

# Rap Around Rap Around Rap Around Rap

## Equal Time

Who or what is the largest influence on today's youth?"

### BISHOP KEARNEY

**MARYLEE MULL**  
Junior  
volleyball

"Sometimes I think kids are being influenced by their peers more than their parents because their ideas differ from the adults. I get along with my parents. I have a special relationship, so in my case it's my mother who has the influence but a lot of kids are influenced by others. It depends on the individual. If a person has a strong sense of independence he won't be influenced."



**JIM DOHERTY**  
Freshman  
hockey

"I think mostly by their friends. They want to be with the crowd and what their friends are doing. They need support and don't want to be left out of it. It can be carried to extremes but being influenced by peers can be good because you learn. I don't think TV has any influence. Teachers have some influence — they lead you in a certain direction."



**KEVIN FALZONE**  
Freshman  
hockey

"By other teenagers because they are friends and there is a peer pressure. They follow their peers because they want to be part of the crowd. Teenagers eventually outgrow this need. I don't think TV has any influence."



**CHARLES CHASE**  
Freshman  
baseball

"I agree with Steve — TV is a great influence. Kids who commit crimes, say they saw it on TV. They watch so much of it that they decide to act it out. Kids are easily influenced because they don't know what they're going to do."



**JOHN SPENCER**  
Freshman

"Their peers. Everyone wants to conform and be part of the group these days. I don't believe they outgrow this need to belong. I think there should be a balance — but to be totally individual you'll be disliked and yet you can't conform with the bad stuff. TV doesn't really have any influence."



**STEVE BENZ**  
Freshman  
baseball

"Parents have a lot of influence. TV is definitely a big influence because there are so many different things on TV and it gives the kids a look at the world — some of it is good and some of it bad. I think kids are easily influenced because they don't know what they're going to do."



**ANDY GEYER**  
Freshman  
wrestling

"I think by fellow students because everyone swings with everyone and everybody wants to be with the crowd. The way they look at it, if they don't go along with the crowd they won't belong."



**GREG WILLIAMS**  
Freshman

"TV does because a lot of kids watch it and get ideas from it. It depends on what they watch whether it's a good or bad influence. I believe kids are influenced more than trying to go their own way. I think they outgrow being influenced because they find out what they want to do."



Photos by Terrance J. Brennan

### Aquinas Upends Charlotte

The Aquinas Institute Little Irish raised their record to 6-1 league (6-6 overall) with a 56-47 win over host Charlotte. Steve DiLaura scored 10 points to lead the Irish. Above, Gary Huether goes over the shoulder to knock the ball out of the hands of Charlotte guard Ron Inman as teammates Bobby Magee (11) and Don Beans (44) look on. Right, Mike Paris strains for rebound with Lakesiders' Wilbur Hooks (43).



### Mercy Frosh Hit Top

The Freshman class of Our Lady of Mercy High held a candy sale Jan. 5-15 which grossed \$2,948.55. Top sales girl, Loreta Konecny, received \$25 for her \$130 quota. Following her in high sales quotas were Bridget Hanley with \$124.50; Mary Duffy, \$90; and Debbie DeSmith with \$79.50; and Regina Buttaccio with \$60.



The Black Student Union over at Nazareth Academy is an active organization headed by Debra Alligood, president and Michelle Thompson, vice president.



### 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 during an Aquinas basketball game. The person circled above should bring the clipping to Joan M. Smith, Courier-Journal, by noon, Jan. 30 to receive \$5.

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