

Rap Around Rap Around Rap Around Rap

Equal Time

Is being popular important to teenagers?
AQUINAS

PAUL VOLPE
Sophomore
races cars

"I don't think so. More or less, it's a problem of having good friends rather than having a lot of just friends. I feel having a few good friends is better than having a lot of them. I don't think of it as a necessary worry. No matter who you are, you'll have friends. To be popular used to mean being into drugs but now it's disco dancing. If you're a good dancer and participate in school you can be popular. Girls worry a lot more about being popular. I'm not trying to be discriminatory but I think girls feel insecure if they don't have friends."

STEVE MANTELLI
Sophomore

"Yes it is. Being popular adds to the fun you can have in high school. All the more friends all the more fun. I think you are popular according to the way you treat your friends. No, I don't think being big in anything makes for popularity. I think boys are just as conscious of being popular as the girls but they don't show it."

JOHN WHELAN
Freshman
bowling

"I think so because they don't want to be a nobody, they want people to know who they are. If you do well in sports people think you're popular. I think the girls are more worried about being popular. I don't think it's necessary to be popular. I don't worry about it. I have friends."

TONY ALOMAR
Freshman
basketball

"Yes, because they want people to know them better. To be popular, play sports and be good at it. Both girls and boys are the same — trying to be popular. Being popular doesn't bother me. I just go about my own business."

PETER NOTO
Sophomore
football

"Yes, because everybody wants to feel comfortable with people and if they are popular people want to be with them. If you have friends you can take the problems of school better. Usually if someone is funny they are popular because people like to laugh. I feel worrying about popularity is pretty equal between boys and girls because everyone is human and feels pretty much the same. No one wants to be a loner. If you're a sport jock or if you're successful, people recognize you — more so than the academically inclined."

MIKE AUSTIN
Freshman
debate team

"Yes, I do because if you're popular everyone follows. When you're not popular you are not one of the crowd. Participation — like being really good at sports or being in all clubs makes for popularity. I think when the kids worry too much about being popular they don't have enough time for studies and other things. I think both sexes worry about being popular."

TOM TURNEY
Senior

"Now days they don't feel accepted if they don't do what others do. To be popular means being big in sports. The kids want to hang around with anyone big in athletics. Mostly with girls it's a worry — they worry more about being popular. More kids are popular if they are leaders."

MIKE DOBBERTIN
Senior
water skiing

"I think it is a prime concern because young adults don't want to be seen as different but as the same. To be popular is being fun to be with and being given acceptance by others. I do think that girls worry more about being popular than boys."



A Woody Allen Production

Over at St. Agnes, Sister Ann Patrice's drama club will present Woody Allen's "Don't Drink the Water", Nov. 17-18, 8 p.m. Pictured above in a scene from the play are from left; Diane Vang, who plays Marion Hollendar; Amy Alarie, Susan Hollendar; Mike D'Ambre as Walter Hollendar; Mike Taylor playing Axel Magee; and Bob Murray who portrays Fr. Drobney. Tickets may be purchased from cast members and will also be available at door.

Team Recruits

Open House at St. Agnes High School, Nov. 19, is just one of the activities involving future enrollments at the school. November has been set aside for recruitments and Miss Ann Marie Stango, dean of students, along with a team of students will be visiting different parochial schools throughout the month. The group acquaints eighth graders with St. Agnes — the people, the curriculum and the activities.



Scotland Comes to Mercy

Our Lady of Mercy will present "Brigadoon", directed by Ms. Jane Garvin, Nov. 16, 17, 18 at 8 p.m. Above, the four leads, Ellen Sweetland, Rick Domenico, Anita DiPalermo and Chuck Rogers, rehearse an opening scene. Stage management is under the direction of junior Carolyn Vergo. Sister Mary Estelle is supervising sets while Sister Mary Lisette is managing the props. Sister Mary O'Brien has the costume department and senior Eileen Hurley is choreographer.

Winner

Steve Foster, a senior at Cardinal Mooney High School, was the recipient of the Winner's Circle \$5 for the week of Nov. 1.



Winners 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 Aquinas during an assembly. The person circled above should bring the clipping to Joan M. Smith, Courier-Journal, by noon, Tuesday, Nov. 14, to receive \$5.

Viewing Politics

DeSale High School seniors, Jay Bown and Benigno Fernandez, from Paraguay, were guests of the Ontario County Women's Republican Club. They participated in the School of Politics Program where they attended workshops on local, county and state government. Several candidates for the November election were in attendance as well as the National Republican Chairman.

Quill Honored

Our Lady of Mercy's newspaper, the Quill, was awarded a third place at the Empire State Scholastic Press Association Conference in Syracuse, Oct. 27-28. The Quill received the honor in the "Service to the School Special Edition" category for its May 1978 jubilee issue. Kathy Keefe, a member of the 1978 graduating class, was editor.

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