarship being awarded to the top scorer whose mother is a Nazareth Academy graduate. Tuition is presently \$1,525 per year at the all-girls Catholic high school on Lake Avenue in Rochester. Other scholarship awards will range from one-half year tuition to a \$500 tuition reward.

In addition, two scholarships worth \$1,000 each will be awarded in incoming freshmen. One of the scholarships, the Sister Francis Teresa scholarship, will be awarded for talent in creative writing. A contest will take place in March and only those students who took the entrance exam at Nazareth will be eligible.

Students may apply to take the exam by calling the guidance office at (716) 458-5640 or the main office at 458-8583.

## Speaking Out

By Jeannine Cartonina  
and Jennifer Wheeler  
Cardinal Mooney High School

Christmas is a time when we celebrate the birth of Christ with our family and friends. Sometimes this true meaning of Christmas slowly diminishes.

Materialism starts at an early age. After Christmas vacation, children return to school, and one of the first questions they ask each other is, "What did you get for Christmas?" Then they compare who received more and better gifts.

Stores stress the materialistic views of Christmas. By early November, some stores raise prices and put up Christmas decorations. Merchants often have signs stating the number of shopping days left until Christmas, pressuring people to make purchases they may regret later. This also leads to people fighting for parking spots, cutting in line and other

frustrations.

For example, during the Cabbage Patch Kids craze, parents ran, shopped and fought for these dolls. When people become that mean and abusive, it is obvious that the true meaning of Christmas has been completely forgotten.

God wants us to give to others, but if we hurt other people in order to get the gift, God would probably rather have us not give at all. His hope for us is to be family-oriented and to accept the things we have.

If materialism could be turned into something good, everyone would have enough to eat. This could be done by giving to those in need and not concentrating on receiving. Next time you see Santa ringing his bell outside of a store, give from your heart, not just your wallet.

## Equal Time

McQuaid Jesuit High School  
What is your opinion of the effect of commercialism on Christmas?

PHILIP FREY, Senior

It's a shame to see man exploiting the birth of God. Some might say they don't exploit God because they use Santa, not baby Jesus. This only shows how little Christmas seems to mean today. It's sometimes hard to remember that Jesus has anything to do with it.



PAUL GRANGER, Senior

Christmas has become a time of selfishness. With very few exceptions, the Christmas season is seen as a time for giving and taking presents and gifts. The spiritual side has been lost to the power of commercialism.



MIKE HONCH, Senior

I think that it's a bad thing that money and glitter have taken over the place of Christmas. Christmas should be a time for thanksgiving, and it has turned into a time for spending money.



TIM SLATTERY, Senior

I firmly believe that the growing commercialism during the Christmas season hinders the general public in perceiving the true meaning of this time. It is the gift of sharing and love that is important, not the commercially advertised material goods.



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From what 1974. Harry Chapin song do the following lyrics come from. "It's sure nice talkin' to you Dad, it's been sure nice talkin' to you

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