



Sue Ernst talks to Jim Flack, junior high coordinator, at roller skating party held by Youth For Christ.



Kids crowd into the hall for Powertime on Saturday mornings and listen to songs by Dave Foote, Pete Shaeffer, and Don Burke.

The most heavily involved kids attend "Powertime" each Saturday morning in the basement of the Winton Road Building. Powertime combines breakfast, singing, prayers led by executive director Fred Thomas, and inspirational talks by staff members.

Talking with the students, one ends with the impression that there is not a common denominator in their cultural or family background that brings them to Youth For Christ. Some have been disciplinary problems in school, but others come from model backgrounds.

Sue Ernst is one of the latter. A senior at Penfield High, she plans to become a stud nurse. She has been in the Campus Life group since junior high, and says that all but one of her six brothers and sisters have been members. "He was too old," she explains about the one who wasn't, adding that she enjoys evangelizing other kids because, "It's interesting, the people you meet."

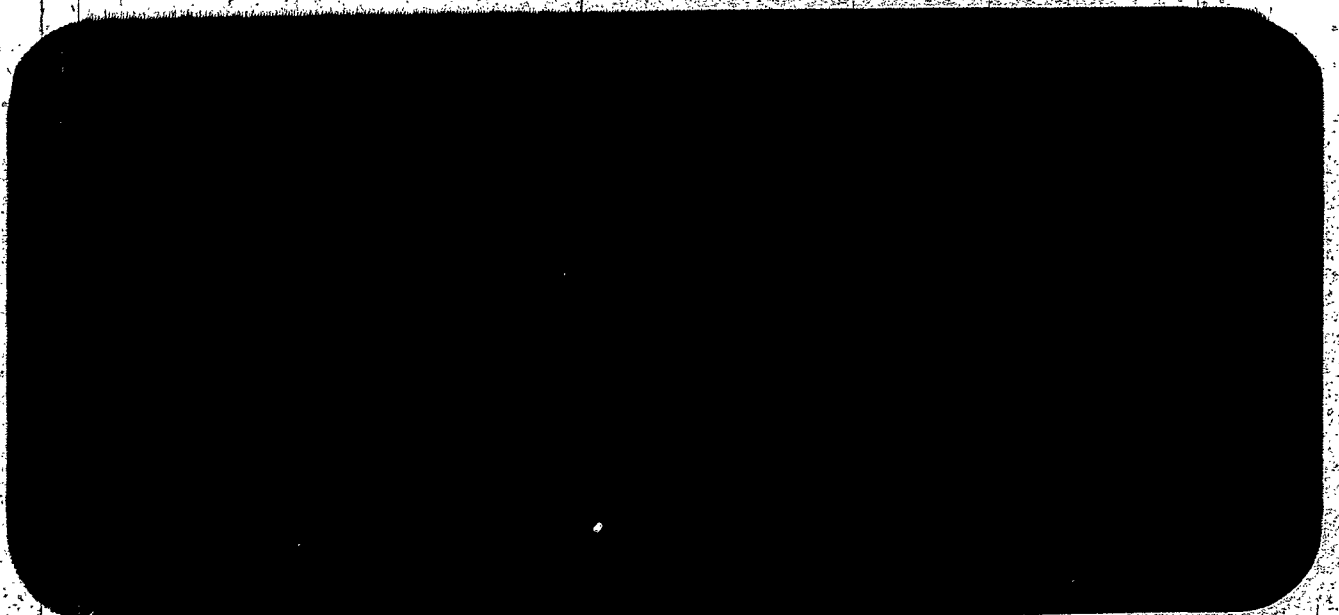
Laura Watson, a junior at Mercy High, started a year ago "because my sister was in Campus Life, and a lot of my friends were having meetings."

Kip Fyke, a senior at Churchville-Chili High, has been in the movement since his junior high years. He likes Campus Life because "it makes me feel free . . . their consistency in their Christian life really impresses me." His parents, he says, both support his activities strongly; most of the kids interviewed said their parents were more neutral than that, but none said they faced heavy opposition at home.

Most join because of their friends, which bears out the words of Sister Mary Ann when she called the Youth For Christ essentially a "teen to teen ministry."



Listening and counseling takes up the time of Sister Mary Ann.



Julie Watson plays ping pong at club meeting.