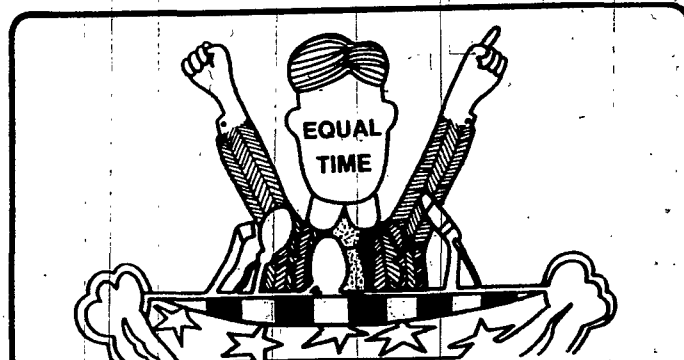


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Speech News

Recently, in a speech competition held in Port Byron, David Podgorski a junior at Aquinas, took second place honors in the Extemporaneous category.



What makes Kiss and the rising new punk rock groups so popular?

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Teri Schermer sophomore

"I think it's their costumes, make-up. They want to attract the kids. For those who like it, their music is alright. They do this type of entertainment to attract the audiences because people want to see the excitement. I prefer the softer rock. I think these type of groups attract both high school and junior high school kids."



Luann Sedor junior school receptionist

"I think it's the gimmicks, costumes and lights. I've seen them on TV and was more amused than shocked — it was different. I think seeing them perform would detract from the music. You have to be in the mood to listen to their music. I couldn't listen to it all the time. I like the soft rock sound like "Chicago".



Jina Amoreae sophomore Junior Future Secretaries Club

"Their costumes, their gimmicks and their music. Some of their songs are good and I like them. They (Kiss) were a shock to me when I first saw them. They do have a valid form of entertainment for the people who like them. I personally like the Bee Gees and music you can dance to and understand the words."



Margaret Brophy junior Perosian Choir

"I think because they are different and all unique in their own way. They attract people because they like the shock especially the kids. I listen to it but it depends on the mood I'm in. They (Kiss) have some good songs and I think they do have talent. When you see them it does distract from enjoying their music because of their actions. I think we'll be seeing more of this type of group."



Mary Beth Ringholtz senior Perosian Choir

"The first thing that attracts people to any group is their music — so a hit song attracts public notice. Then they (public) start going to see them and they either are turned off because of all the effects, which detract from the musical value or they like this type. Also, many like them because their friends do. Myself, I don't like this type and wouldn't go see them. If this continues to exist we're going to have to live with it. Hopefully, it will be a fad and interest will go back to the music rather than the show. I like the soft rock and would rather hear a song I like, then find out the artist, than follow a group because it's popular."



Rosemary Saxe junior Perosian Choir

"It's faddy and all the make-up and costumes. I don't like them personally. I think their entertainment is partially for shock but for those who like that kind of music it's okay. They (Kiss) turned me off because they didn't seem sincere about their music. They're more into lights and gimmicks. I like rock but groups like the "Grateful Dead." I think the kids are more into listening to good music rather than just following groups that happen to be popular."



Terri Funk sophomore Athletic Association

"All the publicity they get, their poster, and their concerts. People like to see something different and weird. I'm afraid we're going to see more groups like these and I think they'll get worse in order to draw the audiences. Personally, I don't like hard rock. I like the soft rock because you can find meaning in the words. I like the Bee Gees."



Patty Mahns sophomore school receptionist

"They're popular because of their gimmicks and their style. They attract all age groups especially the young adults. Personally, I don't like them and I wouldn't go to one of their concerts. When I saw pictures of Kiss I was shocked. To me their music isn't good rock. I prefer soft rock like songs sung by Olivia Newton John or James Taylor because you can hear the words."



JA Trade Fair

Last week, the Junior Achievement organization held its trade fair in Midtown Plaza with 34 JA companies intent on selling their products. Salespeople included, in top photo, Chris Barlow from Cardinal Mooney who is showing the looney bird marionettes created by her company, Dynamic Enterprises which is sponsored by the Neisner Bros. Company; Marci Lattucal and Vicky Rakutis, sophomores from Bishop Kearney who were promoting the cork memo board made by their company, Zodia, sponsored by Marine Midland. The group on left are members of SurMit Products, sponsored by Rochester Products and include (sitting from left), Margie Okoniewicz a Nazareth soph and Angela Cribbin a junior from Our Lady of Mercy; standing are Cheryl Malolepszy a Nazareth sophomore and Tony Alaimo a BK junior. In bottom photo, David Lawrence, a Cardinal Mooney senior, displays his company's (Ace Workers sponsored by Rochester Products) wood hangers.



Photos by Susan McKinney



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 Bishop Kearney during lunch. The person circled above should bring the clipping to Joan M. Smith, Courier-Journal, by noon, Tuesday, March 7 to receive \$5.