

# Rap Around Rap Around Rap Around Rap

## Equal Time

As you begin high school what are you looking forward to the most?

**TIM O'CONNOR**  
freshman

"I guess I'm looking forward to an education so that I can continue on to college. I'm sort of nervous but it's pretty much what I thought it would be like. I have one brother who is a senior and three brothers who have graduated from here. I also have five uncles who have gone to Aquinas and two cousins who are here as freshmen. I'm looking forward to Math and I don't think I'll be in sports the first year."

**AQUINAS**

**KEVIN WADE**  
freshman

"I want a good education and to become more involved in school activities. I like Science and maybe I'll try out for the mission bouts but this year I want to get situated in the school first. I've been sort of nervous about starting and it's been different. The surroundings are different and the way you go about things. My father and uncle were graduates of Aquinas."

**JOE PAPALIA**  
freshman

"I'm looking forward to sports especially soccer and I want to go out for wrestling and boxing. I like all the subjects as a group and am not particularly interested in just one. Yes, I was nervous about today. I thought I'd probably get lost and not know where to go. The school looks so huge to me."

**CHARLES KELLY**  
freshman

"I'm looking forward to getting a good education, playing sports, coming into contact with different people and taking on more challenges. I'm going to take Latin and I want to play basketball and baseball. I was a bit nervous coming to a new school. There's a lot more than I expected. I have two brothers, father and an uncle who all graduated from Aquinas."

**AARON JOHNSON**  
freshman

"Getting into sports and education. I like History and Science. I was kind of nervous with coming into a new school where you don't know anyone and you have to make new friends which I think is the biggest worry of freshmen. I'm going to play freshman football. I might join some clubs but it's too early to determine which ones. My advice to freshmen is to keep your cool and follow the rules."

**JOHN TOMANOVICH**  
freshman

"I'm looking forward to a good education, meeting people and the all around change. It's a different experience. A big change from grammar school. I was a little nervous but I pretty much knew what was going to happen. I'll be able to tell my four younger brothers what it's all about. I'm going to be on the football, basketball and golf teams and maybe boxing if I can get into it."

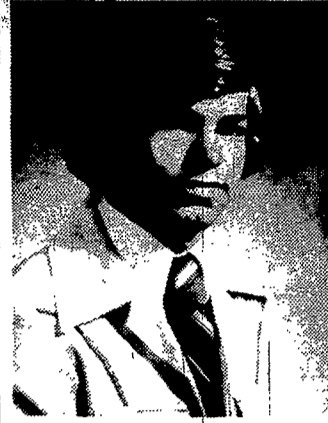
**MICHAEL McDONALD**  
freshman

"I'm looking forward to getting education, looking ahead into the future and wondering what it will be like. I was nervous because of the new surroundings and the school looked so big I thought I'd get lost. I thought it would be different but it's not as hard as I thought it would be. I'm going to play soccer and am looking forward to taking Science and Math. I'll probably go on to college perhaps in the science field."

**JOHN MEROLA**  
freshman

"An education and I want to join JV football and basketball. I've heard it's a pretty nice school from seniors and sophomores I've talked with. I've been a little nervous about meeting the new people and knowing where to go. I'm looking forward to my Science and History classes. I don't feel bad about being a freshman because I know a lot of sophs and they've accepted us. I kind of wanted school to start because it's a new thing."

## Speaking Out



By **DAN KUHFMAN**  
Aquinas

Throughout history, there has always been the "generation gap". The idea of a "gap" has been written off at times, played up at others and is always present. Whether there is actually a "generation gap" or not, I don't know, but I'm sure of something related to the subject; members of each generation have the tendency to stereotype the actions of the other. The actions of a few represent those of the group as a whole.

In this article I concern myself mainly with two age groups; the young adults (ages 16-25) and

those '55' or older. I feel that it is between these two generations that stereotyping is most prevalent.

It seems that whenever we hear about a young person, it has something to do with crime, drugs, etc. Frequently we read in the newspaper about the 17 year old who, driving at 1 a.m. with a six-pack at his side, runs his father's car into a utility pole. Or, about a group of adolescents who rob a 78 year old widow.

On the other side of the coin, do we ever hear of the young girl who sits for hours with an elderly couple, making their day more enjoyable? Is it publicized in the newspaper when a high school community service class gives a Christmas party for the members of a senior citizens home. The answer to both is no.

So really what has happened to the kids of today? Well, with less narrow-mindedness and stereotyping, the elderly can see the answer as "not much."

However, I have seen reverse stereotyping. Many

teenagers regard the older set as boring, whitehaired people who have expended all their usefulness, energy, and excitement. Doesn't it always seem, though, that grandma and grandpa are always willing to watch your little brother when you have a date and mom and dad are away? As far as worn out is concerned, maybe you've heard about "Disco Sally" who, at 77, dances her way through Studio 54 until 2 a.m. The truth is, the older generation has just as much love to give, and twice the wisdom of the members of the younger. They also wish they had the opportunities we do to expend their pent up energy. The last thing we should do is forget these valuable members of society.

I realize all members of each generation don't stereotype in this manner, so this article is directed toward those who do. I apologize if I have offended anyone but hope that the message is clear; maybe if we looked at each other individually and objectively, we could see the true person behind the age.



Photo by Susan McKinney

Sophomores Paul Stefano, Jim Williams, Mike Spinelli and Charles Bernitt were kept busy thumbing through the yearbook and recalling the various events which highlighted their freshman year.

## On The Go

**AQUINAS**

Wednesday, Sept. 13 — Opening Mass  
Tuesday, Sept. 19 — St. Thomas Club Mass and Awards

**BISHOP KEARNEY**

Thursday, Sept. 14 — Ring measurements for juniors during lunch periods  
Sunday, Sept. 17 — Kearney Family Mass, main foyer, 10 a.m.  
Sept. 18-20 — White Elephant Sale, 2:30-4 p.m. and Wednesday evening, 7-9 p.m.  
Monday, Sept. 18 — Kearney Carnival general workers meeting, 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Sept. 19, Senior parents information night.

**CARDINAL MOONEY**

Friday, Sept. 15 — Prayer, Care and Share Day.

**DESALES**

Saturday, Sept. 16 — Fall Festival, 6-10 p.m.  
Sunday, Sept. 17 — Fall Festival, 1-6 p.m.  
Tuesday, Sept. 19 — Class Mass.  
Wednesday, Sept. 20 — Class Mass.

**MCQUAID**

Wednesday, Sept. 13 — Freshman parents

orientation night, 7:30 p.m.; Continuing Education Theology Program.

Friday, Sept. 15 — Sports assembly, 1:31 p.m.; dismissal, 2:27 p.m.; Faculty-staff dinner.  
Tuesday, Sept. 19 — Penance service.

**NAZARETH**

Wednesday, Sept. 13 — Freshmen voice testing.  
Thursday, Sept. 14 — Student Council orientation, 8:30 a.m.; freshmen voice testing.  
Friday, Sept. 15 — Freshmen voice testing.  
Monday, Sept. 18 — Chocolate Drive co-captains meet in auditorium, 8:30 a.m.; faculty meeting, 2-3:30

p.m.; homeroom teachers Chocolate Drive meeting, 3:30-3:45 p.m.; Perosian Choir, 1:40-2 p.m.

Tuesday, Sept. 19 — Uniform measurement; faculty workroom, 10:30 a.m.; department meetings, 2:40 p.m.

Wednesday, Sept. 20 — Election of homeroom reps; faculty Chocolate Drive party, cafeteria, 3 p.m.; Secondary Education Committee meeting, motherhouse, 4:30-6:30 p.m.

**ST. AGNES**

Wednesday, Sept. 13 — Field Day for big-little sisters, 1:30-2:30 p.m.  
Tuesday, Sept. 19 — Parent-faculty dinner meeting.

## Information Wanted

Now that school is in full swing, the RapAround coordinators will be active, gathering news. It will make their job easier if students, administration and faculty contact them with news items about the various happenings at school.

Bishop Kearney's coordinator is Linda Sheifen. She may be contacted in Sister Joanna's homeroom A106.

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