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Bob Strawn/NC News

Snow piled up on Bill Brueggemeyer of St. Augustine, Fla., during the annual March for Life.

DeSales students relish stormy abortion fight

By Kathleen Morgan
DeSales High School

A group of pro-life advocates from all over the county gathered in Washington, D.C. on January 22, to protest the 1973 Supreme Court decision legalizing abortion. More than 2,000 people lobbied, picketed, made speeches and marched for life — among them 10 students from DeSales High School in Geneva.

The delegation from DeSales rode down on a bus, arriving in Washington, D.C., on Thursday morning. The students arrived at 7:30 a.m. after a nine-hour ride, in time to have breakfast at St. Peter's Church.

Because of severe weather conditions, the march did not go as planned, but the DeSales students found the day active nonetheless. Early in the morning, people began their formal protest of abortion by picketing the Senate building. After talking to many senators and representatives before the opening ceremony and speeches began at noon, the group of protesters marched along the streets and sidewalks of Washington.

Washington was bustling with activity that day, as pro-life supporters fought hard for their cause. The students from DeSales left Washington at 3:30 p.m., and did not return to Geneva until 4:30 a.m. Friday morning.

"It was freezing cold, and the weather was awful," said Beth Breen, one of the DeSales students who made the excursion. "It took us almost four hours to get out of Washington alone. Even so, it was worth it."

Most of the students who represented DeSales reacted positively to the experience. Despite the cold and the confusion caused by such bad weather, several said they felt that the trip was worthwhile and the cause well worth fighting for.

Speaking Out

By Stephen Brien
Cardinal Mooney High School

"I can't believe that teacher failed me!"

"Teachers always give students a bum rap."

"We try our hardest, but nothing ever seems to be enough for them."

"Teachers never want to give us a break."

The above quotes are absolutely false. Teachers *do* care, despite popular belief. Students don't always enjoy teachers, because they challenge us and ask us to do things that we don't enjoy doing.

Believe it or not, a teacher's job is *not* to make our lives miserable. Teachers *want* to share some of their knowledge with us.

As freshmen, we were afraid of teachers. Teachers were our first contact with authority in high school. To try and "fit in," we stayed away from teachers and mocked them, blaming them for our bad grades or failures. Gradually, throughout high school, we began to

realize how much we can learn from teachers, in addition to material presented during our required courses.

As a senior, I feel that many teachers have given me valuable information about choosing colleges. Also, in talking to teachers about school, I've found out that *teachers are people, too*. They listen to music, watch TV and root for the same sports teams that we do.

Teachers find several things gratifying about teaching. To see a student succeed — not only in a course, but also as a person — is perhaps one of the greatest pleasures of being a teacher.

To hear a student returning from college say, "You were right!" is sometimes greater than any pay a teacher can receive.

The next time you see a disappointing grade on a paper, think twice before you blame "some stupid teacher" for giving you a bad mark.

And once in awhile, thank a teacher for helping you to learn something you didn't know before.

Irish Humor Show scheduled to help raise money for parade

The St. Patrick's Day parade committee will be sponsoring an Irish Humor Show this year to help raise funds for the parade in downtown Rochester. The Irish Humor Show will take place on Friday, February 13, at 8 p.m. at the Mapledale Party House, 1020 Maple Street, Rochester.

Entertainer Billy Blair Cunningham will be the guest of honor and emcee of the show. As the featured entertainer for the Blackfriars last Labor Day, he raised \$10,000 for Jerry Lewis' Muscular Dystrophy telethon.

The Rutherford Family Dance Band and the Dady Brothers will share top billing for

the evening. The Rutherfords have a repertoire of Irish, American and popular music. The Dady Brothers, another Irish folk band from the Rochester area, will sing traditional Irish music.

Another highlight of the show will be the crowning of the "Colleen of the Shamrocks," the name given to the winner of the annual essay contest for young women of Irish heritage.

Tickets for the show are \$12. To obtain tickets or information, call (716) 247-1841 or 889-1573.

HOUSE OF GUITARS

We received 15 correct entries identifying "Handy Man" as James Taylor's 1977 hit.



The winner was Mike Bernitt of Gates-Chili

MUSIC TRIVIA

This week's question:
What Paul Newman movie featured the B.J. Thomas hit "Raindrops Keep Fallin' On My Head"?

Name _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____
Zip Code _____
School _____

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Rules:

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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Equal Time

McQuaid Jesuit High School
Do you think extracurricular activities are helpful or merely fun?

DENNIS STEMMLE, senior

I think that extracurricular activities are both helpful and fun. They help you get involved with your school, and they are physically and mentally rewarding.



JAMES WHITAKER, senior

After-school activities provide responsibility and opportunities for students. They allow them to develop spirit and a sense of pride in putting in a little extra time after school. A student can enjoy himself after school without leaving campus, and at the same time, can learn something, too.



MARC LAVALLEE, senior

Of course, after-school activities are helpful. That's why the majority of high school students take part in them. They get students involved in associating with other people and establish a peer group that can stay together throughout high school. If the activity is chosen wisely, a person can develop skills not only improving his success in that activity, but his entire life.



MIKE CLEARY, senior

I believe that extracurricular activities — at least the academic ones — require some degree of interest on the topic. General interest on a given topic can be fun, but I'm sure it is more of an educational experience. Athletic activities require a love for the game, and a desire for competition. I would view this as more of a fun thing.



Cross-country, downhill skiing set for Camp Stella Maris

Cross-country and downhill skiing at Swain and Bristol Ski Centers will highlight Camp Stella Maris' annual Winter Camp from February 15 to February 20.

Scheduled during winter vacation week for area schools, the program is designed for students ages 11 to 16.

Participants will be housed at the camp

and will travel to and from the ski centers. In addition to skiing, campers will take part in various activities at the camp.

Cost of the week-long program is \$170 (\$190 for those needing to rent equipment). The fees include room and board, lessons and lift tickets.

For information and registration forms, contact Florence Mauro at (716) 346-2243.

COURIER-CROSSWORD ANSWERS

(Answers to last week's Crossword Puzzle)

Across

1. PADRE
6. ADAM
8. HAIL MARY
10. DADS
11. NEEDY
13. STADIA
14. SHAKO
17. CARDINALS
21. HI
22. DINAH
23. ANNE
26. OGRES
28. STORM
30. EGIS
31. ESSAY
32. LOKI

Down

1. PHD
2. AAA
3. DID
4. RLS
5. EM
6. AREA
7. DYED
9. ANTONIO
12. YAM
13. SKID
14. SAINTS
15. HR
16. AD
17. CHASE
18. ANGEL
19. LARGO
20. SHEIK
24. NOS
25. ERA
27. SSI
29. MY