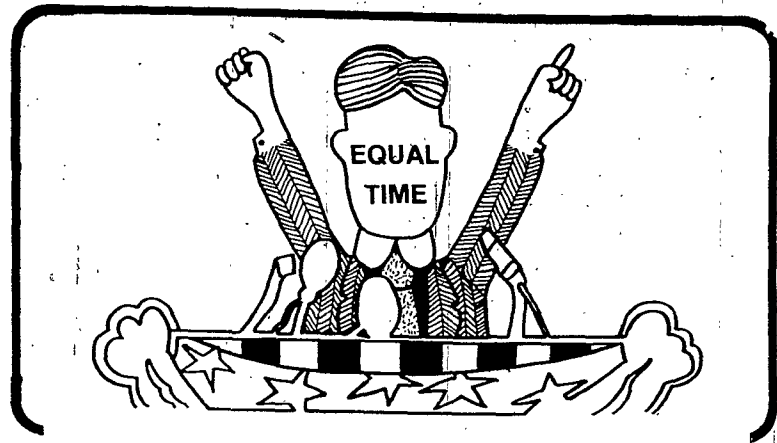


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Why do young adults drink?

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Ann Trama, senior



"It (alcohol) puts them in a good mood and they enjoy it. It is easier for them to get to know people because it relaxes them especially for a very shy person. It's just a social thing to do."

Kim Barton, freshman



"One reason I think they drink is because they see their friends doing it and they have to be with the crowd. They think it's fun. I think they can control their drinking habits."

Ronelle Horne, freshman



"They think it is another means of getting high. They see their friends, mother and father drink so they decide they want to be part of the crowd. In some cases they use it as a crutch to solve problems."

Cece Schifino, freshman



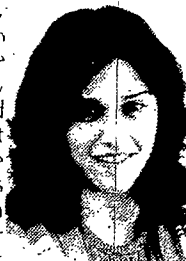
"They drink to get away from their problems at school and at home. They don't like to drink but they do it to get in good moods and have fun. Some can control their drinking habits, others can't."

Sheila Dowd, freshman



"I feel that they drink because of something that has happened to them, they want to have a good time, and they want to forget their problems. I know of two personally who drink because they feel it is a solution to their problems. Some young adults can control it but others can't."

Andrea Amico, sophomore



"I think they drink mostly to get drunk for the fun of it. They like the good feeling — not particularly the taste. It depends on how much they drink for fun whether it becomes habit forming. There is a problem with alcohol and young adults. They can't handle themselves."

Terry Ryan, sophomore



"They drink because everybody else does. They are scared they will get mocked out if they don't — so they drink to belong to the crowd. I think there is a drinking problem in the young adult segment of society, and sickness, and accidents are the result."

Madeline Howe, senior



"I think because they like to have a good time and they enjoy it. If everyone goes out to a bar they are not going to order a Coke, they want to be part of the crowd. I don't think the young adults have a problem controlling their drinking habits."

oman's View of Sports

By BONITA BALDWIN

"I like to relate to the kids as a human being. I just want to be a person to the next person I meet." The speaker, Sister Catherine Pflieger successfully coached the Mercy High School basketball team to the sectionals this year where they finally were downed by Penfield.

Sister Cathy's own interest in sports developed in rough and tumble childhood play with brothers and later in high school sports. "I think I learned gymnastics out of fear. I didn't want to be the only one in the class who couldn't do it."

Comparing girls in high school today with those she remembers, Sister Cathy said she sees a much broader spectrum of girls interested in sports now. "When I was in school it was the same group participating in sports all the time. It's different now."

Why the greater interest in women's sports? "Blame it on women's lib, I guess. Who can put their finger on why that started?" People just express themselves much more freely today, she continued, and we probably won't know if that is good or bad for a few years, when we can look back.

Sectional sport competition is causing great growth in the girls' skill. "Girls are doing things that were never expected of them before. Who ever thought a girl could do a lay-up?" She supported the parents, especially the fathers, who cheer their daughters at games. "They're a terrific group," she said.

Sister Cathy said she believes that participation in sports can affect a woman's entire life. Mercy offers 20 sports electives, including golf, bowling, archery, and crew. Having done it once, girls will be more confident about participating again later. When asked to play golf, a girl won't have to say she would rather not simply because she feels shy about never having done so before.



Photo by Susan McKinnon.

Sister Cathy Pflieger, center, discusses tactics with her team during girls Section 5 basketball action.

Girls in team sports grow, learn to fit in, and give and take in practice and games. They develop a real sense of responsibility for one another. A person in competition has more opportunity for growth than one who is not, Sister said. "The more situations a person has to face, the more confidence they develop, and the more possibility there is for their filling leadership roles in the future." She said that she sees advantages from boy-girl situations where girls can learn from and compete with the boys.

Sister Cathy began her teaching career hanging onto her veil while running up and down court refereeing games. "Coaching is a whole different ball game from teaching." Sister explained that teaching can both help and run coaching. As women's sports increase, she expects to see changes in the training given girls' physical education teachers.

"These kids are really something!" she exclaimed. "I learn a lot from them."

Rap Around Coordinators

- AQUINAS Tom Rosica — Sophomore
- BISHOP KEARNEY Bill Blum — Senior
- CARDINAL MOONEY Jim Redmond — Senior
- DE SALES Thomas Marino — Junior
- MCQUAID Larry Conley — Senior
- NAZARETH Pat Hartleben — Junior
- NOTRE DAME Victor Coroscio — Senior
- OUR LADY OF MERCY Mary Joe Porreca — Senior
- Mimi Zelter — Junior
- ST. AGNES Linda Petote — Senior



"The King and I" Mooney dancers, first row: Jan Mattiucci and Karen DeFiore; Second Row: Patricia Meiller, Trish Padula, Liz Rich, Kathy Angelone and Lisa Schickler.

Mooney Plans "King and I"

The "King and I", under the direction of Brother Michael O'Palko, will play at Cardinal Mooney High School on April 18,

19 with additional performances scheduled for April 25 and 26. Among the play's Asian

production sets will be a huge tapestry backdrop by Brother Etienne Cooper.