

Echo

Mercy students, parents combine efforts for annual dinner-auction

By Amy Carr

Our Lady of Mercy High School's third-annual dinner-auction on Saturday, Nov. 7, will feature a night of entertainment, food, gifts and services. The event, which will take place in the Mercy High School gymnasium on Blossom Road in Rochester, will also provide a special opportunity for Mercy students to serve their school.

Sponsored by the Mercy Parent's Board, the dinner auction has been held each of the last three years as a fund raiser for Mercy. The proceeds from the auction go toward special projects and repairs to the school.

"Funds raised from (the auction) will help tremendously towards projects such as a new sign for the school, as well as general operation needs," Mercy principal Sister Judith Herbert explained.

Many Mercy students have volunteered their services for the dinner-auction. They will help to decorate the gym in keeping with the theme "Hollywood '87," and will serve the catered dinner. Some students will also auction off such services as catering birthday parties and cleaning houses on weekends.

"I think the fund raiser is important in order to have better facilities at Mercy," senior volunteer Laura Wambach said. "The money raised will help to support our school!"

The work of the students will also help to promote Mercy spirit, according to Rose Smith, who with her husband, John, shares leadership duties with Pat and Bill Diminuco.

"Seeing the girls work with their parents for their school and for the success of the auction illustrates their spirit towards Mercy," Rose Smith observed.

That point was echoed by Jeanna Lobozzo. "I think it is important for the students to see how their parents help Mercy and to get in-



involved and work with their parents for the school," the junior volunteer remarked.

In addition to services offered by Mercy students, the auction will feature such gifts as a Caribbean cruise, a condominium rental and a video camera. The artwork of Rochester-area artist Michael Sparling will also be on display. Sparling's portraits of Hollywood greats will highlight the theme of the gala.

All are welcome to attend the festivities, which start at 6:30 p.m. with a cocktail hour and include a catered dinner, auction and sweets table.

Those interested in reserving tickets for the gala can call (716) 288-7120.

By Victoria Howard  
Aquinas Institute

The only fair way to assign grades is to use a weighted system. With this method, high school students who do well in demanding courses receive higher class standings. We all know the difference between gym and physics, or between chorus and calculus. One takes discipline and the other takes intelligence. Bringing one's clothes to gym once a week does not make one worthy of academic rank equal to that of someone who fully understands that E = MC<sup>2</sup>. Does having a knack for dribbling compare to the ability to comprehend quantum mechanics?

Students should be rewarded for having, using and supplying our country with the greatest resource: intellect. Where would our country be were it not for the great American minds that made the United States one of the most prosperous countries in the world? Where will we be if we stop recognizing those who contribute the most valuable substance of the greatest value to our nation?

Adolescents, especially, need to be recognized and appreciated in an adult way. We don't want to be commended for such trivial abilities as remembering our gym clothes. We want to be recognized as valuable young adults who possess the potential to bring America to new heights of brilliance — to be told we are special and, most importantly, that it is we who should make the difference.

Surely those running our schools must

Speaking Out

have noticed the indifference in students' attitudes toward their studies. We seem to care about our friends, music, relationships and having a good time. The reason for that interest is that our time invested in these activities is rewarded. We gain immediate satisfaction and fulfillment of short-term goals.

On the other hand, if we do well in school, we get a pat on the back from a parent, who — the very next day — says we're good for nothing because we forget to take out the garbage. With the divorce rate increasing and more parents working, children have no support system at home and no rewards for achieving good grades.

We are not adults. The promise of a job after college is not enough to keep an insecure adolescent up endless nights with only books and test grades to make him feel worthwhile.

What we need is to see some rewards before college to give us faith in our work, goals and abilities. A system of weighted grades offers the incentive we need and will guarantee our succeeding at short-term goals, which, in turn, will give us the will power to do better in our academic studies.

Aquinas schedules sale of 'Titanic Treasures'

Aquinas Institute will host "Titanic Treasures," a sale of "the good, the bad and the ugly" in the school gymnasium, 1127 Dewey Ave., Rochester, on Saturday, Nov. 14, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The sale will feature furniture, toys, clothes, bikes, office equipment and more.

Those interested in dropping off sale items can do so Thursday, Nov. 12, from 6-9 p.m. and Friday, Nov. 13, from 2-9 p.m. at the school.

Pick-ups of larger items may be arranged. Call (716)247-0009 or 225-5196 for information.

Geneva DeSales

Should sexes mix in team sports?

MICHELE HUGHES, senior

I disagree with the mixing of girls and boys in sports, but in schools where (students of one gender) don't have that specific sport, they should be able to play it (together) only if all other schools agree with it.



PEDRO ROJAS, junior

I feel that it should not have been allowed because the level in boys' sports is more advanced than the level in girls' sports.



As Teens See It

KRIS BRASELTON, freshman

I personally don't think that they should play together because there will definitely be more injuries and probably more fights. Football is not a girls' sport, but a school could start a boys' soccer team if they had enough people.



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We received 23 correct entries identifying Darryl Dragon and his wife Tonie as "The Captain and Tennille."



The winner was Jeff Tabor of Gates Chili

MUSIC TRIVIA

This week's question:

From what 1971 song do the following lyrics come from? "Virgil Cain is my name and I served on the Danville Train?"

A:

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_  
Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_  
School \_\_\_\_\_

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We received 11 correct entries identifying a baseball that hits the foul pole as a "home run."



The winner was Mike Aguglia of Churchville-Chili Middle School

SPORTS TRIVIA

This week's question:

How many warmup pitches does a reliever get coming into a baseball game?

A:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
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