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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 McQuaid during lunch. The person circled above should bring the clipping to Joan M. Smith, Courier-Journal, by noon, Tuesday, Dec. 12 to receive \$5.

Law Added Subject

A new half-year Street Law elective has been added to Nazareth Academy's course offerings for seniors. The basic curriculum has been expanded to include special activities and guest speakers. Attorney Paul Aloï visited the class and discussed the qualifications of a lawyer and shared his personal experiences. In November, the class toured the Hall of Justice and witnessed various courtroom procedures like the calendar call, jury selection and a trial. Students were surprised at the difference between what really happens in the court and what is shown on TV.



Policewoman Patti Kingston explains city police work to Jackie Aloï. Officer Kingston was guest speaker in Sister Mary Ann Brunnett's Street Law course.

Two city police officers also visited the students and again surprised the girls with the reality of their job versus the glamorizing of TV. Lynda Wood, a deputy sheriff, presented practical examples

of cases she handles. She emphasized the human qualities needed in a police officer and noted some of the cases she is helpful in as a woman.

Speaking Out

By **CARRIE SCHREINER**
Cardinal Mooney

While you're taking a walk on a clear winter night, you can gaze up at the stars and see the constellation Orion. Over to the left can be seen a group of stars resembling a scorpion.

Do you know how this particular group of stars came to be called Orion? Some astrologer just didn't peer out from his observatory and muse, "Hmm, I think I'll call it Orion!" No, it started long before astrologers and observatories.

According to Edith Hamilton's "Greek Mythology," in the sixth century there lived a handsome young man named Orion. He was the most clever hunter of his time. He fell in love with Aero, the daughter of a king, and they planned to be married. But the king forbade this, unless Orion could slay a terrible monster. Not being able to overtake the beast, Orion and Aero tried to elope. Furious, the king sent a giant scorpion to attack Orion. Word of all this reached Apollo, the god of

truth, who turned Orion into a constellation and set him in the sky, pursued by a scorpion.

This is not a true story but a Greek myth. The Greeks created myths to explain the things they didn't understand.

Another thing which puzzled the Greeks was the changing seasons. They believed Ceres was the goddess of nature and that she caused the blooming of the flowers and trees. Ceres was very fond of her daughter, Persephone. One day, Persephone was kidnapped by Pluto, god of the underworld. She longed so much to go home that Pluto agreed to let her live out in the world for five months during the year, spending the other seven with him. So when her daughter is with her, Ceres is happy and Spring and Summer take place. When Persephone lives with Pluto, Ceres becomes sad and Fall and Winter occur.

The Greeks not only used myths to explain things, but also used them to teach, like the story of Bellerophon. He was the only man who could tame Pegasus the winged horse.

Bellerophon and Pegasus were sent on many dangerous missions by the gods. But Bellerophon became overconfident and tried to overtake the gods. For this, he was exiled to earth never to ride Pegasus again.

Many of the more common myths have been carried through to the present day and can be credited for our beliefs. We still associate Cupid with Valentine's Day because he was the god of love. Our connection of owls to wisdom could have been taken from Athena, goddess of wisdom, who had an owl as her symbol. And, of course, there is Venus, goddess of love and beauty, whom so many songs have been written about.

Most of the Greek gods were adopted by the Romans and given different names. An example would be Poseidon, god of the sea. His Roman name is Neptune. Evidently, the producers of the movie preferred Poseidon. I wonder how many people would have gone to see "The Neptune Adventure?"

Equal Time

Why have religious cults become so popular?"

NAZARETH

MARY ENRIGHT
Sophomore
cheerleader



"Because people are looking to be saved and because they feel alone and are frustrated. One man can rule because the words he speaks can sound so convincing that people want to follow him. I think all types of people follow these cults, not just the young people. The people have seen what happened at Jonestown, so now I think they will think about it more before becoming involved in such a thing."

PATTY JONES
Junior
Executive Council



"Because the people are insecure. They are trying to find someone who will direct their lives. People tend to follow the crowd more now, rather than be individuals. What happened at Jonestown could happen again. Young people follow more than the older generation. They feel if they join the religious cults they'll feel more secure."

LINDA DOBSON
Junior
Band



"Because people are not sure of themselves and they prefer to be followers rather than leaders. He (Jim Jones) seemed to say he could make life better for them and people are after this because they're insecure. I myself wouldn't join. I hope the cults won't grow but I have a feeling they will. More and more people are becoming dissatisfied with the world."

JANINE DONNELAN
Freshman
Freshman Chorus



"I think because people need something to follow. They want to be united as a community. I think people are frustrated with their lives and they think the cults offer more. I can see why people follow one man especially if he offers them more. Just about everyone could become followers and I think a Jonestown could happen again."

CAROL MCMAHON
Senior



"I think people belong to cults because they feel a need to be needed; like the organization needs them and they want to be a part of it. It gives them a sense of security. I think young people follow more than the older people because young people are easily influenced. But there are older people who want to belong. Personally, I can never see a time when I'd want to belong to a cult."

TAMMY BLEIER
Junior



"I think the cult's leader makes it sound as if he has a lot to offer everyone. He promises to give people things they don't have — not necessarily material things — but love, companionship and a sort of unity. The leader, if he can get the people to believe in what he says, they'll follow. I think young people follow because they feel they have someone to go to and will be understood. I'd advise people to stay away from the cults. You don't know what you're getting into and I think another Jonestown could happen again."

KIM FEDELE
Sophomore
Spectrum



"I think people, if they're not happy in their lives or their own religions, will try something else in desperation. They think they can find happiness. I don't think a Jonestown will happen again because they've seen what's happened and people will be on guard. I think more young people follow. They're more impressionable. Also, because young people are on a happiness kick and think they're missing it if they don't join the cults."

DAWN JAFFARIAN
Junior



"I've just been reading about Jonestown and it seems to have been a starting of another religion. I guess as a religion it persuaded people that it offered something new. Jim Jones made lots of promises and I think because they felt they had no one else to follow the people joined him. In the world of today, I can foresee the cults growing."

A Gift Of Song

Singing at St. Agnes is a top calendar event this Christmas. Choral groups are reaching out to many audiences with the spirit of the season.

Parents and friends are invited to the traditional Christmas program at St. Agnes, Dec. 14, 8 p.m. Outside school engagements include the Chorus performing at East View Mall, Dec. 5, 1 p.m. and for the Senior Action Council, Dec. 6, 1 p.m. The Glee Club will sing at Midtown Plaza, Dec. 11, 2 p.m.

The Chanteuses will perform for the Holy Apostles Rosary Society, Dec. 3, 7 p.m. and at the Rochester Psychiatric Center, Dec. 21, 1:30 p.m. These student singing groups and faculty chorus will perform for the student body, Dec. 22.

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