

Rap Around Rap Around Rap Around Rap

Equal Time

What's the most difficult problem being a teenager?

DESALES

MARY SOLLENNE
Freshman
volleyball

"People don't pay attention to teenagers. They don't treat them like adults. They don't take their opinions or ideas as important. I don't think kids are thought to be important. It would make things easier if adults treated us like everyone else and listened to us."



TOM NINESTINE
Senior
football

"First of all, trying to get educated puts a lot of pressure on us because it is emphasized so much today. And also students today are getting more involved in politics so they worry more about world affairs. I think they also worry about jobs and wages."



ALEX FOUNTAIN
Junior
Varsity Club

"Being around kids who are on drugs. It's almost impossible not being around them. Definitely, drug abuse is one of the main concerns of teenagers. Today a lot of the teenagers are getting involved in drugs — there's nothing else to do."



MIKE LYNCH
Senior
Upperclassmen Activity Club

"Well, the main problem is trying to work out the future after high school. It's always hanging over their heads. And they tend to wait too long to make their decisions in the right direction. Teenagers have more freedom than earlier generations and some of them can't handle all the responsibility from this freedom."



JOSEPH EMMI
Senior
football

"Getting along with society especially now that we're getting older. We're becoming a part of society and it's hard for people to see our views and for us to see theirs. It's a matter of understanding between generations. I'll be 18 soon and the fact that now I'm older and able to do things like vote brings me into contact with older people and our views come into conflict."



GINA CARELLI
Junior

"Mainly the situation of trying to fit in with parents and have their trust. This is a problem because of the generations — the way one generation was raised is how they want us to be raised. This causes rebellion — teenagers want to be more independent. I think both, parents and teenagers, need to compromise on what they feel strongly about."



JOAN KOELBEL
Senior
People Helping People

"Acceptance, peer pressure, status — the whole thing about maturing. Acceptance by friends as well as the older generation. They want to belong but there's a line they have to pass through. What would help with the problem would be that they believe in themselves and believe that they can do it."



PAUL QUARTARO
Sophomore
football

"It's a stage before becoming an adult and we get corrected a lot. Teenagers are underrated by adults. We can take care of ourselves. The problem exists because there's a communication gap."



Essay Contest Announced

New York (RNS) — A national high school essay contest entitled "You can change the World" has been announced by The Christophers, an ecumenical mass media organization here.

A total of \$1,000 will be awarded, including a \$300 first prize, \$200 second prize, \$100 third prize, a \$50 fourth prize, and \$10 each for the next 35 winners. All entrants will receive a free Christopher book, according to Father John T. Catoir, director of The Christophers.

All students in grades 9-12 in private or public school are eligible to enter. Essays must be between 500 to 1,000 words and be submitted no later than March 31. Winners will be notified after May 31.

Father Catoir said "entries will be judged on content and sincerity. Literary style is secondary. We know the vast majority of our nation's youth want to be good and want to get involved."

Contestants may choose one of two possible topics:

— Tell what you have personally done in school, family, neighborhood, sports or some other area of your life to exert an influence for good in the world around you.

— Put your imagination to work and write a composition that answer both these questions:

a. What do you think the world will be like in the year 2001?

b. What role would you like to be playing in the year 2001 to make it a better world?

The Christophers, under the direction of the late Father James Keller, popularized the motto, "Better to light one candle than to curse the darkness." Through their use of the mass media, they seek to inspire individuals and create in each person an awareness of his or her potential for bringing the love and truth of Christ to the world.

Complete details on the contest may be obtained

from Christopher Contest, 12 East 48th St., New York, N.Y. 10017.

Spirit Of Giving

Cardinal Mooney's Action for People Association brought the Christmas spirit to the residents at Grandville Home for Adults when they performed a concert for them, Dec. 15. The student's enthusiasm spread to their audience, which joined in a sing-along. The carolers then returned to school for their Christmas party.

Highlight of the Christmas activities over at St. Agnes was the Christmas Crafts Bazaar, the proceeds of which will be sent to the Sisters of St. Joseph in Selma, Alabama. Many girls contributed much time and effort — Laurie Frame made 20 lifesaver dolls and contributed 450 glass ornaments; Ann Marie Welch made 50 bread dough ornaments; Olivia Hall made 18 "tuna can art" ornaments. The faculty also helped; Mrs. Vicki Ferland, who coordinated the project, found time to crochet items and Sister Bernice took care of the inventory and finances.

Proceeds from the student Christmas formal will be going to the missions in Brazil. The Human Development Committee also had a Christmas basket project.



St. Agnes juniors get a sneak preview of the 1980 class ring.

Ring Ceremony

On Jan. 19, St. Agnes High School juniors will receive their school ring in a special ceremony prepared by them. Regina Morano, class president, is in charge of the program with the junior Liturgy, Music and Banner committees assisting her. The class's theme song is "You'll Never Walk Alone." For the celebration of the Mass, the

juniors are selecting hymns, readings, Offertory intentions and are planning the procession. Father Walter Cushing, chaplain, will give the homily.

After Mass, other classes will present a symbolic gift to the juniors and Sister Anne Guerin will present each junior with her ring. Parents are invited to the ceremony.

Student Exchanges

An Aquinas-St. Agnes exchange day was held in December. Six students from Aquinas attended St. Agnes and 12 St. Agnes students spent the day over at the Dewey Ave. school.

The girls were given a schedule to follow and attended classes which corresponded to the ones they take at St. Agnes. One girl commented on how quiet the halls were at Aquinas and that the boys appear to have little free time.

The Ag students who visited St. Agnes were assigned a hostess. One young

gentlemen said he enjoyed the senior elective course on the "Emerging Woman" which he attended.

Italian Festival

An Italian Festival is scheduled at Our Lady of Mercy High School, Jan. 19, 7 p.m. There will be a buffet dinner and dancing from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Tables for eight or ten may be reserved. Tickets are \$20 per couple and may be obtained by calling Jen-Gugino, 482-4067, Pete Costanza, 288-4695; Kathy Wisner, 288-7120.

Activity Lauded

December was a month of accomplishment for St. Agnes students and the school intercom sent out congratulations to Cheryl Sanfilippo, senior, who received \$50 for her participation in the Voice of Democracy contest; to Pam Murphy for her dancing in "The Royal Lippazan Horses" program at the Eastman.

Recognition also went to Cecilia Kelly and Pam Hill for their appearance in a Channel 10 program; to Nancy Adams for her artistic Christmas greetings in RapAround.



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 Nazareth Academy. The person circled above should bring the clipping to Joan M. Smith, Courier-Journal, by noon, Tuesday, Jan. 23 to receive \$5.