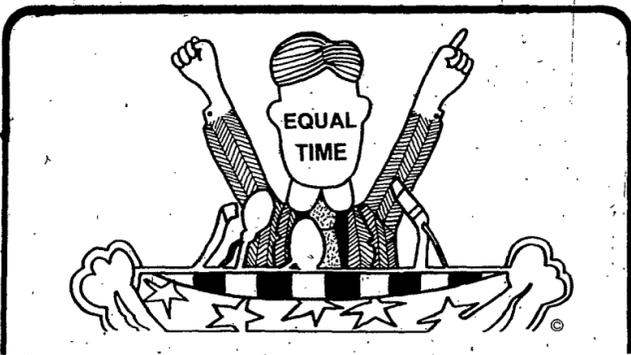


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Do you think Christmas is too commercialized with overemphasis on the material things?

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Mike Dispenza, senior, intramurals... "I think Christmas is too commercialized in that the kids when they see the ads they think about the Santa, Claus aspect and not about the birth of Christ. Nothing can be done because commercial ads will be kept because the public likes it that way, especially the kids and the parents give them what they want."



Tom Buerkle, senior, track... "I don't think Christmas is too commercialized. People still attend church. They still know the religious meaning behind it, and they haven't lost sight of the true meaning. Besides if they didn't commercialize Christmas it would only be some other holiday. I think the commercialism is good... it creates jobs."



Paul Hickey, senior, track... "I agree that there is too much commercialism. You don't see the true aspect of Christmas because everything is so commercial. There isn't much to be done about it that's the way the advertising companies see it, so that's the way it's done."



Tom Hoffend, junior... "I believe it's too commercialized. It's lost too much of its meaning for the little kids. They really don't get enough out of it anymore because they just think in terms of toys and gifts. You should at least know the meaning about Christmas — how it all came about and what it really means."



Pat Schleyer, junior, ski club... "I think they rush the season too much every year. It seems it gets earlier and earlier when they start to sell Christmas. In fact, it's that way with all the holidays. Christmas has lost a lot of its meaning because all it is toys and what kind of presents are received. For a lot of people Christmas just means having to spend money. People don't have much spirit about Christmas anymore."



Jim Shaw, senior... "I feel Christmas has become too commercialized in trying to bring out the true meaning of it. They've built the event up too much materially. Christmas is the time for gift giving but it has been turned into a big advertisement campaign. The biggest let down of the whole year is after Christmas. You look forward to it, you build it up and than afterwards it's like starting all over again."



Tom Cali, senior... "The world as a whole is too materialized and so it's natural for kids to want everything they see. I don't think we should blame the advertising companies because they're going on the feeling of what the people want. De-emphasizing the commercialism has to start in the home where kids should be taught not to want everything."



Mike Lenzi, senior, track... "I say Christmas is too commercialized but it doesn't make much difference because people aren't as religious as they used to be. The stores and advertising people add excitement to that time of the year and give people something to look forward to. Everyone knows the story of Christmas... it's always been there. Even with the commercialism people still realize the true meaning of Christmas. Everyone should enjoy Christmas not just the kids."



Winner's Circle

RapAround weekly will run a photo of a group of students taken somewhere in the diocese. One person will be circled and if that person brings the clipping to the Courier-Journal before noon of the Tuesday following publication date, he or she will receive \$5. This week's photo was taken at Aquinas Institute during an assembly. The person circled above should bring the clipping to Joan M. Smith, Courier-Journal, by noon, Tuesday, Dec. 9 to receive \$5.



Sno-Ball at St. Agnes

Mrs. Edward Nassar, left, and Mrs. Carl Lowenguth have charge, with their husbands, of the Christmas Sno-Ball that St. Agnes parents will put on Dec. 6 at the school.



Mystery Play

Michele Murray will play Mrs. Bennet and Jim Bloomfield will be Sgt. Cadwalldar in the Performing Arts Club presentation of "The Unexpected Guest" to be performed at Aquinas Institute on Dec. 6-7 at 8 p.m. Tickets can be reserved by calling the school, or purchased at door.

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