

Appeal

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solicitation of previous years' donors. Diocesan social ministry is conducting the campaign during the appeal in part to offset a decline in contributions from more than \$70,000 in 1988 to last year's total of a little more than \$65,000, Taylor said.

"We send a direct request to anybody who has contributed before," Taylor said. "Also, because the grand total (of contributions) has gone down and the need has gone up, we've tried to expand our direct mailing to people who might not necessarily get the *Courier*, she said, citing corporations as examples of those solicited through the mailing.

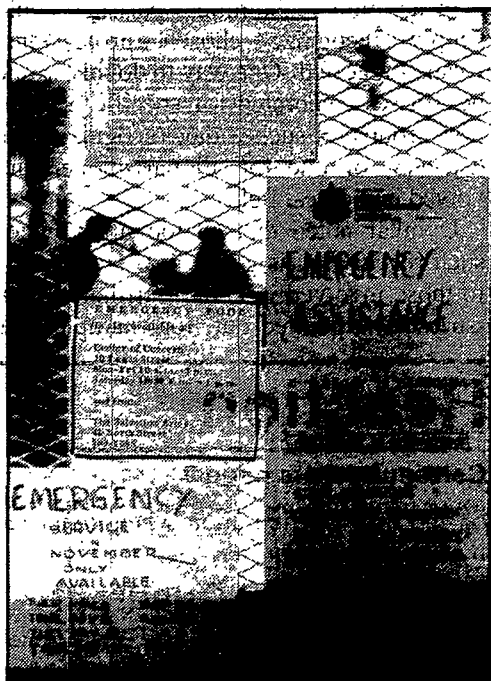
Taylor attributed last year's decline in contributions to the general downward trend in the economy. "I think it just reflects that the community as a whole has less resources," she said. "Typically, I think the people who contribute are giving from their substance, and not their excess."

Taylor's observation is reflected in statistics showing that the average donation to last year's Christmas Appeal was a little more than \$44. But even that figure doesn't tell the story of the dozens of contributors who stretch their budgets to give to the appeal, she remarked.

"We get every size gift, from less than a dollar to over \$1,000," Taylor said, adding that she is more impressed by the number of people contributing — last year

numbering 1,475 — than by the dollar amounts.

Taylor concluded by emphasizing that the Christmas Appeal funds are not used to support any activities of the social-ministry agencies or to supplement other fund drives. Noting that the funds raised each year are "exhausted" by grants to the neediest people in the community, she added that no funds for direct assistance to individuals are available through other diocesan programs.



Adams helps approximately 20 families each week at the FLOSM office.

DeSales grad

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The 22-year-old student-athlete attributed much of her success to the support she receives from her family. Her parents, Gay and Dick, her brother, John, and her sister, JeanAnn, try to attend all of the Golden Flyers' home games. Her parents travel to most of her away games as well.

Guinan, a speech pathology major, plans to enroll in graduate school — either at Nazareth or the State University College at Geneseo — next fall.

Besides attending classes and playing basketball, the busy senior also student

teaches at Brooks Hill Elementary School in Fairport, works at the General Cinemas in Pittsford and visits her boyfriend at the State University College at Oswego.

"When you are so busy, you begin to wonder if it (playing basketball) is worth it in the end. But as long as you love the sport, it is worth it — and I love basketball," Guinan admitted.

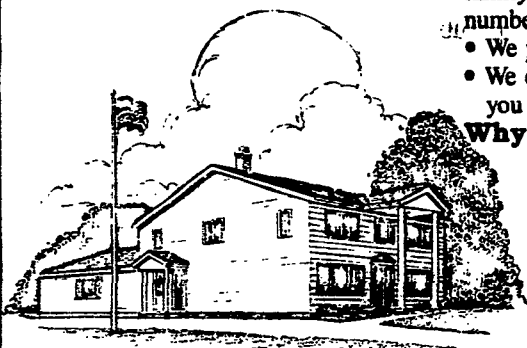
Since she won't be able to play basketball in graduate school, Guinan will mark her last season this winter. Although she said she is ready to get on with her life, Guinan said she will miss basketball.

"Because this is my last year, all I want to do is make it worthwhile," she said.

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Death

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especially with religion," he stated.

Students should realize that they can talk to people in their school. Pashby noted that students will usually approach teachers before they will talk to a mental health official. Guidance counselors, nurses and priests are also available within the school for students.

"It shows a natural relationship within the school when a student feels that he can talk to his teacher or guidance counselor," he added.

Pashby said that students should be allowed to react to the situation and grieve, but friends and teachers should be alert to those students who are reacting too much.

According to Klicker, it is important that students respond to death in a way that doesn't ignore the pain and to let the students know that the person who died was important and will be remembered.

Pashby noted that students usually deal with the death of a friend without much counseling if they are given the chance to grieve. It helps to talk to friends or adults about what they are going through, he added.

"The wonderful thing about kids is that they are resilient — they bounce back beautifully," he noted. "It's amazing how they will survive despite their circumstances."

Kearney wins first round in game of wit

ROCHESTER — Students from Bishop Kearney High School made their initial television appearance on Channel WXXI's game "Brainstormers" on Nov. 23.

In the first round of the 1990-91 competition, the BK team — made up of seniors Pete Cetner, Joe Digregorio, Roger Dupuis and Sam Ogie — beat its challengers from Alexander High School.



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