

Seniors

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do they like," Graves said.

Graves, 16, completed high school in three years and will be 17 when she enters Brockport. She acknowledged some apprehension about going to college earlier than the typical freshman, but she noted that the school's staff have calmed her nerves.

"A lot of (high school) seniors are 17," she said. "It's not too young."

Jennifer Gabriel, a senior at Ithaca High School, is another teenager with the ambitions of someone older. Editor-in-chief of her school's newspaper, Gabriel won the school's Helena Stainton Journalism Award this year.

"I really enjoy interviewing," Gabriel said. "I just love being with people and talking to them."

Gabriel also received an award from the National Newspaper Association, which recognized her for an article she

wrote in the *Ithaca Journal*. The piece focused on the pressure students feel taking the S.A.T.

"I found that a lot of juniors feel they're so important," she said of the exams. "But seniors feel there are a lot of other factors that go into the college-application process."

Gabriel has earned a \$6,000 scholarship to attend Boston University, where she will study print journalism this fall. A member of the youth advisory team at St. Catherine of Siena Church, St. Catherine's Circle, Ithaca, she plans to remain active in the church when she attends college.

"I believe in God, and I really enjoy being active in many different things," she said. "I guess I know that He's there to support me, and I know He's there to believe in me."

Divine Providence must believe in Michael Calarco, an Auburn High School senior, and a regular altar server at Holy Family Church, 85 North St., Auburn. Calarco received \$20,000 in fi-

nancial aid to attend Bucknell University in Pennsylvania, where he will study chemical engineering this fall and eventually play football.

Calarco is currently recovering from reconstructive knee surgery and will probably be red-shirted next season. He apparently excels both on and off the field. This year, he was named both an offensive and defensive member of his league's first team, and a defensive member of the All-Upstate second team.

Calarco hopes to remain active in his Catholic faith at college, and will take with him memories of serving on the altar regularly.

"Altar-serving makes you feel good," he said. "It's taking part in the Mass rather than just sitting there."

Calarco is also an honors student at Auburn High where his favorite subjects are science, calculus and math. Once he graduates college, he sees himself working in the plastics recycling industry.

"With everybody so earth-conscious, it's where the money's going to be," he

opined.

Sean D. Martin, a senior at Penfield High School, also plans an environmentally oriented career as a forest ranger.

"I want to teach people what the environment is and how it helps us," Martin said.

He noted, for example, that many people are unaware of how many plants are the source for pharmaceuticals.

"They're not just pills, some of them have herbal bases," he explained.

A parishioner at St. Joseph's Church, 43 Gebhardt Road, Penfield, Martin was named "Student of the Year" by the St. John Neumann Columbiettes for his service efforts. In particular, Martin promoted AIDS Awareness Day at Penfield High School this year and has served as a counselor at Camp Stella Maris in Livonia.

Martin plans to leave on a cross-country car trip Aug. 1 for Northern Arizona University in Flagstaff where he will major in forestry.

As Martin rolls across the country, Caitlin Reilly will be finishing up teaching tennis to children this summer at Oak Hill Country Club in Pittsford. A member of the youth group at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish in Brighton, Reilly has been instructing 4-to-10-year-olds in tennis for the last three years.

"I love it," she said. "I really like working with kids. They keep things bright and happy."

Reilly received a Prince Junior Tennis Scholarship this year. The company provides her with such items as tennis rackets so that she can pursue her favorite sport.

When she's not returning serves on the court, Reilly's reading e.e. cummings' poetry or perusing John Updike's fiction. A senior at Our Lady of Mercy High School, 1437 Blossom Road, Brighton, Reilly plans to further study her favorite writers at Mount Holyoke College in Massachusetts where she will major in English.

Over the past few years, Reilly has come to count her parish youth group meetings as among the best things in her life.

"It's an incredible program," she said. "It's the highlight of my week. It's a time for teenagers to be with teenagers, and you're able to talk about what you want to talk about."

Reilly added that she will miss her youth-group peers and high-school friends, but she seemed to speak for all the Catholic seniors as they approach graduation day.

"I can't wait," she said. "I'll be sad, but it's a whole new world which I'm excited about."

WHAT GOES IN MUST COME OUT.

GUIDELINES FOR GOOD TV VIEWING.

Kids learn from watching. Watching you. Watching others. Watching TV. What they watch influences what they do. If you're concerned about television's impact on your family, following these guidelines can help.

COMMUNICATE with your children about what they're watching. Use TV programs as a springboard for family discussions.

CONTROL the amount of time your children spend watching TV. Set reasonable limits without using TV as a reward or punishment.

CREATE learning opportunities to complement the TV programs your family watches. For example, keep a globe or atlas near the TV set; when a TV program features an exotic locale, help your children find it.

CRITIQUE what you see on TV. Teach your children to analyze the messages they receive from commercials, news and entertainment programming.

CHOOSE the programs your family will watch in advance. "Channel surfing" is no way to find good family entertainment.

CALL or write television stations and networks to tell them what you like or dislike. Becoming an active consumer is a good way to influence programming.

Pope John Paul II has proclaimed May 15 as World Communications Day—a day to reflect on how families can use television wisely. It's an opportunity to think about how our TV viewing habits shape our faith and values. In this International Year of the Family, when the world community is seeking ways to strengthen family life, don't overlook the power of television.

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Correction

Two photo captions on page 18 of last week's issue misidentified a World War II veteran who was off the coast of Utah Beach when the historic Normandy invasion began on June 6, 1944. The veteran's name is John Sdoia.

We regret the errors.

Answer Key

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6. L I (F) E
7. J E S (U) S
8. (L) U K E