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SPORTS

CITY-CATHOLIC-PRIVATE BOYS' BASEBALL

Previous Results
Kearney 6, Fairport 5; Webster-Schroeder 7, East 4 (9).

This Week
Wednesday, April 20—Franklin at Mooney, Kearney at Edison; Monroe at East, McQuaid at Aquinas, Jefferson at R-H Sperry, all 4 p.m.

Thursday, April 21—Aquinas at Eastridge, Mooney at Athena, both 4 p.m.; Kearney at Jeff, 3:45 p.m.

Friday, April 22—Mooney at Kearney, Monroe at Franklin, McQuaid at Edison, Madison at East, Marshall at Jefferson, HAC at Charlotte, all 3:45 p.m.; Arcadia at Aquinas, 4 p.m.

Saturday, April 23—Kearney at Eastridge, 11 a.m.; Arcadia at Jefferson, 10:30 a.m.

Monday, April 25—Monroe at Mooney, Kearney at McQuaid, Franklin at Madison, East at Aquinas, Marshall at HAC, Jefferson at Charlotte, all 3:45 p.m.

Tuesday, April 26—Arcadia at Mooney, 4 p.m.; Jefferson at Edison, 3:45 p.m.

CITY-CATHOLIC BOYS' TRACK

This Week
Tuesday, April 26—Marshall at Jefferson; Charlotte vs. HAC at Jefferson; Aquinas vs. Edison at Douglass; Kearney vs. Madison at Douglass; McQuaid vs. Mooney at East; Monroe vs. Franklin at East.

Thursday, April 28—HAC at Jefferson; Charlotte vs. Marshall at Jefferson; Kearney vs. East at Douglass; McQuaid vs. Edison at Douglass.

Friday, April 29—Monroe vs. Madison at East; Franklin vs. Mooney at East.
All meets at 3:45 p.m.

CITY-CATHOLIC BOYS' TENNIS

Friday, April 29—Aquinas at McQuaid, Edison at Kearney, East at Madison; Mooney at Charlotte, Monroe at Franklin, Jefferson at Marshall.

Monday, May 2—Edison at McQuaid, Madison at Aquinas, Kearney at Charlotte, East at Monroe, Marshall at Mooney, Jefferson at Franklin.

CITY-CATHOLIC BOYS' LACROSSE

Thursday, April 21—Geneva at Marshall, 4:15 p.m.

Saturday, April 23—Penfield at Marshall, 10:30 a.m.

CITY-CATHOLIC BOYS' GOLF

Friday, April 29—Charlotte vs. East, Monroe vs. Edison, Madison vs. Marshall, all at Genesee Valley, 3:45 p.m.

CITY-CATHOLIC-PRIVATE GIRLS' TRACK

Wednesday, April 20—Kearney vs. HAC, Mercy at Kearney, 4 p.m.

Friday, April 22—Madison at East, 4 p.m.
Tuesday, April 26—HAC vs. East at McQuaid, 4 p.m.

Wednesday, April 27—Madison at Kearney, 4 p.m.

Friday, April 29—Franklin, Mercy, Monroe at Douglass, 4 p.m.

CITY GIRLS' SWIMMING

Previous Results
Monroe 61, Marshall 12, East 62, Madison 20.

This Week
Thursday, April 21—Franklin at Madison, East at Monroe, 3:45 p.m.

Tuesday, April 26—Marshall at Franklin, Madison at Monroe, 3:45 p.m.

CITY-CATHOLIC GIRLS' SOFTBALL

Thursday, April 21—Penfield at Kearney, East at Marshall, Charlotte at Edison, Monroe at Madison, Franklin at Jefferson, all games at 3:45 p.m.

Friday, April 22—Charlotte at Marshall, Monroe at East, Edison at Franklin, Jefferson at Madison, all games at 3:45 p.m.

Tuesday, April 26—Marshall at Monroe, Franklin at Charlotte, East at Jefferson, Madison at Edison, all games at 3:45 p.m.

Wednesday, April 27—Kearney at Mercy, 3:45 p.m.

Thursday, April 28—Marshall at Franklin, Jefferson at Monroe, Charlotte at Madison, Edison at East.

Friday, April 29—Jefferson at Marshall, Madison at Franklin, Monroe at Edison, East at Charlotte, all games at 3:45 p.m.

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The Drinking Crisis Examined

BY JOAN M. SMITH

With the teenage drinking problem on the increase, the state of Michigan is seriously thinking of moving the legal drinking age up to 21 from 18. One New England state has already raised it to 20.

In talking to counselors, teachers and young adults, two facts are evident; alcohol far outstrips other drugs in use among our nation's young people; and their drinking is beginning at an earlier and earlier age. But in the hue and cry raised by society over such drugs as marijuana this fact is ignored, not considered a serious problem and tolerated.

According to Cardinal Mooney health instructor, Al Cretney, it's like the law enforcement officer who brings an inebriated teenager home and the parents greet the situation with "Thank goodness, at least it isn't drugs." But alcohol is a drug and it's abuse is on the increase among young adults. To make not only the students but the adults aware of alcohol's hazards, resultant physical and mental damage, and the organizations that are available to help with the problem, Mooney held an alcoholic awareness day for the student body in March. This program is being followed up by a similar project for parents on April 27.

The program, coordinated through the efforts of Cretney and Ray Buonemani, was initiated by a letter from former Mooney faculty member Brother John Larrere now teaching in West Haven, Conn. Brother John provided this type of program for his students and wrote to tell his colleagues of its success.

Mooney's program consisted of speakers from numerous organizations including Office of Vocational Rehabilitation, Action for a Better Community, Office of Drug Abuse Services, Drug and Alcohol Council, National Council on Alcoholism.

In talking with the Mooney students about their program they all agreed that it was a necessary and worthwhile project which dissolved many myths surrounding the drinking problem and was filled with surprises.

Regarding alcohol and why it surpasses the drug scene Lisa Hollembaek pointed out, "If you get caught drinking you don't get into as much trouble." But when asked if prohibition would alleviate the problem the group agreed that it wouldn't and referred to the prohibition laws of the 30's as worthless. As Terry McNamara saw it, "it (prohibition) would only make it worse."

They were astounded to learn that 80 per cent of all highway deaths were attributed to alcohol. They never realized the enormity of alcohol lethality when coupled with driving. One solution, they thought, would be instituting a penalty similar to Denmark's where if a person is caught for drunk driving, his license is taken away.

Another surprising fact to the young adults was stated by Sue Graham. "I never realized how many alcoholics there were." The seminar made students aware that the problem is one of all ages and social classes and that it is a deceptive addiction. By the time a person becomes an alcoholic they have learned to disguise it so they can go about their daily tasks without anyone knowing they have a problem. The image of the alcoholic as the town drunk, stumbling down the street totally out

of it was shattered by those in the know.

And this was the one aspect of the program the students appreciated; speakers included those who have been directly involved with alcohol and have sought rehabilitation from the various agencies such as Al-Anon. Hearing from these people about their experiences brought the true reality of the problem home to the students. Another facet of the situation emphasized by the speakers was alcoholic parents and the adverse effects upon their children.

Why do their peers drink and did they have any solutions to the problem were a few of the questions put to the students. Reasons why their peers drink were quickly pointed out; peer pressure, their parents drink, drinking is considered a standard of maturity. Solutions, however, were more difficult to pin down but they did suggest that young adults should realize they don't have to drink to be accepted; and the easing up in the constant advertising which projects that life is more enjoyable when you drink; and moderation if they imbibe. They emphasized that a person has to decide for himself how much he can tolerate and should be able to say yes or no to alcohol.

The program's accomplishment was summed up by senior Jim Malerk. "Many kids had misconceptions about alcohol and it cleared them up." Sue agreed, "It made me more aware of the effects of alcohol."



Realization by young adults that they don't have to drink to be accepted was emphasized by the Mooney students. This means developing a sense of individualism and was a topic underlined in a pamphlet, *Teenagers and their troubles*, which was distributed by the Mental Health Association of Monroe County.

"Each one of us needs to learn to think for himself, not just to organize ideas in his notebook. He needs to learn to understand himself, and to know the forces that are at work in human per-

sonality and in human organized society. We need to realize that in the field of character growth we have the secret to the problem. Those who start running away from problems through alcohol or other escapist methods in their teens will be running all their lives. Those who learn to grapple with their problems and develop their spiritual and intellectual powers will grow in strength in proportion to the forces they wrestle with. This is the great secret for teenagers — that the pattern adopted by them in facing life decides the course of their future."



Mooney students took the time to discuss with Raparound their views on alcoholism and the program's importance in making the public aware of the problem. Seated from left are: Sue Graham, Melinda Minch, Lisa Hollembaek, Nancy Figscher. Standing are: Jim Malerk, Terry McNamara, Al DeRosa, and Gwynne Lang.

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