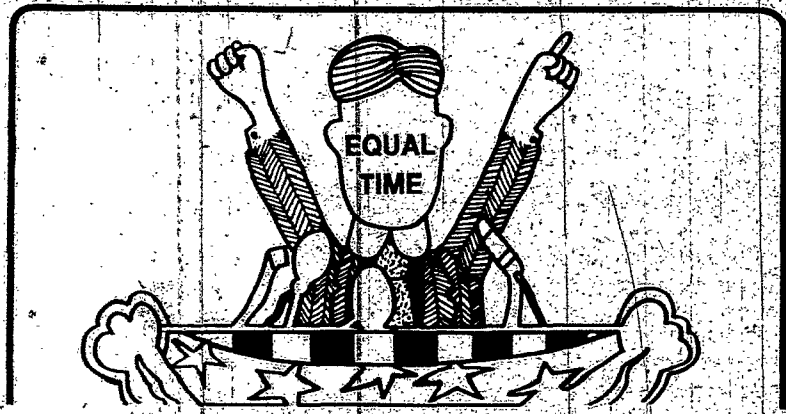


# Around Rap Around Rap Around Rap Around

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What is your opinion of the Rev. Moon and his Unification Church?

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**John Perevich, sophomore, soccer**

"I think people are making a big fuss about it. I think he'll just fade away like other cults have. I think it's all right if people want to join his religion. It's a free country. I'm not sure what the recruiting techniques are but as I said it is a free country and people have the right to join the religion of their choice."



**Mike Ricketts, senior, basketball**

"People can make up their own minds if they want to join the religion, but Moon is out to make money. The younger people, especially, if they're not wanted at home, find a place within his cult where they do feel wanted and it gives them a sense of belonging."



**Paul Campione, senior**

"I believe anyone who follows him and gets involved are hypocrites. His religion is nothing new because everyone believes in God, so his teachings aren't anything new but he's out to control people through their minds and he's out to make as much money as he can. I believe he's just trying to get inside of people's minds to make them join his cult."



**Steve Gosnell, senior, stamp collecting**

"I think it's a gimmick. I definitely think people can be brainwashed into something they don't want to do. It's done all the time and something should be done about it. I believe the religions are changing so much that the young adults doubt their own religions and are looking for something new."



**Mike Kelly, senior, basketball**

"I agree that he is out to make money. He's brainwashed these people, but they allow themselves to be brainwashed because they want to share in the profits. I think they're aware of his motives but they want to make money. As far as the ideas that he is out to conquer the world, once he makes all the money he wants he'll leave his church and his people."



**Dennis Dougherty, senior, football**

"I think Rev. Moon is influencing the people about a different religion and then they in turn try to sell that religion to other people. They have been trying to influence high school students around here. My opinion is that it is making money and Moon is making people believe he has something they want. Personally, I'll stick with my own religion."



**David Crispino, senior, ballet**

"I think the Rev. Moon is influencing his members. They're not joining (Unification Church) on their own. It's really not a religion but just a profit-making organization for his own personal gains. There is definitely brainwashing involved. When you encounter these people they are thinking quite differently. One tried to sell me candy and they were insistent that I buy."



**Pat Foley, senior, track**

"I feel that Moon's movement can influence people and he draws people through his promises of what will happen in the after life. He's out to control people for his own good. Our government lets him expand because of people's rights, but once it gets too widespread in its control and begins to go against people's freedom of choice the government will step in."



## Hike for Hope Announced

On Tuesday, May 4, Mayor Thomas Ryan proclaimed May 9-15 Hike for Hope week and May 16 Hike for Hope day in Rochester and Monroe County.

The mayor signed the proclamation in City Hall ceremonies, urging all Rochesterians to join him "in reaffirming our support of the endeavors of Project Hope."

In the past six years, Rochester area youths have raised more than \$2 million for Project Hope and

local charities that work primarily with children.

This year's Hike for Hope begins at 7 a.m. Sunday, May 16, at the Monroe County Fairgrounds Dome Arena. It will cover 25 miles, stopping at Cobbs Hill Park for a rest and lunch, and returning to the Dome Arena for a free indoor concert for hikers in the evening.

In addition to the 25-mile hike, 20 Junior hikes will be held in parks and playgrounds in Rochester and surrounding communities.



Arts Week

Bicentennial symbols provided the background for Arts Week, April 6-9, at Mercy High School. Among the performers were Judith Ranaletta, left, in scenes and songs from Man of La Mancha, and Roz Gugino, a student, shown singing to the piano accompaniment of Sister Mary Poole.

## Teamwork in Action

By JOAN M. SMITH

During the week of April 5, students, teachers and friends of Our Lady of Mercy High School combined their artistic talents to present a diversified week of entertainment.

The occasion was Mercy's Arts Week, co-directed by seniors Elaine Valby and Mary Doyle. According to Elaine, work began on the project back in January and she emphasized, "It was very hard!"

First, students were queried about their ideas as to type of program after which invitations were sent to the various entertainers. There was the frustrating effort of coordinating the program around performers as well as

students' time schedules, and then the inevitable problem of performance cancellations which meant last minute improvisations. The Mercy spirit, however, kept the show moving as teachers and students, on a moment's notice, teamed up to perform.

All the action was not confined to the stage. To celebrate art and all its facets, students took pen and brush and produced numerous creative works which decorated the school halls.

The week began with a Bicentennial Day and finished with a student body assembly which was followed by dismissal for Easter vacation. The days in between were filled with a varied program of music, dance, comedy, drama and

fashion shows. Outside performers included: The McQuaid Glee Club and Jazz band, Argus, Rochester Community Players, folk singer JoAnne Hartman and the Barley School of Music. Teachers Sister Marie David and Miss Judith Ranaletta were also on the entertainment squad as was a long list of students. It included Mercians Mary Haefner, Julie Weidman, Alicia Farrell, Kathy Henkel, Liza Pilaroscia and Ginny Knaut, to name a few.

Elaine answered the question as to whether the hard work involved in putting Arts Week together was worth it by enthusiastically explaining the week's success, "The kids had a good time and it gave them good experience in performing."

## ST. AGNES FESTIVAL

Paula Meade, Cindrea Morano and Judy Scarciotta show that "fun is the name of the game" for the St. Agnes Festival to be held on Friday, May 14 at the school. Fun, games and refreshments will be part of the celebrating. The Festival will feature a Boutique Shop with items such as homemade afghans and stuffed pillows.