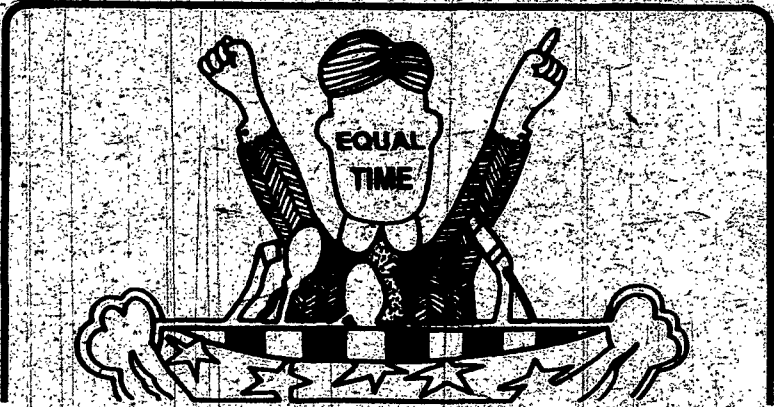


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What do you think of the present detente with the Soviet Union?

CARDINAL MOONEY

Jim Bauer, senior
detente is doing any good. There's too many compromises on our part. We should draw the line politically and let them (U.S.S.R.) know we mean business. We should be friendly with them if they come to us, but we shouldn't always be the ones to make the first move.

"I don't think

Mike Bleier, senior, baseball
I don't think it's a good idea because I think they're (U.S.S.R.) taking advantage of the situation. We're giving a lot, but Russia doesn't seem to be giving much in return. They take it as a big joke. They just sit back and play a game — watching us to see how much we'll do."

Eileen Walsh, senior
Detente is good because it gives us a chance to be closer to the Soviet Union. When the world sees that the U.S. and Russia can resolve differences then maybe it will become closer and work together to solve problems.

"Detente is

Pam Fitzgerald, senior, cheerleader manager
I don't think they want to be that friendly with us. I think we're the ones that want to be friendly so there won't be a war. We should not be as friendly. Treat them like they treat us and not bend over backward with concessions."

Peggy O'Donnell, sophomore, volleyball
I think we should wait and see. Let them take the next step to see if they are really sincere. Keep our relations with the U.S.S.R. on a middle road. So there isn't cause to be enemies. I don't think, however, that these two entirely different systems can ever get along because we strongly believe in our system, and they believe just as strongly in theirs."

"Detente is

Mary Ellen Cuiule, sophomore, ski club
We should be friends but not as close as we are. Like sharing military secrets. But open enough so there isn't a cause for another war. We shouldn't give in but play it "cool". We should be friends but not give them military secrets. We shouldn't try to overpower them and they shouldn't overpower us. Regarding arms buildup I feel we should continue to build our forces and not depend on any compromises with them because I feel they will continue to build up their weapons."

Liz Buckley, freshman, ski club
I think we should keep relations with them on a neutral basis, but try to get close to them, and make them open up their society. We should try to compromise with them because it will keep us from a confrontation with them. Detente is better than always trying to outdo each other, militarily, economically, and culturally."

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Mary Buckley, sophomore, ski club
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WINNER!

Mary Rossi, a senior at Nazareth Academy, was the recipient of the Winner's Circle \$5 for the week of Feb. 18.

Casting Call

The Aquinas Performing Arts Club needs girls to participate in its spring musical. Anyone interested should see Father Leonard Cullen at Aquinas on any day after school.

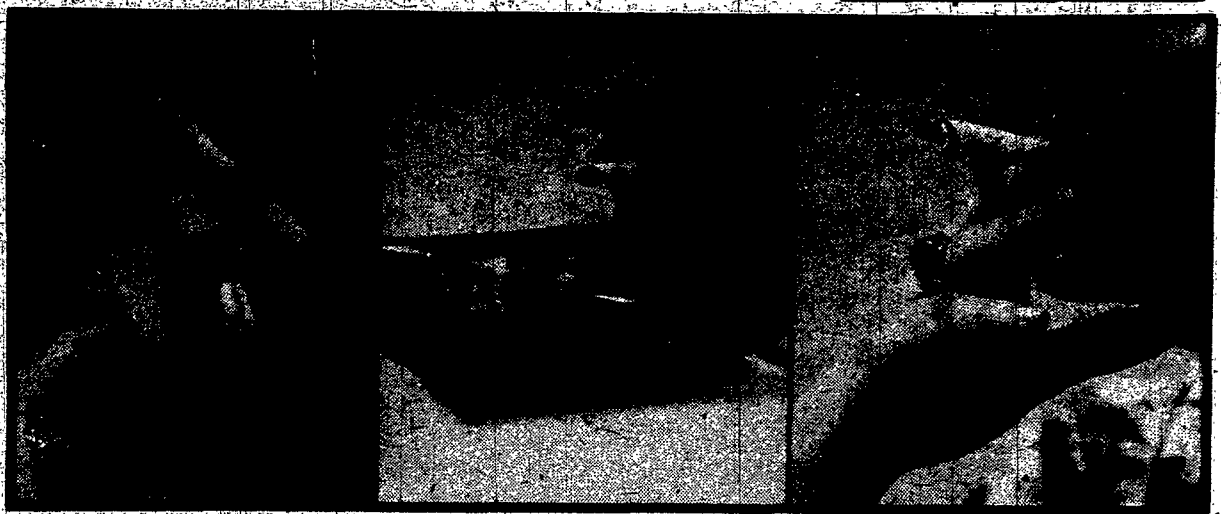


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Cigarette smoking has increased among teen age girls in the last six years, with 27 per cent of girls 13 through 17 now smoking and 4 in 10 smokers using at least one pack a day. According to a recent survey, there are now 500,000 more teen-age smokers than in 1969. During the same period smoking by boys has stayed constant.

Teen-age Smoking on Increase

The Surgeon General has determined that cigarette smoking is dangerous to your health.

This has been a visible warning on all cigarette packs for several years but by all indications it has been ignored especially by teenagers and by girls in particular.

A recent article in the New York Times reported on a survey conducted for the American Cancer Society. The grim statistics revealed that cigarette smoking has increased substantially among teen-age girls in the last six years with 27 per cent of girls 13 through 17 years old now smoking and 4 in 10 smokers using at least one pack a day.

Through the interviews conducted by the Uankelovich, Skelly & White public opinion research organization many reasons surface for the increase. Though the majority of girls interviewed knew

that smoking was harmful the knowledge was counterbalanced by their belief that most influential people smoke; that schools permitted special "smoker" rooms; doctors had never warned them against smoking.

New youth values also were cited as contributing to the increase in smoking. Their rejection of authority, emphasis on the emotional rather than the rational and an accent on self all make it easier for young people to resist arguments against smoking.

The report indicated that most schools' antismoking education programs start too late. It was reported that six of every 10 girls started smoking before age 13 and had not attended antismoking classes until seventh grade or later.

The Times reported Dr. Benjamin F. Byrd, president of the American Cancer Society, called the new

findings "alarming" and said the Society would seek ways to deal with this "urgent public health crisis."

Plans include the urging of broadcasters to run more antismoking spot announcements and to call upon regulatory agencies to stop tobacco companies from linking cigarettes to "health, beauty, physical well-being and sex" through their advertisements.

The Society also hopes to encourage doctors to talk to patients about the hazard of smoking.

Attempts are being considered to incorporate smoking education into public television through the heavy scheduling of cartoon programs.

As the Cancer Society already advocates a ban on smoking in all public buildings and transport systems it is suggesting a complete ban on smoking in schools.

DeSales Group Opens Office

The DeSales High School's Support Our School organization (SOS) launched its 1976 fund drive with a grand opening ceremony at its Exchange Street headquarters on Saturday, Feb. 21.

Edward Tracey, principal, cut the ribbon with the assistance of William Koebel, Board of Trustees president. Several SOS members and DeSales students were present.

The fund drive will last 35 to 40 days with many activities planned during this period. Events will include a dinner dance on March 6 at the Geneva Country Club; a pork dinner on March 29; a spaghetti dinner at a date to be announced. Lynn Crough.

Drummer Contest Scheduled

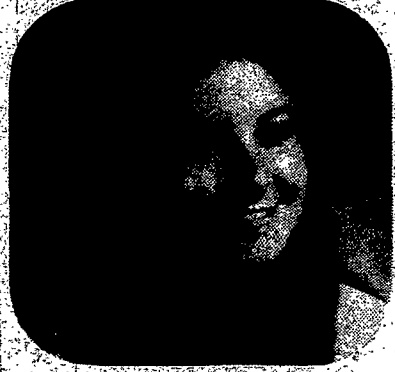
The semifinal competitions for the Bicentennial Drummer title will be held on March 13. Applications are due by Friday, March 5.

The competition, co-sponsored by the Bicentennial Commission and Rochester Savings Bank, is open to all drum students in grades 7 through 9 in any Monroe County school. The winner will serve as official Bicentennial Drummer, attired in typical Revolutionary-period costume, making public appearances throughout the county and surrounding areas.

The auditions will be held at Gates-Chili High School auditorium, 910 Wegman Road, and at Ridgecrest Elementary School, Ebner Drive, Webster. Audition times may be reserved by calling 325-4560.

Finalists will compete for the Bicentennial Drummer post on April 10 at Xerox Square Auditorium.

Applications for the contest must be received by mail or telephone no later than March 5. Mail applications may be sent to the Monroe County Bicentennial Commission, c/o Postmaster, Brockport, N.Y. 14420.



Laurie Hill

Nazareth Senior Receives Award

Laurie Ann Hill of Nazareth Academy, music student of Elizabeth Coughlin, was one of 12 seniors who were awarded the annual Howard Hanson Certificate of Merit.

Auditions under the sponsorship of the Rochester Chapter of the National Guild of Piano Teachers were held at Nazareth College on Feb. 9, 16-17.

A recital will be given by the winners on Sunday evening March 14 at 7:30 at Nazareth College Arts Center. The public is invited.

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