

Equal Time

What problems most concern young adults? NAZARETH

MARIA BARBARITO
sophomore, ski club

Peer pressure combined with peer pressure. Your peers want you to do one thing and parents want you to do other things. There's also a lot of academic pressure. Kids don't tend to worry too much about the future. Alcohol and drug abuse is definitely posing problems for the youth of today. All generations have had their problems but the problems are more open today.



JEANNE LALLY
sophomore, cheerleader

"I think the pressure of maintaining a balance between doing well in school and having a social life too. It's harder to find jobs now and you need a college education to find a good job. And to get into a college you have to do well in high school. There is also a lot of pressure from peer groups. When our parents were young they had to worry about going to war — this generation has other kinds of problems."



SUSAN PATRICK-MAXWELL
sophomore, sailing

Pressure from parents and peers; trying to figure out the future; doing well in school and always trying to do the best you can. There seem to be more problems today and of a different kind. Kids don't worry as much as other generations because things have become more open — problems are discussed more. Drugs and alcohol are a problem especially if the kids can't handle them. They will go to drugs and alcohol to relieve their problems. Today's generation seems to solve their problems where other generations tended to avoid them.



NATALIE KUSHEL
sophomore, horseback riding

"Peer pressure, parents and the law. Regarding peer pressure, all your friends want you to do something you don't want to do. But to belong to the group you have to. Parents want them to get a job and to get their marks up and they're trying as hard as possible. There are more laws today with harsher penalties. The law comes down harder on youth. The police don't see the kids as people and the kids don't see the police as people. This generation worries more because there is more to worry about. There is a relation between drugs and alcohol and the problems. They (young adults) try to forget the things that bother them through drugs."



LOIS HARTLEBEN
junior, Perosians

"Kids worry about the future and if they'll get a job and if the economic crisis will continue. Their parents expect them to do certain things and there are some who can't, they're not capable. No, this generation isn't plagued more with problems — they're just of a different type, like drugs and alcohol. This problem is rising and getting harder to cope with. All the different generations have coped with things and I see no reason why we can't. We're just as strong as any other generation."



KATHY SAWNOR
freshman, band

"I think education problems like being accepted into college. And then applying for a job and they worry about if they're going to pass exams at the end of the year. I think there's a little more pressure on this generation. I think most kids can sort out their problems and cope with them. I don't worry about getting married. I don't know if other teenagers do. Drugs and alcohol abuse is a part of the pressures and problems of this generation."



PATTY MADIGAN
freshman, chorus

"Mostly it's the parents who don't realize who the kids are and what they want to be. Parents think the generation is changing too much and actually every generation changes. Most of the kids are looking into the future and worrying about what they want to do. I think the problems are the same as other generations' problems but there is more pressure because the problems are more publicized. Some kids can cope but there are others who fall under the pressure. They try to be free but they still worry."



JEANNE RUSCHER
junior, Perosians

"It's really a combination of a lot of things — peer pressure, parents are another. A lot of kids worry about academics and others worry about getting jobs. Other generations have had these problems but they weren't as open about them. I think the pressure will remain the same, it's just a matter of learning how to handle them. I think kids use drugs and alcohol for their own reasons not because of the pressures. I'm happy to be in this generation because there have been problems in every generation."



Honoring Mary

May Day at St. Agnes, May 12, sponsored by the student government, was the first celebration of its kind at the school in several years. Senior Therese Keating as May Queen, crowned the statue of Mary at a short service. Attendants were (from left): Seana Mangan, Pam Green and Claudia Mejia. Below, Father Vincent Panepinto, Our Lady of Mercy's chaplain, celebrates Mass in honor of the school's May Day, May 19. Mercy's reigning May Queen was Kelly Enright.



Winners

Joanne Carl, a sophomore at St. Agnes was the recipient of the Winner's Circle \$5 for the week of May 10.

Paul Quadrini, a Cardinal Mooney junior, won the Winner's Circle \$5 for the week of May 17.

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Art Winners

First place winners in the Bishop Kearney Art Show were from left: Meg Yaeckel, pencil drawing; Geoff Christ, ink drawing; Beverly Spalma, (also best of show); crafts; Andrew Wirth, photography; Todd Rohne, ink drawing; Frank Sciarone, charcoal (pastel); Cindy Kolb, painting.

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