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DeSales to mark 75 years with incoming freshman class

By Kathleen Morgan
DeSales High School

This year is a big one for DeSales, which is preparing to celebrate its diamond anniversary as a regional high school. September's freshman class will be the 75th to enter the school, and anniversary committees are planning to celebrate this occasion in a big way.

Many events are being planned for DeSales' year-long celebration, including a special 75th-anniversary weekend, which will be held in October. A special Mass will be held in the gym on October 25 to symbolize a re-dedication of the school. Priests, sisters and lay teachers who have been connected with the school throughout the years will be invited to this Mass, and friends and alumni of the school will also attend. Following the Mass will be an open house in the school, which will enable alumni and former teachers to see how their school looks today.

An anniversary dinner, which will be held at Geneva's Club '86, has also been planned for that evening. Because these events fall on homecoming weekend, alumni will have a better chance to celebrate their alma mater's an-



Standing, from left to right, Father Raymond Nolan, Father William McFadden, Monsignor Walter Lee and Father John Duffy looked over plans for the new DeSales High School with Bishop James E. Kearney (seated) on June 17, 1943. The school's original building burned down in 1942.

niversary.

Many other events are now being planned to help DeSales celebrate next year. Although the effort is simply a celebration and not a fund raiser, a garage sale was suggested for a Saturday in July in order to raise the small amount of money needed to keep the anniversary campaign in operation. Other events may include musical or theatrical productions, which will be selected to promote the 75th anniversary theme.

People coming back to see DeSales after a long absence may be surprised at some of the changes in the school. Of course there is still the same small, Catholic-school atmosphere, but people who were involved with DeSales in its early years will find the school in a new location. More recent alumni and teachers will see new faces among the faculty, and such improvements to the building itself as the renovation of the gym.

Although the school itself may have changed over the years, the school spirit has not. The same friendly DeSales spirit that has kept the school going for so long continues.

Here's to another 75 years!

Equal Time

McQuaid Jesuit High School
Was the government's secret aid to the Nicaraguan contras justified?

BOB WYNNE, junior

I think President Reagan is faced with a double-edged sword. If he really didn't know what was going on, then he has no control over what happens within his government. If he acknowledges that he was aware of what was going on, then he's to blame.



LIAM McNERNEY, junior

I don't think the government was justified in its secret aid to the contras — and I feel I must stress "secret." There was a chance that Congress might have approved limited aid to the contras, but by going behind the backs of the American people, they (the government) betrayed the trust that Americans put in them.



ERIC ONA, junior

I cannot justify the government's secret aid to the contras. America was built on democracy, by which the citizens of the United States play a part in government decisions. We should not allow an elite group to make important decisions on our behalf without our consent. Granted, America is offering this aid to curb the spread of communism, but our dignitaries do not realize the inhumane effects the contra's radical cause has on the natives of Nicaragua.



WALT BRADY, senior

I believe that the selling of arms to Iran was (the result of) poor judgment and the (ensuing) cover-up by the government exemplified the inadequacies of the president's control over his cabinet.



Speaking Out

By Cynthia Yantz
Nazareth Academy

Graduation night is near. The college application letter and fee have long been sent in. Finals are fast approaching, and soon high school will be over and done with.

Now a whole new set of questions begins to flood a senior's mind. Did I make the right decision for college? What am I going to do with my life? Will I be a success? These are only some of the questions that may be of some concern to seniors who will be graduating soon.

It is a frightening yet exciting prospect to know that soon you will be on your own. You will decide when to study and when to relax. You will decide when to eat and when to sleep. You will decide if you are going to pass with flying colors or just get by. Graduation is the beginning of the era in which you are the primary figure. You are the only one who can make the decisions in your life, because you are the only person qualified to do so.

We all have the power within ourselves to shape our own destinies and make our lives happy. By knowing who we are and learning to love ourselves as we are, we should have no problem living full, happy lives. It basically all boils down to choices and our ability to make them. There are always choices to be made. No situation is ever so definite that a person can't make decisions that will alter it. People often get trapped into believing that there is only one way to accomplish something. Here they are wrong. For better or worse, everyone has options.

Through these choices we learn to grow as individuals and in relation to others. We cannot avoid the ongoing process of life, and we can't help but mature from these experiences.

So don't be too worried about the great big world we're about to step into. Remember that you always have choices, and have enough confidence in yourself to make them.

Holy Childhood expands children's educational program

The School of the Holy Childhood, a non-demonominational, not-for-profit organization dedicated to the education of mentally retarded children and adults, is expanding its children's

program to include two classrooms at the primary level for children aged five to eight.

The Children's Program, which is licensed by the New York State Department of Education, enrolls about 100 students between the

ages of five and 21. The program offers highly individualized vocational training to children who are mildly, moderately or severely retarded.

Although academic learning is emphasized, instruction in reading, writing and mathematics is supplemented by classes in pre-

vocational training, woodworking, ceramics, music, cooking, weaving, sewing, swimming and adaptive physical education.

Applications are currently being taken for students of all ages. For information, contact Sister Seraphine, executive director, at (716) 359-3710.

HOUSE OF GUITARS

We received 5 correct entries identifying Andy Kim as the recording artist of the #1 song, "Rock Me Gently."



The winner was James Lennox of Webster, NY

MUSIC TRIVIA

This week's question:

What singer topped the charts in 1972 with a song about a rat?

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Address _____
City _____ State _____
Zip Code _____
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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