

# ON THE MOVE

## This month's top stories are ...

Story by Mike Latona

**W**ould you be interesting in reading tips from a health columnist? Editorials on such important national issues as the war on terrorism? Lots and lots of sports coverage? These kinds of coverage aren't exclusive to major publications. Young journalists at Catholic high schools in the diocese are producing quality news stories, humor pieces, photographs and serious reflection for their own school newspapers.

Six of the seven Catholic high schools within the diocese produce newspapers; the seventh, Bishop Kearney, delivers its news over an in-house television station. Each newspaper has an adult moderator who guides a staff made up of students. They produce editions read by the school's other students, as well as faculty and visitors. For the most part, these papers appear every month or two, and are four to eight pages in size.

Here's a sampling of content from some recent issues:

**\*The Quill, Our Lady of Mercy:** Writer Maria Mikedis introduces eight new faculty and staff members. ... Kate Dobbertin reports on a student fundraiser that raised more than \$1,500 for the American Red Cross to assist victims of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks on the United States. ... Tiffany Bryant points out that slavery still exists on a large scale in the world today. ... Tyler Pearce features karate expert Katie McCormack, a senior at Mercy.

**\*The Maryleaf, Elmira Notre Dame:** Kelly Galvin writes a wrap-up of Homecoming 2001. ... Claire Freeman informs us of new clubs at Notre Dame for hockey, math, aerospace and diversity awareness. ... Panosian and Christina Jackson offer fall and winter sports updates complete with schedules and a feature story about judo extraordinaire Jessica Sternick, a senior.

**\*The Gabriel, Nazareth Academy:** Allison Paruta reports on a year-opening Mass for the Nazareth Schools that was celebrated by Bishop Matthew H. Clark and Father Michael Upson. ... Stephanie Tadaro offers an editorial on the war against terrorism, commenting that a Jihad, or holy war, is "just an excuse to rationalize something that is irrational, and to frighten those (whom terrorists) oppose into believing that God is against them." ... An ambitious sports section manages to work seven stories and six photos onto a single page.

**\*The Lance, McQuaid Jesuit:** A regular health column from Dr. Blackgoldman, titled "Turn Your Head And Cough," provides tips on seasonal affective disorder; the importance of sleep and a good breakfast; and weight training. ... Writer Andrew Pluta opines that cell phones at sporting events are creating an unnecessary distraction. ... Justin Fanizzi writes a touching story about Brandon Buchanan, a 1995 McQuaid graduate who was among those killed in the Sept. 11 attacks on the World Trade Center.

**\*Maroon & White, Aquinas Institute:** Rita Battisti and Dennis Murray delve into the following popular legends: That the nearby Basilian House and the school auditorium are both haunted; that a swimming pool once existed in the school (it did); and that there are underground tunnels leading from the school to the Basilian House (there aren't). ... Julia Bonkowski, Christina Santandrea, Timothy Flynn, Stephanie Brockler and an anonymous writer all acknowledge the attention given to sports, potentially at the expense of other school activities and clubs.

**\*Los Santos DeSales, Geneva DeSales:** Produced more in the form of a newsletter than a newspaper, this is written entirely in Spanish, courtesy of Spanish teacher Kathy Scaglione-Theimer's students! Here are some of the writers' reactions to Sept. 11: *Sufri depresion emocional (I am depressed).* — Hugh List; *Tenemos que hacer algo contra el terrorismo. Es muy estúpido lo que hicieron (We have to do something against terrorism. What they did was very stupid).* — Kevin Dombrowski; *Da mucho miedo (It makes me afraid).* — Justine McPike.

### MAROON & WHITE

"I believe whatever the Son of God has said"

#### America Fights Back, Aquinas Speaks Out

By Chris VanHorn

The events that took place on September 11th in New York City, Washington D.C., and Pennsylvania, have not since been forgotten. With clean up crews working around the clock in New York City and Washington, President Bush makes critical decisions to combat the "War on Terrorism." President Bush has become the second the World Trade Center.

### Homecoming 2001

by Kelly Galvin

School students, past and present, flocked to the gym on October 5th to take part in the Homecoming in the traditional blue and gold, fans watched the Homecoming Queen, cheered the Crusader football team, and viewed a dazzling fireworks display at the end of the night.

### FINANCE

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### What Game???

Andrew Pluta '03 All right, I'll set the scene for you. It is October 29, a Friday, and the atmosphere is at the biggest football game of the year. McQuaid wears a cold and rain.

### The Quill

**... Celebrate Theme, "We Are the Light of the World"**  
 A gift certificate to Borders Books and Music Store, at the conclusion of Mass. Also, \$100 was given in relief efforts of the September 11 attacks. With high spirit and many prayers, the student body sang "America the Beautiful" at the end. Patriotism shined through the unified voices of all those assembled.

### GABRIEL

**... Tune Into Radio TRS**  
 ... **LOS SANTOS DESALES**  
 el 15 de noviembre de 2001

**EL OTONO**  
 Antonio Tosa Herman  
 El otoño es mi favorito...

### And the winners are ...

Newspapers from private and public high schools are eligible to take part in the high-school division of the annual New York Press Association Better Newspaper Contest. However, this year's winners won't be announced until the spring — so the *Catholic Courier* has decided to bestow its own awards among this week's featured newspapers:

**Most ambitious story:** *Maroon & White*, December 2001. Writer Chris VanHorn prints results from a survey conducted by the newspaper staff, in which students and faculty were asked their feelings about the war on terrorism. An impressive 267 responses were gathered. VanHorn notes that most people think President Bush is taking the correct steps to solve this problem.

**Best coverage of Sept. 11:** *The Lance*, September 2001. Titled "McQuaid's Finest Hour," Matthew Duncan's front-page story details the reactions of students and faculty on the day of the terrorist attacks. He praises the school's unity and concludes, "That spirit makes this writer extremely proud to say that he is an American and a student of McQuaid."

**Best coverage of faculty and staff:** *The Gabriel*, November 2001. Features are included on a teacher, a new administrator, a coach and a guidance counselor.

**Best coverage of controversial issues:** *The Maryleaf*, December and November 2001. Editorials on dress codes and the school nickname, The Crusaders — both written by Lindsey Huddle — are accompanied by students' opinions.

**Best play on words:** *The Quill*, November 2001. In a recipe for "Audrey's Paradoxical Chocolate-Chip Cookies," which calls for two cups of softened margarine, Audrey advises readers to "use shallow flattery to soften up the margarine. If that doesn't work, quote Renaissance poetry."

**Most interesting theme issue:** *Los Santos DeSales*, Dec. 5, 2001. This publication especial is dedicated to Britney Spears. Sorry guys, no photos! Writer Charlotte Koch notes, in a carta a papa Noel (letter to Santa Claus), *Yo quiero a Justin el novio de Britney. Britney no necesita a el (I would like Justin, Britney's boyfriend. She doesn't need him.)*