



Matthew Owens, 14, takes finger sandwiches during a tea party, from Pietrina Micoli, 14, holding the platter.

at a tea party Nov. 6.

lates" —
of hot
ents
pular

le are just
heir

s a
eaten five
ed

aid they
n though
tice their

manners in such a concentrated way.
"It's such a change of pace," said
Matthew Ray, 16.
"I told somebody I was going to tea
after school, and they gave me the
weirdest look," noted Pietrina Micoli,
14.
"I feel like ... I don't know," Matt said.
"British?" Sarah Haggett, 15,
suggested.
"Civilized!" Matt exclaimed.
Matt added that he needed to make
adjustments in order to conform to his
environment.
"I was telling myself not to take too
much food and pile it up on my plate. I
was watching every move I made,"
Matt said.
"The atmosphere made it seem,
like, so refined. If you made a mistake,
it would look horrible," Tim added.
Similarly, Tim said that he and his
friends were scrupulous about observ-
ing their manners when they attended
their junior prom last year.
"We were all really uncomfortable at
dinner. You don't want to embarrass
yourself," Tim said.
Tim said that he doesn't abandon all
his manners when he's in a less

formal atmosphere. But he also
observed that "manners are noticed
more in different settings."
Susan Osborne noted that people's
guidelines for table manners may
indeed change at more casual eating
spots.
"If you were going to a fancy restau-
rant, you'd put your napkin in your lap.
But not if you're at a McDonald's or
something like that," said Susan, 16,
from St. Stephen's Church in Geneva.
Susan added that people's manners
are influenced not only by where they
go, but also whom they're with.
"I feel I should be polite to my teach-
ers and parents out of respect," Susan
said.
Similarly, Matt said that he observes
his parents' instructions to be
respectful to his elders.
"I'll almost always call adults 'Mr.' or
'Mrs.," Matt said. "Only if I know them
real well will I call them by their first
names."
Those who *don't* act in a mannerly
fashion, Claus said, may not have
received proper guidance in their
younger years.
"It depends on how you are raised.
Some kids who swear will say 'My
father swears all the time,'" Claus said.
Tim added that many teens actually
find bad manners a source of
merriment.
"At school, people may seem crude.
The occasional joking burp, that can
be humorous," Tim said.
On the other hand, John said he
doesn't see good long-term benefits
whenever bad manners are played for
laughs.

"A lot of guys do stupid things just to
get attention. But afterward, they kind
of feel really stale," said John.
Pietrina said that American society
allows for men to act more
unmannerly than women.
"I think it's safe to say it's more com-
mon with guys. Maybe they're trying to
impress people," Pietrina said.
Matthew said such influences as
cartoon characters Beavis and Butt-
Head, and Bart Simpson, along with
Jim Carrey movies may have raised
this acceptance level.
"Guys grow up thinking that's the
way to act," Matthew said.
Susan said she doesn't care for the
sexism reflected by such an attitude.
"If my brother burps or something,
my mom won't say anything," Susan
remarked. "But if I were to do
something like that, she'll say, 'Excuse
you? That's not very ladylike.' Then I'll
say, 'What's your definition of
ladylike?'"
Male or female, Katie said she can
only accept such inappropriate actions
as burping if the perpetrator commits
the act by accident.
"I don't think it's bad if the person
apologizes. But if they didn't, then it
would gross me out," Katie said.
John said he feels the same way
about swearing.
"Sometimes people slip and use
offensive language. But if they use it
intentionally, then it gets to me," John
remarked.
*Coming next week:
Teens volunteering
at the Ronald
McDonald House*

day gift guide

DIANA

ng

as!!
24.95

4.90
ities.

or
elivery.

Xmas!

KEEPING CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS!

ADVENT WREATHS
from
Roman, Inc.
\$10.00 - \$29.50
Advent Candles
and Devotional
Literature also available



Wishing you a Happy Thanksgiving from everyone at Logos!

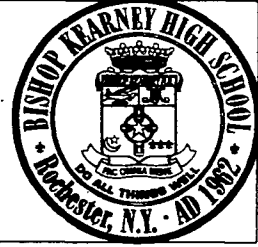
LOGOS BOOKSTORE
MUSIC • GIFTS • CARDS

NEW LOCATION!
1520 Stone Ridge Plaza
(716) 663-5085 • 1-800-755-6467
Mail orders welcome

CHOOSE...

Bishop Kearney High School
Register to take the
ENTRANCE EXAM
Saturday, December 6, 1997 • 8:30 a.m.

EXCELLENCE
...an essential of a Bishop Kearney education
*"The Christian Brothers' school encourages each person to
use their talents the full whether academic, cultural or physical"*



125 Kings Highway South • Rochester, NY 14617-5596
For information on admissions call: (716) 3422-4000

A Heritage Of Vision & Values