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Rector-president's wit, sincerity will be missed at McQuaid

By Pat Shaw
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 McQuaid will not be the same without Father James Keenan. The rector-president, who has been instrumental in McQuaid's success and reputation as a school, is moving on. He has been a gift to McQuaid and will be missed by all.

Appointed director of the Jesuit Seminary and Mission Bureau based in New York City, he will work to assist Jesuits stationed overseas. He describes the organization as a kind of "support group." The program originated

60 years ago to help Jesuits in the Philippines, but now supports those in Micronesia and Nigeria as well. Father Keenan recently visited Micronesia, where he learned of the challenges that will face him as director of the project.

"It looked like the stone age; beautiful, but primitive," Father Keenan recalled.

He envisions the program as a means of funding schools and improving conditions. In addition to this, the bureau plans to raise funds for retired Jesuits who are ill. Dedicated and inspiring, Father Keenan is undoubtedly the

perfect person for such a role.

McQuaid has not lost him forever, though, as his work here is yet to be completed. He will return to oversee BASH, McQuaid's massive fund raiser, and will also be on hand for graduation. He describes McQuaid as "always a home to me" and the McQuaid community hopes he will treat it as such. He has dug his roots here and says that he will have to come back, if for no other reason than to "breathe the fresh air." Incidentally, he will never be far from McQuaid by virtue of the fact that he will be living in New York with two former McQuaid Jesuits, Father Damien O'Connell and Father James Curry.

But memories of McQuaid permanently tie Father Keenan to the school. He said he will most remember the spirit of sharing and interaction among those in the McQuaid community.

"I have enjoyed all my years here, and the people I have worked with have made it a special gift to me," he said. Those are gracious words in light of all he has done for the school.

Arriving in Rochester six years ago, he has become in effect, the "Voice of McQuaid."

"(Father Keenan) is an amazing person because he has a universal personality," his friend Father Hogankamp said. "Some people get along with the parents and others with just the students, but he goes across the board."

This has been largely beneficial to McQuaid's public reputation, Father Hogankamp added. "Through Father Keenan people have learned what a caring place

McQuaid is," he said.

Besides Father Keenan's unparalleled wit and sincerity, he also gets things accomplished. In his years here he has been able to make McQuaid healthier financially while keeping tuitions relatively low.

And as of this is not enough of a task, he is an active member of the diocese the Diocesan Priests' Council, on the boards of trustees for Conesus High School, St. Joe's Prep School, Fordham Prep and LeMoyne College. Those close to him are quick to qualify emphatically that it is the personal touch he lends to his work that makes him so special.

"It is tempting to say that his accomplishments at McQuaid have been repairing the roof and repaving the driveway, but these are insignificant in light of the personal side he has contributed to the school," Father Hogankamp said.

A good example of Father Keenan's influence at McQuaid is the Exemplary Secondary School award recently granted to the school by the U.S. Department of Education. While many factors were considered in choosing the recipients of this award, those of us who know Father Keenan recognize that his humble and effective leadership played an essential role.

His devotion and selflessness is a gift that all students at McQuaid have appreciated and will not forget. We hope he will soon return to the home he has created for himself and the to the friends he has made.

Mooney grad returns to discuss NASA work

Michele Hank Brekke, a graduate of Mooney's class of 1971 and a former Greece resident, recently visited her alma mater to address science classes. She was in town as a guest speaker for the Electrical Week luncheon, which was held at the Mapledale Party House on February 8.

Brekke is a 1975 graduate of the University of Minnesota, where she was recently featured on the cover of the university's alumni news as one of the school's top 40 graduates.

While pursuing a graduate degree in aerospace engineering, she did part-time work for the Honeywell Corporation. Brekke's job was to write flow charts and modify computer programs.

After completing her master's degree, Brekke got a call from the National Aeronautics and Space Administration asking if she would like to work as an astronaut instructor. She continued in that capacity for five years and then became a payload officer in mission control. It turned out to be the turning point

in her career.

"I liked what I was doing, but I really wanted to be a part of a bigger program," Brekke said. After two years in mission control, her expertise earned her an invitation to undertake a 12-month training program in 1985 in preparation for work as a flight director for NASA's shuttle missions.

Brekke was there in January, 1986, when the Challenger exploded. "It was an anguishing and critical time," Brekke recalled.

After taking some time off, Brekke returned to work. "I needed a goal to work toward to make things real again," she said.

Science and technology are a big part of Brekke's life. Her husband, Robert, is head of artificial intelligence for Ford Aerospace. Brekke, who has two sons, Jeffrey and Joey, offered this advice to young scientists: "Go to the library, read the trade journals and keep up on your field of interest," she said. "Get involved with the outside world and stay in school no matter what it takes."

Journalism educators deplore decision against freedom of high school publications

EDITOR'S NOTE: The following statement was released January 16 by the Secondary Education Division of the Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communications. The AEJMC represents more than 2,000 educators from colleges and schools of public communications.

The statement was distributed to members of the Empire State Scholastic Press Association, which encompasses the publications of high schools in New York state. It was submitted to the Courier-Journal by Sister Mary Anne Coughlin, adviser to the Cardinal Mooney High School newspaper.

The Secondary Educator Division of AEJMC deplores the January 13 United States Supreme Court decision in Hazelwood v. Kuhlmeier. This decision ignores the value of a vibrant student press and encourages a repressive school environment.

The court has given school officials greater authority to control student expression. But with these rights, the court has given educators added responsibility.

A vigorous, issue-oriented student press is an effective tool in the citizenship training central to the mission of the public school.

The Hazelwood ruling has accented the need for effective high school journalism programs. We heartily endorse this goal. By allowing school officials to regulate student publications

that reflect shortcomings in style and content, the Supreme Court has issued a challenge. Recent research has shown that work on student publications is related to success on college entrance exams and in freshman composition. School officials should recognize the value of nurturing of excellence in scholastic journalism as well. The result should be stronger high school journalism programs headed by qualified teachers and advisers.

Many of our nation's finest journalists received their earliest writing encouragement and experiences on high school publications. We urge professional journalists to join us in promoting a vigorous student press.

We are confident that the national, regional and state scholastic press associations recognize the challenges that accompany this decision. Therefore, those associations will be encouraged to continue to provide educational opportunities for journalism teachers, publications advisers and student journalists to develop the skills necessary to practice responsible journalism.

It is now up to school officials, who have a mandate to help young people become productive citizens. Schools must welcome the free exchange of ideas and should support high school journalists who bring this principles to life.

By Christine Crooker
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Each of us should take responsibility for the problem of drinking and driving in our society today. Drunk drivers take thousands of lives every year, and if we don't take action, we or one of our loved ones could be one of their next victims.

The host of a party where alcohol is served is morally responsible for the safety of his guests. At the beginning of the party, all of the guests' keys should be taken from them. If one decides to leave and is not fit to drive, the host should refuse to return the keys and find the guest another way home.

The host can't control how much the guests drink, but he can control who drives home. It is better to be safe and take the extra time to find someone another way home than to have them drive and kill themselves or another person. Many times, it is an innocent person who dies because of a drunk-driving accident.

A person who is drinking should be held responsible for his actions. He knows how much he can drink before becoming intoxicated and should, therefore, avoid consuming that much liquor.

This creates a burden on the host. Guests should arrange for a ride home with others,

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designate one person in their group to drive or stop drinking early enough so that they will be sober to drive when it's time to go home.

Ultimately, legal and moral responsibility for actions involving alcohol rests upon the shoulders of the individual. Anything one does will be on his or her conscience, and he or she will have to live with that guilt. Serious considerations should be given before one goes to a party, gets drunk and drives.

Drinking and driving is one of the most serious issues of our time. It should prompt us to become more aware of those around us and what they do. We should take responsibility for ourselves as well as look out for others. Someday, someone may do it for you and save your life.

Listening session slated on guidelines for musicians' salaries

The diocesan Office of Liturgy has scheduled a listening session on the new salary guidelines for parish musicians. The session will take place at Good Shepherd School, 3318 E. Henrietta Road, Henrietta, at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 29.

Members of the diocesan Music Committee and the liturgy office staff will also be present to address any questions or concerns that may be raised. All church musicians and other interested parties are invited to attend. For information, call (716)328-3210.

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