

Echo

Australian exchange student adjusts to life at Nazareth

By Renee Petrillo
Nazareth Academy

Nazareth Academy has a new exchange student this year. She is a dark-skinned Australian with dark hair and brown eyes. Her name is Sangeeta Alex, and she's a very outgoing person. Sangeeta is now staying at the home of Nazareth junior Donna Stefano and her family. This is Sangeeta's first visit to the United States. She chose to come to this country because she wanted to experience something different on her own. "I wanted to get out (of Australia)," she said. "I wanted to meet people."

Sangeeta admits that at first she didn't really like Nazareth because it was so different from her school back home. There, she attended a co-ed high school in a suburb of Melbourne. Now, however, Sangeeta believes Nazareth is a great place. She has made a lot of friends and enjoys attending a school in the city because it is close to downtown's fun places to go and shop.

Obviously, Rochester's snowy climate was a big change for Sangeeta, who also notes that the Australian crime rate is a lot lower than

Rochester's. On the other hand, "We basically have the same foods back home," Sangeeta observes. Like American teenagers, young people in her homeland like to go to movies to relax and "hang out." Sports are also popular in Australia, Sangeeta reports.

She misses her five brothers and her parents. But she says that making friends at Nazareth and meeting other exchange students in Rochester have brought her experiences she would not want to have missed. In addition, the Stefanos have really made her feel at home. They are a "fun family," she reports. Recently, the Stefanos took Sangeeta to Canada. Soon they will visit Washington, D.C., and in the summer, will travel to Florida. Before Sangeeta returns to Melbourne, she would also like to see New York City, especially the Statue of Liberty.

Sangeeta hopes that when she returns to Australia, she'll bring with her an American flag and a souvenir from the Statue of Liberty. Nazareth students and faculty hope Sangeeta will also take home many great memories of her year at the school.



Sangeeta Alex, 17, (front) an exchange student from Australia, enjoys a break with her new friends at Nazareth Academy (from left) Marietta Gamble of Greece, Sandy Vazquez of Rochester and Sangeeta's host sister, Donna Stefano of Gates.

Cardinal Mooney

What one thing would you make right in the world during 1988?

ROBERT ELLIS, yearbook editor

If I could make one thing right in the world for 1988, it would be for the best man to be elected in the upcoming presidential election. The person who is elected must have the wisdom to use his power for the benefit of all.



DONNA HANLEY, peer ministry

The one thing I would make right in 1988 would be to find a cure for the many deadly diseases. I want people to be able to enjoy life — all of it!



TAMMY JAYNES, indoor track

If I could influence the world in only one way, I would try to break down cultural barriers between countries. With mutual understanding between the peoples of the world, universal peace would be one giant step closer.



As Teens See It

MICHELE FARONE, National Honor Society

If I could make one thing right for 1988, it would be to transform our present world into one of peace and justice — a world in which the survival of all people is not threatened by technology and mankind's own avarice.



JULIE RYAN, peer ministry

I wish for an equal distribution of wealth. There is no need to have all millionaires on one side of the world and poor, starving, dying people on the other.



Nazareth to present drama in honor of King holiday

Nazareth Academy will present a history of the civil rights movement in a production consisting of drama, songs and readings from the works of Martin Luther King Jr. among others. The production, entitled "Dreaming in Love," is scheduled for Friday, Jan. 15, from 9 to 10 a.m.

Sponsored by the Black Student Union at Nazareth, "Dreaming in Love" is free and open to the public. All parents and friends are invited to attend.

For information about the Nazareth performance, call Mary Rose McCarthy at (716) 458-8583.

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We received 11 correct entries identifying Helen Reddy as the recording artist of the 1973 hit song, Delta Dawn.

The winner was Julie Evans of Webster

MUSIC TRIVIA

This week's question:
 What is the maximum score a record can achieve on American Bandstand's Rate-A-Record — 95, 98, or 100?
 A: _____

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

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By Nancy Zoltner
 Bishop Kearney High School

Speaking Out

By the standards of today's society, he certainly would not be a model of the ideal individual. He was not tall. His body was not perfectly proportioned. He was not a star athlete on a school team.

In fact, Rob was quite the opposite — he had an illness that forced him to live out his days in a wheelchair. Rob fit neatly into a category society calls the handicapped or the disabled.

Rob attended my school. As the days and years went by, the familiar buzzing of his electric wheelchair became music to the ears of those in Rob's classes, for we were enriched by him. He taught us about courage, endurance and the desire to do one's best.

Once, however, Rob would not have been allowed to attend a school for "regular" students. Since the turn of the century, great strides have been made in the treatment of and attitudes toward the disabled. Society has made provisions so that many disabled children can attend schools in the "mainstream," rather than being relegated to specialized schools for the handicapped. Disabled people also constitute an important part of today's work force. Surveys have shown that the disabled have proven themselves to be highly effective employees. The handicapped seem to have overcome most of the obstacles that once hindered people with disabilities; today they can achieve countless goals and ambitions.

By no means, however, can our society be considered a Utopia for the handicapped. Although society has come a long way since the days when parents commonly killed deformed infants at birth, many of society's current values conflict with the values of the handicapped. While health clubs and beauty spas promote reverence for the perfect body, people often dismiss the handicapped as inferiors. Physical appearance is too highly stressed, leading to undue prejudices against the handicapped.

What our society must realize is that the disabled are real people. If we protect the rights of the handicapped, we are protecting the rights of all. The U.S. Constitution is an example of a pact that enforced human rights by protecting all and safeguarding society. If the handicapped are given their rights, they can take an active part in society, thus giving us the right to come into contact with them and learn from them.

Now that the familiar sound of Rob's wheelchair is gone forever, I cherish what he exemplified to me. I am wholeheartedly thankful for the changes in society that enabled him to attend Bishop Kearney High School. I am grateful that he was given that right. I am also thankful that I was not handicapped by being denied the opportunity to know Rob and to appreciate the values for which he stood.

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We received 5 correct entries identifying 18 inches as the diameter of a basketball hoop.

The winner was Jeff Luchetti of McQuaid

SPORTS TRIVIA

This week's question:
 How is the first pick in the NBA College draft determined?
 A: _____

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

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