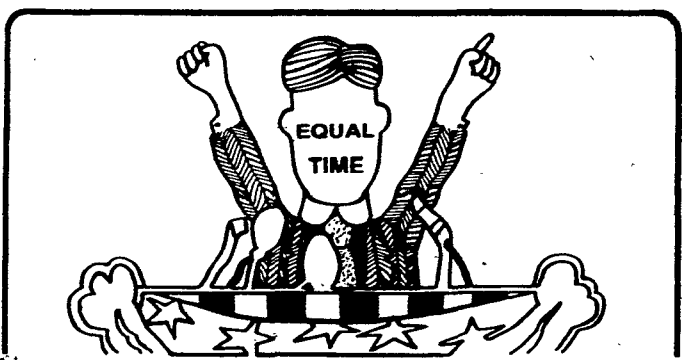


# Rap Around Rap Around Rap Around Rap A



What are your ideas about communion in the hand.

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**Tom DiBenedetto, senior,** Kearney Singers... "I think as long as they have given the people their choice it is all right to receive communion in the hand. I think a lot of people are going to accept the new way because it will make them feel they are taking part in the liturgy. I think it is perfectly all right for lay people to give out communion if they do it for the right reasons."



**Mary Lu Porth, senior...** "I like receiving communion in the hand because it is the way the Church used to do it. At the Last Supper when Christ instituted Communion, the apostles took the bread in their own hands. It is going back to the beginning. Lay people distributing communion brings people of the community into the sharing of the Church."



**Anthony O'Heron, senior,** Seniors Touching People... "It is a good idea because it shares the host and the reason for it with another person, showing unity; and the Church is a union of people for Christ. As I grew up in an era when it was taught that only consecrated hands offered the host, I don't believe lay people should distribute it — only in times when there is a shortage of priests."



**Robyn Juliano, senior...** "I think it is a good idea because the more technical things are the less people feel about them. More people will join in when there is less structure. If rules don't have any special significance, why stick to them?"



**Mary Ann Gagliano, senior,** Seniors Touching People... "I like it. Some people become nervous when they go up to communion — I think the new way puts more people at ease. Also, giving communion in the hand makes it more personal — you have a sense of sharing. Having lay people giving out communion is a great idea. It involves more people in the sacrament and in the Mass. I work at St. Margaret Mary's rectory and I've found most people have accepted the idea."



**Jim Ritzel, senior, Frisbee Club...** "I chose to accept the new way because I like it. But I believe people who like receiving it the traditional way should receive it that way. No matter which way you receive it, it doesn't change the meaning of receiving the sacrament. I feel people will come to communion more often because they won't be nervous about opening their mouths and sticking out their tongues. It will also give them a chance to participate. If lay people are needed and they understand why they are giving out communion I see no reason for them not to."



**Nancy Bezek, senior,** Seniors Touching People... "I think receiving the host in your hand is a sign of acceptance on your part. I think most people have accepted the new way. And as far as health reasons go, it is more cleanly for the priest as well as for the recipient. I think it lay people have been going to church for years and have remained strong in their beliefs it's all right for them to give out communion — especially if they are doing it for the Church, God and the people."



**Amy Siard, junior,** cheerleading... "I think it's a good idea — I really like it. It is a more personal thing and makes the sacrament less distant from us. It makes me feel I'm a part of the celebration. I think the young people are accepting it but the older people who are used to the traditional way of receiving communion are finding it difficult to accept the new way. I like the idea of lay people distributing communion because it brings more people into the celebration."



## 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 our 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, Nov. 22 to receive \$5.

BY RAYMOND MAHAR McQuaid



There is somebody in your class who feels detested; you know his or her name but the more important question is, do you know why he feels that way. Whether you are the "BMOG" (big man on campus), or someone who hides in a cocoon, the way you feel about yourself affects your happiness.

My Theology teacher said to our class the other day, "The saying, 'Lord I am not worthy' must be interpreted in its intended context." He gave alternative interpretations like "Lord in comparison to you I'm truly humbled." Or, "Lord by myself I'm insignificant but with you and through you I share in everything." These interpretations still tell us that we are human and have faults but it mentions that with help or hope we are worthy.

Let us first examine what we mean by "positive self image." The best way to describe it is when a person admits to having faults — his complexion, his clumsiness, his fears — yet he has an overall feeling of worth, goodness and purpose. Where do we get this feeling from?

I would really like to stress the importance of seeing worth within yourself. We have to stop holding ourselves down with our self-pity, and find for each one of us a real purpose. Hopefully then, we will see ourselves as loveable and loving human beings.

Some people think that being a Christian you have to be negative about yourself. The scriptures strongly stress the importance of self-denial and self-sacrifice but these ideas are confused in that they suggest that having a positive self-image is anti-Christian. Self-sacrifice is not the same as self-pity. Only a person who feels good about himself feels that he has something to offer. If you feel that you are worthless, you'll never open up to others.

## Prayers For Thanks

Nazareth Academy will hold a special prayer service on Wednesday, Nov. 23 at 1:40 p.m. This liturgical service is being prepared by the school Liturgy Committee and all parents and friends of students are invited to participate.

## Headed For Goal

Father John Menner, Aquinas principal has announced that \$20,000 has been raised so far through the school's magazine drive. The goal is \$35,000 and the drive will continue through to Nov. 21.



## Trip to Siam

"The King and I" will be presented at Our Lady of Mercy High School on Nov. 17, 18, 19 at 8 p.m. The school's Fall musical is under the direction of Miss Jane Garvin and has a cast of 70 including 16 grammar school children. Choreography is being handled by juniors Margaret Coughlin and Eileen Hurley. In above photo, Julie Clas as Tuptim rehearses along with the ballet chorus. Other female leads are Linda Quinalan as Anna and Patty Forward as Lady Tiang. Charles Rogers a Webster-Schroeder sophomore will play the King and Jerry Christopher, a BK senior, will portray Lun Tha.

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