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Kearney student will be remembered for his determination, friendliness

A special member of the Bishop Kearney High School family passed away on January 7. Robert J. Zabeiny, afflicted with muscular dystrophy and confined to a wheelchair, died suddenly at age 16 of respiratory distress.



Robert, a junior, was a very special student at Kearney, not only because of his handicap, but because of the courage and friendliness he always displayed. Robert never let his illness keep him from participating in school activities, doing his schoolwork or making friends. His example taught all of his friends and fellow classmates about courage and determination.

No one could ever feel sorry for Robert, because he never seemed to feel sorry for himself. It was a comfort and inspiration to look at Robert and know that no matter how difficult life seems at any given moment, quitting isn't an option. He taught everyone with whom he came in contact that there was more to life than worrying over trivial things.

Robert, a straight-A student, had many, many friends. Described by friends as very outgoing, he had a great sense of humor. He had a very big heart and was always looking for ways to help others.

Robert could often be seen at lunch time, going from table to table, laughing and talking with friends. He never waited for people to come to him, but instead, he went to them. He did as much as possible for himself, but he wasn't afraid to ask for help. Robert never displayed any bitterness, seeming always to accept life patiently and with a smile on his face.

Robert's life didn't revolve around school alone. He had many hobbies and pastimes, including a special interest in hockey, and could often be found watching Kearney games, as well as Amerks and Junior Amerks games. Robert was an honorary member of the Amerks booster club, and was a mascot of the Junior Amerks team.

In memory of Robert, Kearney students raised more than \$300 and donated it to the local Muscular Dystrophy Association. It was a small tribute to Robert, in gratitude for all of the valuable lessons he taught us.



Brainstormin'

Both Nazareth Academy and McQuaid Jesuit High School made it into the second round of competition on the WXXI-TV 21 series "Brain Stormers." Nazareth's team came in with a score of 140 in the first round of grueling academic competition, while McQuaid placed 200 in first-round scores. Nazareth faced off against Romulus High School last week, in a segment of the academic quiz program that aired January 31. McQuaid will challenge Warsaw High School March 14, in a segment taped January 29. Above, McQuaid teammates Matt Healy, Dave Parker (team captain) and Tim Flynn agonize over a tough question, during their first-round win January 17 against School Without Walls. Other McQuaid team members are Diarmuid McDonnell and alternates Marc Dovi and Mike Diodato. The program airs at 6 p.m. Saturdays on Channel 21.

Equal Time

Nazareth Academy
What do you think about moving national holidays in order to give workers extended weekends?

KERRY LUM, Senior

I think holidays are used as excuses for longer weekends. If a holiday falls on a Wednesday, somehow it will end up being celebrated on a Friday or a Monday. It seems that people are more interested in the longer weekend and not the reason why a particular holiday is observed.

CHRIS YANTZ, Junior

I don't believe that the meanings of such holidays ... are lost just because they are celebrated on a different day. For the most part, their meanings are still clear. I believe a holiday is a holiday no matter what day it is celebrated on. The advertising that takes place around each holiday serves to remind people of what they should be celebrating. In addition, creating an extended weekend allows more time for families to be together.

MAUREEN McAVANEY, Junior

Holidays such as Martin Luther King Day (or presidents' birthdays) are not being sacrificed. I feel this way because many industries cannot afford to shut down for so many added holidays. Thus, they put (such holidays) before or after a weekend. Banks, post offices, schools and government services do celebrate and honor these holidays. Therefore, a large number of people are paying tribute to the great men and women the holidays were set up to honor.

STACEY MOORHEAD, Senior

I believe the true meanings of holidays are being overlooked. The basic reasons for creating such holidays is partly replaced by commercialism. Holidays should be celebrated as they were meant to be and should not be remembered as the days when the local department stores have their big holiday sales.

Poster contest announced by Rochester's Urban League

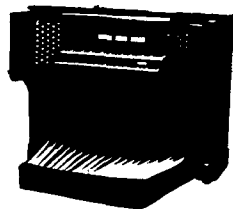
In an effort to increase public awareness of the Black Scholars and Early Recognition Programs, the Urban League of Rochester is encouraging black students in grades nine through 12 to submit entries to its "Design-a-Poster" contest. The winning poster will be placed in a variety of locations, and the winning student will receive public recognition, a savings bond and a framed poster as acknowledgements.

The deadline for contest entry will be Monday, February 20. The winner will be announced the following week.

For contest eligibility requirements, call (716)325-6530.

Entries must be received no later than 5 p.m. on Monday, February 20.

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Parade committee sets contest for women of Irish heritage

The St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee has announced its 1987 "Colleen of the Shamrocks" award program, an essay contest and scholarship program for young women of Irish heritage.

The winner will be awarded a \$500 savings bond, and will participate in the St. Patrick's Day parade in Downtown Rochester on March 14. She will also take an active part before

Math scholarship competition set for St. John Fisher College

A \$3,000 mathematics scholarship competition has been announced at St. John Fisher College. The scholarship, which will amount to \$750 a year for four years of college study at Fisher, is designed to promote the value of a liberal arts education.

The scholarship's recipient will be chosen following a competitive examination to be held on Saturday, February 7. High school seniors from the greater Rochester area, who have demonstrated above average mathematical skills and have attained a composite score of at least 1,000 on the SAT or 24 on the ACT, are encouraged to participate. Scholarship renewability is based on maintenance of a 3.00 cumulative grade point average and completion of a 200-level math course during the first four semesters of enrollment.

Students interested in applying for the scholarship may obtain examination reservation cards from their high school guidance office or mathematics teacher.

The recipient of the scholarship will be announced by February 28.

the parade in festivities of the Irish community. The two runners-up will each be awarded a \$100 savings bond. In addition, the entrants themselves will vote on the "most congenial colleen," who will also receive a \$100 savings bond.

Entrants, who must compose a 750-word essay on "Why I Am Proud of My Irish Heritage," will meet at the Genesee Plaza Holiday Inn for personal interviews with the scholarship judges on February 9. The 1987 "Colleen" will be crowned at the Irish Humor Show, featuring Bill Blair Cunningham, on February 13 at the Mapledale Party House.

Entrants must be of Irish heritage, maintain a "C" average, and be either juniors or seniors in high school.

Interested parties should contact Maureen Lowery at (716)223-8130 for details.

Aquinas to present program on peer pressure, values

Aquinas Institute invites the public to a presentation of Camfel Productions' "Everyday Heroes."

The presentation is a multi-media production that will deal with life commitments, values and peer pressure. The program has been designed for students at the junior-high and high-school levels.

The presentation is scheduled for the Aquinas Auditorium on Tuesday, February 10, at 7:30 p.m. Admission is free.

Call (716)647-2990 for information.

HOUSE OF GUITARS

We received 33 correct entries identifying "Return to Sender" as the 1962 Elvis Presley hit.

The winner was Helen Regan of St. Andrews

MUSIC TRIVIA

This week's question:
What color wedding does Billy Idol sing of in his 1982 hit?

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School: _____

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Each week, the Courier-Journal, in conjunction with the House of Guitars will feature a Music Trivia contest. All you have to do to enter is answer the question, fill in your name and address and the school you attend (if applicable), cut out the coupon, and send it in to the Courier-Journal. If more than one correct entry is received, a drawing will be held and one winning entry will be drawn.

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. All entries must be received within seven days of this paper's issue date. Winning names and answers will be printed the week following each drawing.

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