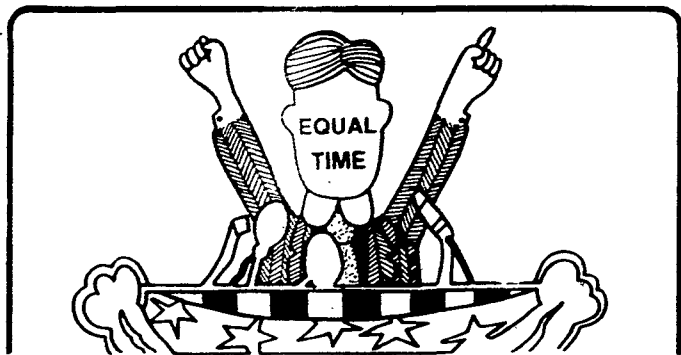


# Rap Around Rap Around Rap Around Rap A



What would you do if you had only a short time to live?

### MCQUAID

**Ray Mahar, senior, Student Government** ... "I think, at first, I'd want to do things I hadn't done before and go wild. Then I'd want to be off by myself and think and then go see a priest to prepare myself for death. I think there is still a psychological block against the aspect of death — people are still very much afraid of it."



**John Brankacz, senior, dramatics** ... "If I had only a short time to live I think I would spend it close to my family, my friends and have a good time. Being Catholic, I would spend time with a priest. I would have no desire to do anything I haven't done. I would just spend the time with my family."



**Mark LoMonaco, senior, dramatics** ... "I would say I'd keep living the way I am. If you have only one day you can't change — it's impossible to change in a short time. If I'm happy with my life it doesn't matter if I die tomorrow or next year as long as I'm fulfilling a purpose. Death is a hidden subject. Most children don't know about it — it's pushed away — people still don't want to recognize it."



**Paul Nesser, senior, wrestling** ... "I'd stay in touch with my family and friends. I'd probably visit the Church. I would accept death and try to get ready for the afterlife."



**Steve Desino, senior, football** ... "I wouldn't change my life too much. We've talked about death in religion class and about our relationship with God; how your actions speak louder than words, like all of a sudden running off to church for forgiveness. I'd make sure I'd resolve all differences with everyone. Father O'Malley told a story about a person everyone considered a pest and who suddenly died. So I'd make sure I would be on good terms with everyone then I'd live my life normally."



**Tom Bayer, senior, wrestling** ... "I can accept death. It's just a stopping point for another life. I believe we'll see each other again but before I died I would get together with my family and friends and tell them what they meant to me. I'd apologize for the wrongs I had done and thank them for all the good times we had together. This generation relates to death but unless people come in contact with it, people still resist its inevitability."



**Geoff Techner, senior, Magis** ... "I think I'd get together with family, friends and talk about what we've done and then I'd go off into the mountains and try and talk with God about what I'd done and what's ahead for me. I think the subject of death has become more accepted. I think a person who is dying should decide for himself whether to prolong his life (through medical machines) or not."



**Paul Redington, senior** ... "I'd probably try to see a lot of things I hadn't seen before. I would like to see as much of the world as I could see. According to what we've learned about the emotional stages of death, at first, I'd probably not believe it, and then would begin to believe and then become depressed. I would be sorry that I wouldn't have the time to learn all the things I could."



## 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 Nazareth Academy during a workshop. The person circled above should bring the clipping to Joan M. Smith, Courier-Journal, by noon, Tuesday, Dec. 6 to receive \$5.



### AQUINAS

Thursday, Dec. 1 — Hockey Booster Skating Party, Olympic Skating Center, 7-10 p.m.  
Dec. 2-3 — Godspell, 8 p.m.  
Sunday, Dec. 4 — Awards Banquet, 5:30 p.m.  
Wednesday, Dec. 7 — Yearbook pictures.

### BISHOP KEARNEY

Friday, Dec. 2 — Christmas Concert, 8 p.m.  
Saturday, Dec. 3 — SAT achievement tests: paper drive; Student Council Dance.  
Monday Dec. 5 — Century Club meeting, faculty dining room, 7:30 p.m.  
Tuesday, Dec. 6 — Information night for juniors' parents, auditorium, 8 p.m.

### CARDINAL MOONEY

Friday, Dec. 2 — Apogee subscription drive.  
Saturday, Dec. 3 — Parents Christmas Dance.

### DESALES

Dec. 1-2 — Presentation of the Nut Factory, Open House, 8 p.m.

### MCQUAID

Dec. 1-3 — Parents Club Show.  
Wednesday, Dec. 7 — Faculty meetings, dismissal at 1:30 p.m.

### NAZARETH

Saturday, Dec. 3 — PATON Mass and social, 6:45 p.m.  
Monday, Dec. 5 — Faculty meeting, dismissal at 1:35 p.m.

### ST. AGNES

Thursday, Dec. 1 — Department planning meeting, dismissal at 1:30 p.m.  
Dec. 1-3 — McQuaid Show.  
Saturday, Dec. 3 — Parents Christmas Dinner-Dance, 8:30 p.m.

## State Contest Entry

Mary Beth Graham has been selected as Cardinal Mooney High School's candidate for the Hugh O'Brian Youth Foundation International Leadership Seminar competition.

human beings and sensitivity to the needs of others, ability to relate to new pursuits and acquaintances, and the desire to learn and share knowledge and experience with others

She will now compete with other high school representatives from New York State. At least one boy or girl will be chosen from the state to attend the all expense paid, week-long International Leadership Seminar on America's Incentive System, sponsored by the Hugh O'Brian Youth Foundation and coordinated by Columbia University which will be held in New York, April 15-22.

Runners-up at Mooney were Mary Jane Brennan, Sue DePrez, Paulette Gaudino, Diana Georger and Lisa Walsh.



MARY BETH GRAHAM

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## Yearbook Honored

The Lanthorn, Nazareth Academy's yearbook, received a first place certificate in the yearbook critique conducted by the Columbia Scholastic Press Association, Oct. 14. The book was cited for taste,

journalistic talent and good photography.

### Winner!

Mike Gudell, senior at Aquinas, was the recipient of the Winner's Circle \$5 for the week of Nov. 16