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# Egyptian motif predominates plans for McQuaid's B.A.S.H.

By Patrick Shaw

McQuaid Jesuit High School  
As the academic year winds down and spring seeps into the seams of the school, McQuaid becomes an active and excited place. Much of this spirited atmosphere represents the anticipation of B.A.S.H., McQuaid's annual fund raiser, which has in effect become the hallmark of the school.

B.A.S.H. is an acronym for Building A Scholastic Heritage. Specifically it is a large-scale auction, the proceeds of which go toward closing the gap between student tuition and the actual cost of educating each student.

B.A.S.H. is by no means a small task. It employs countless parents, alumni and even people unrelated to McQuaid. This enthusiasm is instrumental in making the fund raiser a success.

"B.A.S.H. is a concerted effort of countless people who believe in the Jesuit tradition of education," said Jerry Kearney, executive secre-

tary for B.A.S.H.

A good example of this is this year's chairpersons, Mr. and Mrs. James Hartman. They have no connections with McQuaid other than an interest in the school's educational endeavors — an interest that led them to volunteer for the position.

The whole event takes almost a year of planning for two nights of the actual social event. After organizers decide on a theme for the night, they begin plans to decorate the school in the according manner. This year's theme is titled "B.A.S.H. on the Nile" and will feature Egyptian decorations. Themes of past years have included: "The Night of the Knights," a medieval setting; "B.A.S.H. on the Orient Express;" and "Big Top B.A.S.H.!" Each year the school is very convincingly converted into the appropriate fantasy through the talented hands of many priests, teachers and parents.

On the student level, participation is also

very important. Students do such jobs as waiting on tables, parking cars, working in the auction, checking coats and even washing dishes. The fact that this work is all done on a voluntary basis says something about the enthusiasm of the school.

"It's fun to work at B.A.S.H. with some of your friends because it gives you the satisfaction of knowing you're doing something for your school," one McQuaid student said.

The first night, Friday, April 22, has been labeled Family Night and features an open, silent auction for the community in general. It is a casual event, but very successful in that it caters to a broad range of people. Students often attend the Friday-night festivities, and the items up for bid usually sell very quickly.

The following night is the main event. Its highlights are a gourmet dinner/auction, and the auction of B.A.S.H.'s major items. Among items donated for past auctions have been cars,

vacations, boats and services from various companies. But the traditional favorite is the right to name the circle — McQuaid's front driveway. This privilege almost always draws the highest bid of the gala and definitely the most anticipated. In past years the circle has been named in memory and tribute to various people instrumental in the McQuaid community.

The fact that this is B.A.S.H.'s 15th year attests to its popularity and success, and also to its ability to appeal to those outside of McQuaid. This is due to the cohesive yet open spirit of the school community. Generous donors give to McQuaid year after year, both in the form of auction items and days upon days of hard work to make everything possible.

"The McQuaid family is a special group of people," said volunteer B.A.S.H. secretary Margot Norton. "Just working with them is an unique experience."

## Bishop Kearney High School What would you advise juniors to do to prepare for college application?

ALFRED IMPERATO, senior

(I would advise juniors) to get your grades as high as possible for the remaining part of the year and to begin looking for and applying to colleges early in your senior year. Also pray.



MARY GIORDANO, senior

I would advise the juniors to be informed and look into all possibilities. I think visiting the colleges gives the best idea of what the school is really like. SAT preparatory classes are also very helpful, but I feel the most important part of the college search is to remember to start early.



## As Teens See It

CAROLYN ROSS, senior

I would advise that juniors start the process early, taking into consideration all their possibilities. Look at each choice carefully and collect the advantages and disadvantages, slowly narrowing your choices down. Get first-hand knowledge and visit colleges. Prepare for the SATs and complete your applications as soon as possible.



By John Stables

Cardinal Mooney High School

Recently, Central America Awareness Week was held at Cardinal Mooney High School. This radical, one-sided event informed the students about the injustices in Central America. It failed, however, to present to the student body a total "awareness." Communism is the true problem.

According to the National Review, the Soviet Union and Cuba give more than 300 million dollars in military aid to Nicaragua, some of which goes to rebels against democracy in El Salvador and Guatemala. In spite of Contra efforts, the Nicaraguans are attempting to spread the communist revolution to other countries.

In a poll taken last year by Gordon Black Associates in the four surrounding countries — El Salvador, Costa Rica, Guatemala and Honduras — a majority of people in each country said they sensed a great hostility. These same people also believe that the great majority of Nicaraguans do not like their government. Nicaragua oppresses its own people and, as long as there is a communist government, there will be bloody war and dissatisfied people in the region.

As Americans, why do we care? In 1917 there was one communist country. Today nearly 45 percent of the world's population lives under

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a communist system. And the number is growing. In the theory of communism, world domination is the goal, as was the case with Hitler. The ideal of communism conflicts with the greatness of the United States: freedom, peace and the right of a people to determine how they will be governed.

Nicaragua provides a base from which communism will be spread throughout the Americas. By donating to the Nicaraguans, you support a system that will never be able to support its own people, and worse, will be allowed to spend its own money on the oppression of free nations.

In the short term, giving money to poor people in Nicaragua sounds great, but ultimately we would threaten the lives of millions throughout Central America. Put your money on the Contra "Freedom Fighters" and their fight to acquire the kind of government the people of Nicaragua want and can survive with.

## Annual Bishop's Youth Day set for convention center; will focus on vocations, choices in life

The annual Bishop's Youth Day will take place on Sunday, April 24, at the Riverside Convention Center in Rochester. The day, which is being sponsored by the diocesan Department of Youth Ministry, will begin with registration at 10 a.m. and conclude at 5:30 p.m.

According to Pat Fox, director of youth ministry for the diocese, the theme for this year's program concerns "Choices in Life." One such choice is a vocation to ministry in the Church.

Fox and Father Tom Valenti, diocesan director of vocations, are working together to focus the day on the choice young people have in searching out a vocation in Church ministry, either as an ordained priest, a professed

brother or sister, or one of the many ministries open to lay people in the Church.

Father Valenti said the topic of Church vocations is most appropriate this year because Bishop's Youth Day coincides with the day Pope John Paul II has proclaimed World Day of Prayer for Vocations.

Fox said the overall focus of the day will be to examine the question of vocation in its widest sense — a call to a way of life. Church ministry is one option.

The day will begin with a presentation of "The Prophet" by a group of students from Cardinal Mooney High School.

Choices and lifestyles will be discussed following the presentation. The discussion will serve as an introduction to what Fox and

Father Valenti have called a "Peanut Gallery" experience.

During the "Peanut Gallery" participants will be encouraged to ask questions of a panel of youths and young adults who will discuss choices in life and Church vocations.

Once again this year, the Hands of Christ

Award will be a highlight. This award recognizes young people who have been an example of what a Catholic should be to others. The recipients are high school seniors who have been nominated by their parishes or high schools. The awards will be presented by Bishop Matthew H. Clark.

## Pancake breakfast scheduled by Notre Dame's sophomores

The sophomore class at Elmira Notre Dame High School is sponsoring a pancake breakfast in the school cafeteria, 1400 Maple Ave., Elmira on Sunday, April 24, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Breakfast will consist of pancakes, sausages, orange juice, coffee, tea and milk. The cost for

children eight years old and under is \$1.25. Adults can get in for \$2.50 and senior citizens for \$1.75.

The sophomores also will conduct a bake sale during the breakfast. Call (607)734-2267 for information.

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The winner was Helen Regen of St. Andrew's

**MUSIC TRIVIA**

**This week's question:**  
 Who had the 1972 #1 hit "A Horse With No Name"?

**A:** \_\_\_\_\_

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

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The winner was Tom O'Shea of Cardinal Mooney

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**This week's question:**  
 What two boxers kayoed Joe Louis?

**A:** \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_  
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