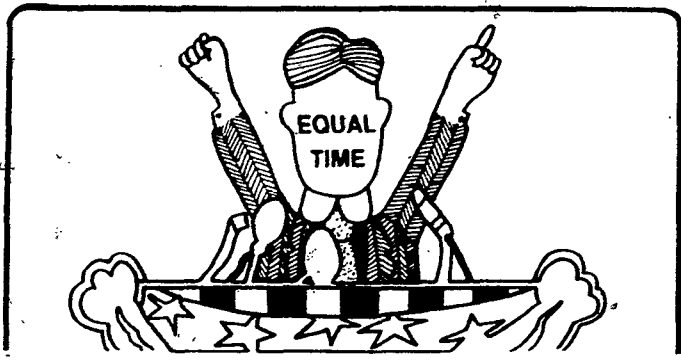


# Rap Around Rap Around Rap Around Rap A



What are your favorite things about Christmas?

CARDINAL MOONEY

**Kelly Dunn, junior, band ...**

"I'm going to be honest ... the presents. The presents are the best but not just the ones I receive but the ones I give and I like seeing



other people receive what they want. I also like the family Christmas breakfasts we have every year. I've liked all my Christmases and I like the TV program of The Little Drummer Boy because it's a real emotional Christmas story."

**John Graham, freshman, Spanish Club**

"My favorite thing is that every year we go to Midnight Mass and then come home and open our gifts. I think

Christmas has become too commercialized — they push the gifts but don't emphasize the Christmas spirit. If people would only slow down they'd enjoy it better. If I was Santa Claus I'd give the world peace and friendship."



**Mary Ellen Haisch, senior, cheerleading**

"My favorite things are the closeness and unity that come about between family and friends, and the good mood the holidays put everyone in. When I was young I enjoyed having breakfast with Santa and I still enjoy seeing all the decorations in the stores. Some people think it has become too commercialized but I like seeing the stores decorated — it gives people a special feeling. If the decorations weren't around it wouldn't be Christmas. My favorite Christmas story is the Christmas Carol because it depicts the attitude that everyone should have at Christmas."

**Tim Barone, sophomore, basketball**

"My favorite thing about Christmas is that I feel different knowing there's a big day coming. When I was younger I thought Christmas was a lot better. One time, when I was little, I left out a peanut butter and jelly sandwich for Santa and when I went downstairs on Christmas morning there was a big bite taken from it — I thought Santa had done it! The older we grow the less exciting Christmas is. If I was Santa I'd give the world love."

**Sue Sullivan, junior, class secretary**

"I like the idea of everyone becoming happy and I feel like a kid again. I look forward to the Christmas formal, and decorating the tree. All my Christmases have been good though I think Christmas has lost its traditional spirit and has become commercialized. If I was Santa Claus I'd give the world happiness."



**John Briemer, junior, ski club**

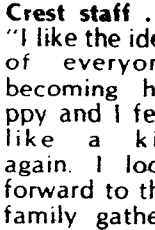
"Vacation! Christmas is a time for giving and if I was Santa Claus I'd give the world peace for Christmas. With each year the lack of spirit seems to get worse and worse. I've had two very special Christmas Days — one was when my brother came home from Vietnam. Though I was real small I remember it was quite the Christmas. The other one was two years ago when I received the dog I've always wanted. Her name is Brandy."

**Dwayne Laky, junior**

"I guess because it's a time to give and receive gifts. It's also a time of joy and a time to be with relatives. My favorite Christmas was when I was seven and I was over to my grandfather's and everyone was there. We had a good time. My favorite Christmas story is Dicken's Christmas Carol because the story is so true even today — people still feel it's their duty to go buy gifts."

**Eileen Krasavage, senior, Crest staff**

"I like the idea of everyone becoming happy and I feel like a kid again. I look forward to the family gatherings and I like New Year's Eve. People think Christmas has become too commercialized but I feel the spirit is still there. If I was Santa Claus I'd give the world happiness and see to it that everyone was content."

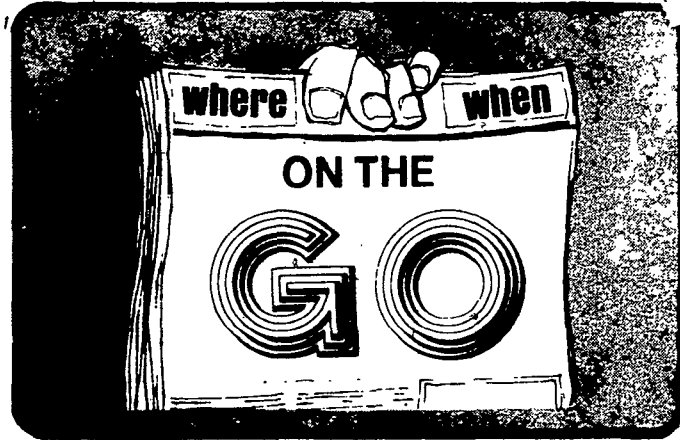


## Winner's Circle

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 McQuaid during a Christmas Liturgy. The person circled above should bring the clipping to Joan M. Smith, Courier-Journal, by noon, Tuesday, Dec. 27 to receive \$5.

### Wishes for You

That health and happiness will abound for you and yours,  
That the dove of loving peace will descend on all mankind,  
That fears and frustrations will disappear,  
That we will greet each day with courage, with a smile on our lips and good will toward all.  
RapAround



Geneva DeSales extends to their friends the tidings of Christmas ... and the hope for peace and love throughout the new year.

- AQUINAS**  
Thursday, Dec. 22 — Christmas Mass; vacation begins.
- BISHOP KEARNEY**  
Thursday, Dec. 22 — Christmas Dance at Mapledale Party House.  
Friday, Dec. 23 — Christmas recess.
- CARDINAL MOONEY**  
Friday, Dec. 23 — Student Council Christmas Formal.
- DESALES**  
Thursday, Dec. 22 — Christmas recess begins at noon.
- MCQUAID**  
Friday, Dec. 23 — Christmas recess.
- NAZARETH**  
Friday, Dec. 23 — Homeroom parties; Christmas program; dismissal, 11 a.m.; Student Council Christmas Formal, Redman Club, 8 til midnight.
- NOTRE DAME**  
Thursday, Dec. 22 — Golden Mass.  
Friday, Dec. 23 — Distribution of Christmas baskets; Christmas recess; Christmas Dance, Mark Twain Ballroom.
- ST. AGNES**  
Thursday, Dec. 22 — Christmas assembly, 1:30 p.m.; Christmas recess begins.  
Saturday, Dec. 24 — Glee Club at Sacred Heart Mass, 5 p.m.; carols begin at 4:20 p.m.
- OUR LADY OF MERCY**  
Thursday, Dec. 22 — Golden Mass.

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