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4 Seniors Tops in United States

Four seniors, Linda Hanna, Patty Henry, Sheila Kelleher, and Mary McGinty, have placed as semi-finalists in the 13,000 annual National Merit Program. Seven other seniors, Linda Cav-...
Students Lose When Teachers Strike

Empty desks in many schools tell the story of how teachers are striking, but is that the whole story? As the number of missed school days grows, questions persist.

Are teachers trying to educate kids or help themselves? In what ways do teachers' priorities differ from their students' priorities? Does student knowledge of teachers' salaries, job security, working conditions, rewards, and punishments differ from teachers' knowledge of these factors? Educators deserve a decent salary for their work, just as members of any profession do, but they should not attempt to gain it at the expense of their students.

Teachers are one of the more educated groups in our society. They have received degrees in a variety of subjects and should be able to reason out their problems concerning their incomes without going on the picket lines. Wouldn't such a rational approach demonstrate better judgment and offer students a more responsible example?

Teachers are one of our most precious possessions today. We cannot turn back the clock and recapture lost time. The football season is half-finished and striking teachers is no way to cancel games. What chance do the players have of winning athletic scholarships if they are not playing any games? Colleges are not educating these potential students. How are students asked to select graduates, or are their grades or test results to consult? Students are not aware of the future. How is the world's future going to materialize if we have our students of today not being educated for tomorrow?

Request Prayers

Please remember in your prayers students of Junior. Senior. and Junior. Leslie: Angela Chrusciaka, mother of Walter: Joseph Pusczynski, brother of Sister Jane Pusczynski; and Gregory Schirmer, mother of junior Carl. Faculty and students express their sympathy to all four families.

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World Peace Remains Burning Question

The 21st century is a mere 22 years old, but how many of us will be alive to welcome its arrival? An overwhelming pessimism and world war alike do not dim our hope for the future. Happier wishes' intensely for forthcoming generations, our children and grandchildren may be, to ob- seme people unless given time to care for, and appreciate each other again.

Conflicting morals cause most of the struggles. Since technology has focused much of its energy on monetary success, whole nations are committed mass murder in quest of power and juggling lives because of a micronutrient value system. Is there an alternative to world war?

A World Peace Summit, with representatives from virtually all nations, was held in the month of November. The summit was an effort to address the world's most pressing issues, including peace, prosperity, and sustainable development. However, despite the grandeur of the event, many believe that true lasting peace remains a distant dream.

From an optimistic viewpoint, the future of peace holds promise. Leaders from around the world have agreed to work towards a world free of nuclear weapons and other lethal technologies. International organizations such as the United Nations continue to play a vital role in maintaining global stability.

Many hope that the younger generation will be the ones to lead the way towards a more peaceful world. Educators and parents alike are teaching children about the importance of understanding and respecting others, even those who are different from themselves.

In fact, many experts believe that peace and harmony will come from a greater sense of interconnectedness among people. They argue that by working together, we can overcome our differences and build a more peaceful world.

However, despite these hopeful signs, there is still much work to be done. The challenges of poverty, inequality, and conflict are ongoing issues that require continued attention and effort. The journey towards world peace is not easy, but it is worth the struggle, for a world where we all coexist in harmony is within our reach.
Teachers Pursue Own Interests

Over the summer Sr. Mary Therese Berry, Sr. Joyce Baier, and Sr. Joao Acker each pursued special interests in highly interesting ways.

Sr. Mary Therese Berry, head of the Modern Language Department, spent a good part of her summer in France, from June 26 to August 9. Of those five weeks she was studying at La Faculte des Lettres et des Sciences Humaines d’Avignon, or the University of Avignon. Sr. Mary Therese received a scholarship to study there through the French Government and the American Association of Teachers of French. Her studies included translation, sociology, written and oral expression, and Povencial cooking.

In these three weeks the students toured nearby areas. Sr. Mary Therese saw fascinating things, including the Roman amphitheatre, a French rodeo, and a medieval vintaged made of rock. About her experience Sr. Mary Therese commented, "The opportunity to live in Europe brings the past much closer to you.

Sr. Joyce Baier traveled to the south central part of France near the Veger River for five weeks. She and a group of 16 other teachers from Wesleyan University in Connecticut studied cave painting and geology. They went into the Lascaux cave where the paintings are 5 to 6 years old and 18,000 years old. Many types of ancient weapons, such as arrowheads, were viewed by the group.

Since the entire area has been declared a national monument, Sr. Joyce was not permitted to bring home any of the interesting artifacts she saw. "It’s made me want to learn more about history," said Sr. Joyce. "The whole area is alive with history."

Sr. Joao Acker worked in research this summer at the Cleveland Clinic where she studied 5 different diets for high blood pressure in 40 albino rats. Always wanting had to do research, Sr. Joao was pleased with her new and significant finding. She hopes it will contribute to the body of knowledge about high blood pressure, one of the greatest killers in the world.

Sr. Joao noted that after she left the Clinic at the end of the summer, the rats lost weight because they were not accustomed to new handling.

Classes Add Foreign Touch; Dance, Food, Music Provided

The Modern Language Department is working on final touches for this year’s Open House. Students are planning a variety of activities and entertainment for the visitors.

Students in Spanish III are organizing a Mexican Fair with all the effects of a native fiesta. Decorations will bear the colors of the Mexican flag; green, white, and red. Guests will be treated to a variety of Mexican foods and may even be fortunate enough to have their palms read by roving gypsies. Those who come will also learn to ask for refreshments in Spanish, while students in native Mexican costumes distribute balloons and flowers. Spanish II students will create delicious Spanish foods for guests to sample.

French I students will entertain with some traditional folk dances. They will have designed and made their own costumes, modeled after those worn in Arles, in the southern part of France. The 24 girls in the newly formed troupe will perform throughout the year at places other than Magnificat. Sr. Mary Therese Berry, who has been active in folk dancing for the past 20 years, is faculty advisor for the group which practices twice a week.

In addition to Open House activities, upperclassmen who have continued their studies of a foreign language will be assisting freshmen and sophomores in the language lab. Through this service program, the underclassmen will gain a greater understanding of the basic concepts of their respective language.

Art Club Aims At Fun, Service; Many Benefits

The Magnificent Art Club aims to help other people and to have fun at the same time, according to its moderator, Denise Winfield. Working with her are new officers Lori Dorm, president, and Mary Kay Kauszek, secretary. Everyone is invited to join the club. Activities will be announced at the Art Department’s Open House on Oct. 2.

Displaying moments from their summer experiences are (from left) Sr. Mary Therese Berry, with some French boule balls, Sr. Joyce Baier, with her chemist T-shirt, and Sr. Joyce Baier with a map of France.

Troupe Delivers Unique Celebration

Along with their original material, the group adapts songs, stories and poems for their performances. Practice may last as long as seven or eight hours or as little as one-half hour a day, depending on the amount of new material to be covered. To achieve the art of pantomime, one must be an actor, comedian, clown, and gymnast.

Pantomiming requires extreme self-discipline and control to bring style and grace into this art of imitation.

At the height of the theatre travel throughout the eastern half of the country, performing at churches, schools, theatres, or just about anywhere an audience can be found," says member Douglas Leach.

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Mary Beth Urig (center) shows her prize outfit, while Gwen Nagy (left) and Susan Morahan model clothes they made for the Lorain County Fair.
The Cross Country team has done exceptionally well in the meets for a first year team. The races consist of running 2 1/2 miles and covering everything from cement to sand, and up steep hills as well as down the other side.

Coaches Sr. Mary Anne Kovacs and Sr. Joyce Baier have promised that next year they will participate in the Open Races after the invitational meets.

Rapellers Descend Daring Cliff While Belayer Controls Ropes

Belayer, D-ring, and "Ozzie" are terms familiar to rappellers Sue Morahan, junior, and Ann Rabatsky, sophomore. Unlike mountain climbing, in rappelling the person descends a mountain using two ropes.

The first rope is a safety line attached under the arms and held at the other end by the belayer's partner, the "belayer." A second rope is hooked to a "D") and has a latch which attaches to the figure-eight ring. Then the rope winds around the

Varsity, JV Red Hot Streaks Volley for Title

It's up and over the net for both of Magnificat's Blue Streaks volleyball teams, with match-winning variety and junior varsity records of 6 wins and 1 loss overall, and 6 wins and 0 losses in the conference at press time.

The Blue Streaks' toughest competition will be against Nazareth-Holy Name today at 4 p.m. Magnificent's Kelly Campana, Karin Kuhns, Steph Moore, Kathy Pavlini and Peggy Wallenshore; and seniors Kelly Craighead, Mary Flanagan, and Jacki Moore; sophomores Pam Joy, Maureen Pavlini, and Tammy Tober; and junior Coogan, and senior Brenda Martin.

Most of the games have a representative crowd but support from the students is what the teams need. The largest crowd to date was on Tuesday, Sept. 26, when the Blue Streaks played prior. Among the successes, the Streaks also encountered a setback when Lynne Coogan sprained her ankle.

Leaders: Responsibility, Enthusiasm

Leadership, responsibility, self-discipline, and enthusiasm are qualities needed to become a gym leader. The job itself is demanding. Besides setting an example for the underclassmen, a leader must react to different situations with a level head.

Requirements for leading are a 3.0 average, cocking with matchings and a 2.0 overall average in school. Tryouts will be held Tuesday, 1:30-4:30. Sophomores, juniors and seniors are eligible; and freshmen can try out for next year. Tryouts consist of a written test and three physical tests.

Mary Carol Bren, who started the club, commented that there was a need for the club to help students get into gym classes. It is a good experience in responsibility and helps those who are thinking of entering the physical education major.

The officers for this year's club are: President Ann Marie Waiskis, Vice-President Kathy Pivonelli, Secretary Diana Redowski.

The club has become stronger this year with participation up.

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