The Magnificat

Awards Honor Students’ Success

This morning’s Homes Assembly 4 applauded students for their scholastic and extra-curricular achievements, New National Honor Society members were announced.

For the first time, Magnificat bestowed the Danforth Award on two outstanding seniors, Berner Knoll and Marilyn Knox, in recognition of their character and leadership qualities. Another new award this year went to Kent Keister and Marilyn Knox, for their contributions in planning and participation in school activities.

For stories about other student awards, turn to pages 2 and 4.

Mothers Plan Breakfast In Honor of Daughters

The traditional Senior Mother-Daughter Commission Breakfast will be held Sunday at 10:00 a.m. A Mam, prepared by the seniors, will start the day. Fr. Paul Smith, who isidgetat, will speak at the breakfast following the Mass. The seniors have chosen “A Special Relationship in Love” for the theme of their Mass and will carry it through with songs and readings.

Mrs. Jean Camman, head of the planning committee, along with the other mothers, has organized the breakfast. Each senior will receive a favor from the mothers to add to the collection of memorabilia.

 Saying goodbye to the Mothers’ Club is Mrs. Lucy Berhand. She is handing over her position as president to Ms. Naomi McCaffrey. Other newly-elected officers are Mrs. Marilyn Conrad, vice-president; Mrs. Nancy Bousfield, recording secretary; Mrs. Pat Whitlall, corresponding secretary, and Mrs. Florence Gerbeke, treasure.

Chile Days Ahead for Mary Kay

Mary Kay Spakowski, representing the United States in a World University in Santiago, which will end on June 25, is in Chile, South America.

Mary Kay won this honor as a result of an essay on America's future and interviews and recommendations of the purpose of the trip as a deepening cultural understanding.

"I'm so excited! I will not only be getting a better understanding of the people and the people who are going to be able to meet government officials and present them with greetings from Ohio," exclaimed Mary Kay. She will be preparing a presentation from the mayor of North Oltman on the officials of Chile.

When she's not involved in the government life, Mary Kay will be staying with a host family in one of Chile's cities. Although she has had 3 years of Spanish, an English speaker’s presence will be able to help her Mary Kay with her warm.

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101 Seniors to Graduate on June 1

The Senior Class of 1978 will join the ranks of alumnae on Tuesday, June 6, at 9:00 p.m. in Lakewood Church Auditorium. This year marks Magnificat’s eighteenth annual commencement exercises.

Sister Benedicite Veters will present the 101 graduates, and they will receive their diplomas from Sister Rose Schuster, principal. The Master of Ceremonies this year will be Rev. Peter Lehman, chaplain. Holly Albuin, new Student Council President, will assist on stage.

The Phi Beta Kappa award for outstanding achievement and achievement will be given to Marilyn Knoll. (See story on page 2.)

The Senior Baccalaureate of the Family Counseling Clinic for the Cleveland Diocese, will give the commencement address.

Mary Kay Spakowski chosen by her fellow graduates, will speak on the significance of the Class of '78. She hopes to explain how the uniqueness of her last four years will inspire their future.

The Sophomore Chorus and Junior Glee Club will be scored on stage with the graduates to sing "No Man Is An Island, The Magnificat" of the Alice Meyers. Seven school members have units in the Class of 1970 including the three Whirls, Bath, '79, Marianne, '77 and Tris, '76. Music will again be provided by the Holy Brothers Orchestra.

In the academic procession the graduates will carry bouquets of long-stemmed red roses. The ladies will wear their caps and gowns andhoods representing degrees from their respective colleges and universities.

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Summer Vacation!!

The popular vacation this year is the lake." We need a break from school, but the lake is a special kind of place for summer fun and relaxation. There are many activities to choose from, such as swimming, boating, fishing, and just relaxing on the beach. The lake is also a great place to meet new people and make new friends.

The lake is not only a place to enjoy, but it is also a great place to learn. There are many educational programs available, such as lake biology, water quality, and lake ecology. These programs are designed to help people understand the importance of protecting our lakes.

The lake is also a popular place for sports. There are many opportunities to play sports, such as basketball, volleyball, and tennis. These sports can be played for fun or for competition.

The lake is also a great place for families to spend time together. There are many activities to do together, such as playing games, having picnics, and just walking around. The lake is also a great place to take a break from school and relax.

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Sun Shines on Future

I call you friends. Our sun, so slightly innocent, has tasten many times each other. The sun a moon-view, there fingers feel sweet warmth. Our sun now begins to set, my friends.

We are friends not simply because of excitement we share with the school on our little Sister days. Nor are we friends because of our activities on Ring Day, or because of our happiness when we took Night in Blue a second time around.

We are friends because we have spent nearly one-fifth of our lives together within the curtain of study and the expense of play.

Spring Show Stirs Audience

We commend the Choral Groups and Art Department for exhibiting their outstanding talents in this year's Spring Festival at Magnificent. With America leading the Sophomore Chorus, Junior Club, and Senior Choir, the groups captivated their audiences with songs from America's composers. As the finale, the combined choir sang a melody from George M. Cohan.

The Art Department, under the direction of Sr. Faustine and Sr. Theresa, displayed unique pieces of art including seashells, mosaics, paintings, hooked rugs, and other crafts. Many of the works reflected our nation's bicentennial.

Congratulations to both groups for making this year's Spring Festival a memorable one.

Hat's Off to ....

Seniors Gina Whitney and Mary Onisko and Junior Jeanne McKinley ranked in the top 300 in the Ohio State Math Contest; Magnificent as a team placed 34th out of 357 participating schools.

The Lakewood Rotary presented Honorable Mentions, along with cash awards, to senior Kathy Tefras for her art work and Junior Paul Kiser and Marianne Stanner obtained first place prices while Mary Czy Herbig, Lynn Schramp and Karen Getter gained second place honors.

State to Purchase Books

Thanks to the voting public who have put men of vision in office, and to the supporters of Catholic education who have crusaded for equal educational opportunities for public and private schools, Magnificent students will be receiving more direct state aid.

Previously, the state supplemented the resources of private schools with some library books, additional materials and other equipment. A new program will begin in the fall whereby a student will not have to purchase her books because of financial subjects because the state will buy them for use by the students. This will amount to an annual savings of up to $75 per girl.

Students will not be permitted to write in their books or anyone attempting to do so can purchase her own copy. Both new and used copies will be available.

This new program is another step toward alleviating discrimination in educational funding. Students in private schools are now receiving the benefit of more of their parents' tax dollars.

Sympathy

Magnificent faculty and students extend their sincere sympathy to the family of Sr. Mary Cunningham whose father died recently. We will remember him in our prayers.

Marilyn Knox Wins Phi Beta Kappa Award

As a new feature this year the Grad Gab column has highlighted many of the experiences, achievements, and occupations of Magnificent Alumnae.

On Tuesday night the class of 1976 will become a part of Magnificent's Alumnae. For this reason Grad Gab features Marilyn Knox, a member of the class of 1976.

Senior Marilyn Knox of North Olmsted has earned the coveted Phi Beta Kappa award which is given to one senior who is outstanding in academics and extra-curricular involvement.

Marilyn, a member of the National Honor Society, has served on Student Council as a home-room representative in her freshman year. Along with performing in class assemblies, Marilyn is a member of the guitar group that plays at school Masses.

She also has volunteered much of her free time helping other students as a math tutor. Outside of school, Marilyn is President of St. Bernadette's CYSO program.

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Dear Miss Kimbel,

Glancing through my sister's copy of The Magnificent, I noticed an article entitled, "Classes Added for Next Year." Being a third year student at Latin at Saint Ignatius High School, I was interested and concerned.

Another of my younger sisters will attend Magnificent next year, and from years of experience in an excellent Latin course, I suggested that she take Latin I, and I asked my mother, also a high school and college Latin student and I looked at her and said in unison, "To learn more about the English and Latin languages."

In three years, I have learned more English grammar and structure than I have in my whole life. Also, I have seen various historical figures, their actions, ways of life, and in Cicero's case, a very polished way of speaking. My sister then understood why a Latin course would be beneficial.

I am very pleased to see the curriculum of Latin High School being enriched in this way, so the students a truly well-rounded education.

Sincerely yours,

Jim Moore.

Editor's Note

This issue of The Magnificent marks the first issue completed without the help of the senior staff members. It is time for us to bid farewell to one another.

We seniors leave the juniors and sophomores with warm and happy memories of much fun and hard work. Together we have driven throughout the year to be tops.

Rita Kimbel.

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Seniors Venture Forth
Genesis Encourages Growth

From designing clothes to experiencing the Amish way of life, Senior Genesis has included many exciting and unusual endeavors this year. Mimi and Sue Stilley have spent their three weeks living with an Amish family in Belville, Pennsylvania. Attired in simple, homemade dresses, and armed with buckets and brushes, the Stilley twins put to work white-staining barns the first week they were there. The Amish family was amazed at the sight of Mimi’s typewriter, never having seen one before, and marveled at her typing speed! The girls accomplished their goal of “experiencing a different cultural way of life.”

Here in Cleveland, a group of students have studied the working of a Criminal Court with Mr. Joseph Jorden. The girls watched court proceedings in a manslaughter case and met with parole and probation supervisors. Says Patti Burns, “We’re getting a lot out of it and learning a lot, too!”

Also in the judicial branch, Sue Sweaney had the exciting experience of working with an attorney specializing in bodily injury. Sue helped check out one case by reviewing the medical files for the attorney and typing the traffic tickets! Several seniors traveled to Washington, D.C. to work with Congressman L. Marle, with Carol Kanda, Careen Foreman, and Sue Schlitzon developed their domestic skills designing and sewing their own clothes.

If you hear a familiar voice on Mito, try Sassy Rocker or Nancy Doyle who have pursued their interest in communications.

Rita Kimbel and Heidi Koceci worked at the Spanish speaking San Juans medical clinic on the West side. Rita commented, “Genesis has provided me with an experience I normally wouldn’t have had.”

Some other areas investigated were marine biology, child psychology, speech pathology, and physical therapy.

Assuming the reins as office in the Father’s Club are: Mr. Hugh Gallagher, Executive Vice-President, Mr. Thomas Carson; Administrative Vice-President, Mr. Robert Burns; Secretary, Mr. Richard Durrer; and Treasurer, Mr. Kenneth Pettifor.

French Cuisine. Entices Palates

Something was definitely cooking in the home economics laboratory recently, namely, a French dinner. Nine Magnificent French IV students celebrated the Magpie du Four (Culinary of the Valley) Festival in their own way-by preparing and eating French cuisine.

The menu consisted of Clos Matelles a l’crecy (buttered eggs with currents at Vienne) served with Spanakopita (a Greek pie filled with spinach, feta cheese, and filo crust), and a special French dessert.

The students organized the dinner after studying a section on French foods and cooking.

Exclaimed senior Sue Sweaney later, “We were eating real French gourmet food!”

Cyclist Views Valley

Flowing smoothly along the warm, black asphalt, you can almost gently blow your hair, you can sit more firmly on your saddle.

Cycling through the Emerald Necklace Bike Trail is a soothing yet exciting thing to do on a warm, sunny summer’s day when all other creature life is subdued.

Metropolitan Park glimmers with bars of glowing green leaves and birds fluttering with the atmosphere as one of serenity. The Emerald Necklace Bike Trail is a few miles long and commences at the Stone Park Entrance. Traveling with your friends, the atmosphere becomes cheerful and enjoyable.

Rounding a curve, your eyes may sight small specks of color in the distance. You ride your 10-speed kites are spotted on a clear, windy day. Breathtaking excitement builds up inside. Atop a mountain top, you prepare to climb to the heights. Pedaling further, you watch a flat, red disc sailing in a group of people. Frequently, someone climbs to capture the Frisbee from the group of a tree branch.

If you decide the miles is too great a distance to travel without stopping, you can rest along the banks of the Rocky River, walking stones across the water while watching them dance to the other side.

“Excels - extra” 110 new Bicentennial books now available in the Resource Center, Hurry and get one before they sell out. Don’t forget before you see your friends take them out.

Congratulations on a job well done! This year Magnificant students donated a total of $3,148 to the missions. Special thanks goes to Miss Agnare who collected $230 by selling to her Spanish class sweaters that were made in Peru.

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Juniors Ann Buxley and Rosie Voloillée au Champignois (French omelet) for dessert.

By Paity Hochworth

Dolly Domestic

When you have had a hard day, do you find yourself perusing your local newspaper? Do you find yourself buying albums like "Cinco de Mayo" or "Spider Plant in D Minor"? If you can truthfully relate to these behaviors, then you may be on your way to plant addiction.

There are many tips to support your habit in an affordable way. Instead of buying your plants in an expensive shop, try to get cuttings from other friends’ plants. Place cuttings in water and in a while, they will start to grow. Later you can put them in soil.

For a decorative touch, you might try to make your own terrarium out of variegated glass containers. They should be waterproof to keep moisture inside and they should be transparent to allow in much light as possible. Terrariums are very easy to care for and they make wonderful gifts for almost anyone.

Be sure to give your plants the little attention they need. Be sure to water your plants especially in the beginning. One of the many books on plant care that we must read is "Plants of the World" by Gerd Mueller.

Caring for plants can be highly rewarding even if your thumb is any color but green.

Stanley Rocks on In New ‘Choice’

By Jan Domingo and Debbie Versagi

While announcing his new record "Ladies Choice" at Disc Records on April 30, Michael Stanley took a few minutes to talk about his life. Born Michael Stanley Gee, this 6-foot, brown-eyed 18-year-old rock star graduated from Rocky River High School and went on from there to attend Hiram College. He is happily married and has twin daughters, Anna and Sara. He is not sure about your plants’ special needs, consult one of the many books on plant care that are now out.

While performing this concert, Mr. Berniekoff and Mr. Babb were invited to a dinner ceremony sponsored by HDR and NOSD. Outstanding speakers throughout the U.S. and 20 workshops were held to discuss some important issues and cooperation between students and faculty.

On April 7 elections were held to choose Student Council officers for the 1975-76 school year. Voting with Molly are other new officers Michelle Sardour, Vice-President; Maryanne Povinit, Secretary; and Kathy Driscoll, Treasurer.

"To serve the students is the main purpose of having Student Council at Mansfield," said Molly Allman, newly-elected Student Council President. "We hope to continue this next year through good communication, openness, and cooperation between students and faculty.

"After choosing this convention, Sr. Bernadette and Sr. Rose Marie Kramer invited to the NCEA Convention in Chicago. Among the distinguished speakers was Bishop Thomas of Columbus, who talked not only about her work with the poor in India, but urged U.S. students to get to know these students.

Next year’s Student Council officers are (from left) Molly Allman, Michelle Sardour, Maryanne Povinit, and Kathy Driscoll.
Gymnast Honored; Prominent Woman

Have you been wondering about those opinions polls that said something about Magnificat's Athlete of the Year? There's no need to worry any longer because the results are in. The tally of the athletes popularity survey show that senior Peggy Hogue displays her talents on the parallel bars. Hogue is the first place winner with senior Marianne Whitford, senior Kerry Lydon, and freshmen Ken Peterson following behind.

Peggy Hogue, an outstanding gymnast, is noted not only for her efforts with Magnificat's Gymnastics Club, but also for her devotion to the Lakewood YMCA and YMCA. She is now the head coach of the Gymnastics Team at the YMCA and President of the Women's Club, an organization interested in maintaining the YM/YMCA system. Peggy's many efforts with the Y were justly awarded. She was honored with the Woman's Youth of the Year Award at the YMCA in February and again for the YWCA in April.

Students commented that "Peggy Hogue is willing to help others improve themselves." She's got it together in sports. "And of course, "because she's the Woman of the Y." Marianne Whitford was chosen because she's "good and vibrant in all sports," and because "she always wears tube socks."

Kerry Lydon is "the best; that's why." She was awarded a Gold Medal for the National Speed Skating Championships.

Kim Peterson is "gracious, imaginative and a good sportsperson."

These girls have been known to play doubles into the eighties. People have been known to play doubles into the eighties. Girls have been known to play doubles into the eighties.

Through the efforts of the Fathers' Club Governing Board, the present tennis courts are being realized. Soon what is now the back lot, will be transformed into regulation size facilities for field hockey, soccer, baseball, and football along with a one-quarter mile track and four tennis courts with room for possible expansion.

In discussions with students over a year ago, Sister Rose found them enthusiastic about the possibility of tennis courts, however, when the idea was presented to the Fathers' Club, their first thought was to outline plans for an entire field rather than just the tennis courts. Then they proposed the idea of definitely designing both an athletic field and tennis courts.

Construction will begin as soon as enough money has been collected. An estimated $100,000 is needed and will be raised solely through donations. This process is expected to take three or five years. A fine portion of these funds will go towards drainage systems.

In determining a policy for the use of the field, Sister Rose will first consult the guidelines of other schools that have such facilities. However, she indicates that students, alumni, parents and others connected with the Magnificat community will be given first consideration. The regulation size facilities will also be available for official track meets and other athletic competitions.

One of the first steps in construction will be clearing the trees to enlarge the land space. What is now the cleared portion is only 40% of the land available.

Sister Rose, Mr. Hugh Gallagher and Mr. Joseph Janzen plan ahead for the new athletic facilities.

Track Team Tests Talents

A sunny but wind-blown day provided the weather for the Lake Relay Relays, a track and field meet in which nine Magnificat girls competed against other area high schools. Magnificat's team, consisting of members from each of the four classes, finished 12th in the overall standings.

The high jumpers from Magnificat, Barb Cowell, Ann McAluiffe, and Jeanne McKinley reached the finals and finished 4th overall in the high jump event.

Other members of the team included freshmen, Kathy Flann, Brit- ton Burke and Sue Butter; sophomores, Sabina Margaritis and Mary Elaine; and junior Marianne Whitford.

Through hard work and determination the team members displayed their school spirit, as Barb Cowell, who continued to work out in preparation for the meet even after the senior class was dismissed for Ceremonies.

Afterschool workouts were common for all the team members, each trained for her particular event. The team members were chosen to compete in the meet after the highest skills and talent were shown in practice.

The meet featured other events familiar to the Magnificat physical education curriculum, such as the relay dash, shot put, 440-meter, and the relay medley.

Sabina summed up her feelings on the hard work and preparation that went into the event this way, "We may not have come in first, but we had a lot of fun trying."

Athletes Reap Awards

Senior Kerry Lydon skated her way to a gold medal in the Canadian World Speed Skating Meet, held in April.

This major speed skating event succeeded the World Meet in Cham- pagne, Illinois where Kerry, representing the U.S. team, competed against girls from Europe, Canada, and Australia. She received a fourth place in the Junior Ladies Division of the 500-meter, and the Junior Ladies Relay Team received a first in the 500-meter.

428 Participate In Grade 7 Day

Magnificat's recent "Special In- terest Day" brought together over 425 seventh grade girls from surrounding parishes.

The girls chose two "special in- terest categories out of fifteen including photography, gymnastics, typing, drama, T.V. production and many others. The girls also participated in small group discussions with MHS students."

"The goal achieved was to help the girls interact and get the feel of Magnificat, pursue interests of their own, and to have fun!" said Sr. Rose Marie, co-ordinator.

Hard Work Pays Off

Science Winners Acknowledged

Seven Magnificat students have found that science pays. Seniors Kathy Meeker and Gina Whitney, junior Andrea Frick, sophomores Maryann Povilaitis and Betty Ann Sisson, and freshmen Linda Hanna and Mary Beth Ung all won prizes for their individual science projects in the Northeastern Ohio Science Fair held this year at Case-Western Reserve University.

Linda won first place while Mary Beth and Betty received honorable mentions in biology. Taking second and third places respectively in biology were Maryann for grades 9-10 and Gina for grades 11-12.

Kathy won second place in chemistry and was given an honorable mention award of $25 by the American Chemical Society. Andrea also earned an award of $50 from the American Chemical Society and an award of $25 from the American Institute of Chemical Engineers.

Three students competed in other science fair. Gina entered her project in the Westinghouse Science Talent Search where it was selected as one of the top 300 in the nation.

Attending the First Annual Science Day at Kent State University were Maryann and Andrea who were selected to exhibit their projects in Columbus. Both girls won superior ratings and other special prizes. As Andrea summarized, "It was a lot of work but a lot of fun."

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