

# YOUTH FEATURE

## EXTRA CREDIT

Valerie, a student at the Evangelist School in ... playing a lead role in the ... Association of Performing ... of *Red Snooks*.

... being performed by ... of the RAPA's Youth ... company. *Red Snooks* is ... musical adaptation ... Andersen's "The ... in which Mor ... Valerie."

... Friday, Nov. ... located ... 875 E. ... For dates, ... call

... graduates of Gene ... School have been ... in recognition of ... on the college lev ...

... Mary Bailey, Uni ... Dame, Donald ... University, David ... of New Hampshire, ... Skidmore

... McQuaid Jesuit High School ... team opened its ... season by taking first place ... Tournament on Oct. 1. The competition included ... schools in seven ...

... teachers for McQuaid included Kevin Buell, first place in the Lincoln-Douglas Debate category, John Morrison, second in Lincoln-Douglas, Damien Delaney, first in Extemporaneous Speaking, Senroh Raychandhuri, third in ... Mike Pittinaro, fourth in Oral Interpretation of Literature, and Kevin Nalano, fifth in ...

... More than \$700 was raised by the Aquinas Institute student body in its "Jax Wars" competition held Sept. 26-Oct. 1.

This year's proceeds benefited the Keri Ann Manuszak Memorial Scholarship in Science, named after the late daughter of Aquinas biology teacher and indoor track coach Raymond Manuszak.

Yolanda Reyes, a Nazareth Academy student, attended the 1994 Wells Leadership Conference held at Wells College in Aurora Sept. 23-24.

The seminar was for high-school girls who have demonstrated outstanding leadership qualities.

John R. Christman, a parishioner at Hilton's St. Leo Church, was recently appointed to the Juvenile Justice Advisory Group by Gov. Mario Cuomo.

John ... is a graduate of Hilton High School who has been active in the Exploring program through the Boy Scouts of America's Okeana Council.

**EDITORS' NOTE:** Extra Credit runs periodically on the Catholic Courier's Youth Page. Readers throughout the diocese are encouraged to send along notable achievements of young Catholics who attend both Catholic and public schools, elementary through college. Please specify your school and home parish. Photographs (black and white shots only) are welcome. Write Mike Latona at the Catholic Courier, 1130 Buffalo Road, Rochester, N.Y. 14624-1899.



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## Scary sightings at St. Christopher's

Under the direction of Ann Murphy, the youth group at St. Christopher's Church, 3350 Union St., North Chili, converted the parish center into a haunted house for young parishioners after the 5 p.m. Mass Oct. 29. The house of terror included many screaming and howling attractions. (Above photo) A frightening creature jumps out of the dark to scare passers-by. (Photo at left) An unidentified victim in the haunted house reacts to frightful noises.



## Tier student values her voting rights

By Mike Latona  
Staff writer

ELMIRA — This coming Election Day could be considered historical for various reasons.

It's the day New Yorkers will determine whether Mario Cuomo gets re-elected as their governor.

And for Kathy Watkins, she will mark one of her first rites of adulthood by participating in the election process.

For the first time, Kathy will be visiting her family's voting site as more than just a spectator.

"I've gone with my parents and grandparents and it was always interesting before, but now I'm making my own decisions," she said.

An 18-year-old senior at Notre Dame High School in Elmira, Kathy will take advantage of her right to vote in her first year of eligibility.

"I just think it's my responsibility," said Kathy, who turned 18 last January. "If they give you the responsibility at age 18, you should use it."

Kathy noted that she was influenced to vote through the U.S. history and government classes she has taken at Notre Dame under John Cain.

"Mr. Cain always used to tell us, 'It's your country, so you've got to do something about it,'" Kathy recalled.

Cain, who also teaches global studies at Notre Dame, explained that simply showing up to vote is not effective if you haven't studied the issues and candidates' qualifications beforehand.

"It's more than just an academic exercise," Cain said. "At the risk of sounding corny, for the sake of good citizenship you should know what's going on."



Mike Latona

Kathy Watkins, a senior at Notre Dame High School in Elmira, will vote for the first time this Election Day, Nov. 8.

Kathy, a parishioner at St. Mary's Church in Elmira, said that the death penalty is the leading topic of interest to her in this year's elections.

"That and abortion seem to be the biggest things on everybody's campaign," she observed.

As Kathy has prepared for her first time in the voting booth, she has preferred getting her information from the nightly news — rather than the sometimes-deceptive campaign ads permeating the airwaves at this time of year.

"(Candidates) bash each other and I don't think it's right, but I guess they've got to do what they've got to do to get their point across," she remarked. "It seems like it's every commercial, every minute — it's always on. It doesn't matter which channel."

Politics and law will likely play a big part in Kathy's professional future: she plans to study criminal justice in college.

"I figure there will always be criminals, so I'll always have a job," the Notre Dame senior reasoned.