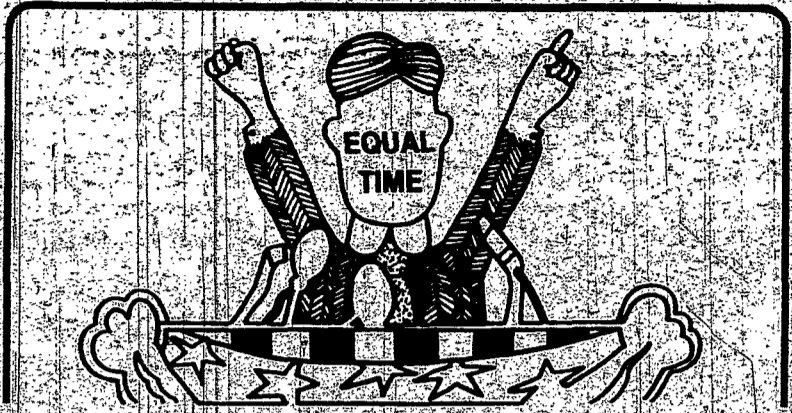


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Do you feel religion plays an important part in the lives of the young adults of today?

## OUR LADY OF MERCY

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**Dorothy Kenning, freshman, ski club**  
"I think that teenagers are brought up on a religion. They didn't pick and this leads to taking the religion for granted because they didn't have a say in what they wished. Teenagers should be able to pick their own religion when they are mature enough and have more knowledge of other religions."

**JoAnne Brock, freshman, baseball**  
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**Carmen Ponce, freshman, Student Government**  
"I think it's important for me, but I don't think teenagers take religion as seriously as they used to. Maybe it's because their parents aren't strict enough about it. At one time they would be told to go to church. Now it's left up to them to decide if they want to go. A solution would be to get a working group of teenagers together who are into religion and have them deliver religion's message to other young adults."



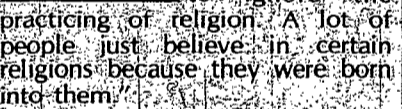
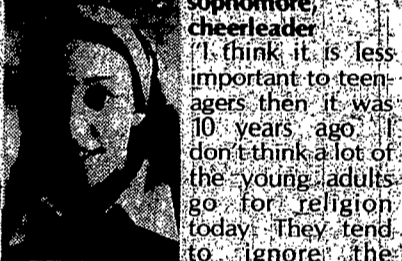
In one scene from "Peter Pan", Michael Cassata who played the character "Michael" playfully sits on the family dog.

**Gndy Ciccarelli, sophomore**  
"Yes, at least for me. Religion helps me in making decisions. When you need help you can turn to Christ. I'm into religion and I feel you need to pray. But generally, the teenagers of today aren't into religion as they once were. A lot of them don't go to Mass any more."

**Alice Skuse, freshman, ski club**  
"I think if they belong to a certain religion and they are out at a party they have to think twice about their actions because of their religious teachings, but on the whole the teenagers don't take their religion as seriously as they should. Maybe it's because when they go to church it seems everything is directed to the adults."

**Mary Anne Compertore, sophomore, cheerleader**  
"I think it is less important to teenagers then it was 10 years ago. I don't think a lot of the young adults go for religion today. They tend to ignore the practicing of religion. A lot of people just believe in certain religions because they were born into them."

**Mary O'Dea, sophomore**  
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## Secretary Club Awards

Nazareth Academy's Junior Future Secretaries Club recently had its monthly Recognition Day.

Thirty-one Shorthand I students were honored for their achievement of 100 per cent or 99 per cent on a theory test given in December and nine others were placed on the Honor Roll for meriting 96 per cent.

Eighty-two Typing I students earned a point toward their pin in a typing accuracy test. Among these students, Laurie Mykins, Linda Loomis, Debbie Griffith, Theresa Herlihy, Colleen Jeanmurette, Nancy Fratte, Phyllis Heberger, Ann Marie DelVecchio, Mary Pereira, Michele Murray, and Marjan Demianiw received special recognition for having made no errors. When students achieve five points they become eligible for an Excellence in Typing pin.

Recognizing the importance of attendance as an employment factor, 42 girls were honored for their record of perfect attendance during December; 30 of these students have maintained perfect attendance from the beginning of the school year.

Lisa Camelio, Maria Meschino, Annette Amorese and Kathy Lukas merited special thanks for their service to the JFSC during December.

## HARLEY SCHOLARSHIP

All eighth and ninth graders in the Rochester area are eligible to compete for Harley School's full tuition scholarship. They may enter the competition by calling the admissions office, 442-1770, no later than Feb. 4. The school, at 1981 Clover St., has 450 students from the city and 22 neighboring towns.

## Winner!

Sue Raus, a freshman at Our Lady of Mercy High School, was the recipient of the Winner's Circle \$5 for the week of Jan. 7.

## 'Peter Pan' A Mercy Hit

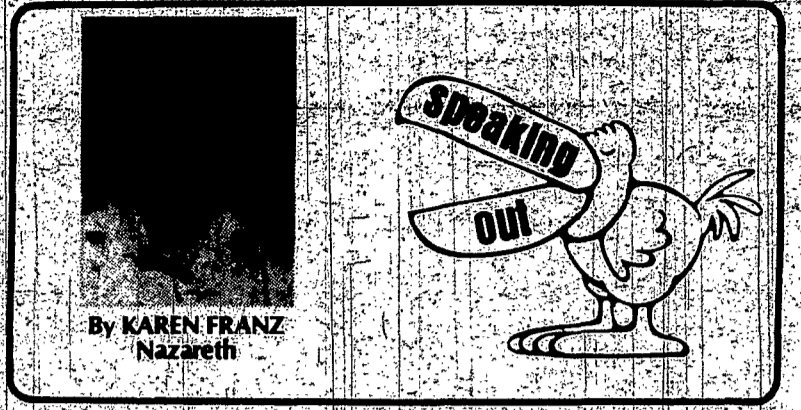
The Children's Theater group of Our Lady of Mercy High School presented "Peter Pan" on Jan. 14-17 to area elementary school students.

The play was a sell-out. Youngsters were entertained by the antics of such characters as Captain Hook, played by Elaine Volby; Tinkerbell, portrayed by Bernice Hughes; and Crocodile, played by Christy Laws.

The group's performances, which are sponsored by the Parents' Association, are a yearly attraction for the grammar school students.



Sue Doyle as "Peter Pan".



By KAREN FRANZ  
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Since the early 1950s, potentially dangerous gases have been escaping into our atmosphere. These chemicals are steadily rising to their rendezvous with the ozone layer of our atmosphere where they eventually decompose. These chemicals possess a very interesting property, they are inert gases. Inert gases do not combine with other chemicals to form compounds.

The chemicals formulated under the patent name "Freon" were found to be perfect propellants for aerosol sprays since they do not react with the substances they propel. Therefore, they can be contained in pressurized cans and vaporize at room temperature.

The use of these aerosols has increased to the extent that in 1974 more than three billion aerosol cans were sold. It is estimated that in the average household there are 40-50 aerosol cans.

Scientists calculated that the total amount of Freon manufactured is now in the upper layer of our atmosphere. It was known that the chemicals in Freon are decomposed in the stratosphere by ultraviolet light into carbon, fluorine, and other elements which are not inert and will combine with other elements to form compounds.

It was discovered by Professor F. Sherwood Rowland and Dr. Mario J. Molina that these elements combine and could destroy the ozone layer of our atmosphere.

Since the ozone layer is our only protection from dangerous ultraviolet radiation, this is a serious matter.

Although many government agencies are studying the problem, Congress is holding off on any legislation which would ban the chemicals, giving industry time to disprove Rowland and Molina's theory. Also, they are hesitant because of the effect a ban could have on an economy already battling a recession.

Recently, I have observed two propaganda techniques used by aerosol companies. First, some companies have been pushing non-aerosol sprays, stating that they are more economical. They are slowly converting to non-aerosols, convincing the public to use them, but not speaking of the real reason for such conversion — to avoid a panic which would leave them with large inventories of aerosols they cannot sell.

Other companies assume that the public is ignorant. They say in their advertisements, "It doesn't have an unpleasant smell." They think the public doesn't realize that the odor is not the issue, but the effect these chemicals have on our environment.

I feel that it is time to stop allowing big business to "con" us. But, are we willing to sacrifice a convenience to prevent a crisis which looms in the future?



Characters in "Peter Pan" were Mr. Darling played by Pat Hill; Wendy played by Cyndi Cromwell; and Nana who was played by Christy Laws. There were four performances.

## Rap Around Coordinators

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