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Equal Time

Why has alcoholism become such a problem among teenagers?

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JAMES NAPODANO
Senior
Executive Council vice president

"Because first of all, young people have easy access to alcohol. Adolescents are trying to be more like adults and alcohol offers them the feeling of maturity. The expectation put on young people when they reach the drinking age is stressed so much. Once they reach 18 they are considered adults but many really aren't. You're not going to prevent drinking but better orientation to let them know about alcohol will help."

VAUN GRATTET
Senior
basketball

"Sociability. People want a good time and alcohol is available. It is an increasing problem. Decrease in the availability of alcohol would help. Another possibility would be to raise the drinking age and make people aware of what they're getting into. There's not a lot of alcoholism, just people who use it to have fun. Alcohol can be addictive but I don't think it's a real problem."

KYLE JACQUE
Junior
intramural chairman

"Teenagers try to use alcohol to get over the depression brought on by certain problems. They think they will help their problems by drinking but it will cause them more problems than before. Alcohol is addictive and most kids should know about alcohol and the problems it can cause. If they have a drinking problem they should go to organizations like Alcoholic Anonymous and attend meetings regularly — this helps the problem."

PAUL FORGET
Sophomore
camera club

"It's all peer pressure on the young adults. They just go out on sprees and if they don't drink they're not cool. I don't think you can prevent drinking but it could be slowed down by not having alcohol around for them to get a hold of and I think the drinking age should be moved back to 21."

PHIL LANZATELLA
Senior
wrestling

"For social reasons. Everyone is drinking. Most people feel they have to go along with the crowd which isn't true. You can have fun without getting drunk. I think it's up to the individual — at age 18 they should be able to decide if they want to drink and I think they're old enough at 18."

MIKE ANDERSON
Senior
basketball

"Because people want to grow up too fast and it is an escape from everyday life. To solve the problem there has to be a radical change of values in the young. Also courses in the disadvantages of alcohol would help along with less advertising of it."

GEORGE PEACOCK
Junior
track

"It has to be peer pressure. That's the main thing and alcohol is so easy to get, especially at parties. People have lost the art of conversation so at parties they have to substitute drinking. I think teenage alcoholism is on the increase because of liquor availability. Young people aren't aware of alcohol problems and I suppose courses taught at a young age about alcohol would help."

DAVE McHUGH
Eighth grade
intermurals

"It's peer pressure and parent problems and the fact young people think that alcohol solves their problems. Alcohol is addictive and it's becoming more of a problem with young people. It would help if parents would talk to young people about alcohol. At 18, they can make their own decision about drinking so I'd leave the drinking age at 18."

Score!

Photo by Terrance J. Brennan

Bishop Kearney's Dave Fess (right) jumps to celebrate his second goal of the night during 9-2 romp over Webster Thomas last week at Lakeshore Rinks. Fess completed his three goal "Hat Trick" and Dennis Nickerson added two goals to lead the Kings to their seventh win in 14 starts.

BK Wrestling Team Building For the Future

BY TERRANCE J. BRENNAN

When the Section Five, Class AAA wrestling championships end after this weekend, Bishop Kearney coach Brian Chadwick won't be disappointed if his team doesn't take home any trophies.

"We won't set the world on fire this year," Chadwick said, "We'll go there and play, then pack our bags and come home."

Chadwick isn't a pessimist, mind you, but being the realist that he is, he lays his cards on the table and discloses that he holds no aces.

"We really don't have a great threat this year," Chadwick said. "The two best bets to win are our two seniors, but they're not the caliber of number one and number two."

Chadwick refers to seniors Steve Stadtmiller and Paul Eiffert. Stadtmiller wrestles at 122 pounds and has a 12-2 record so far this season. He eyes the sectionals with anticipation for a chance to redeem himself for a match lost earlier this year.

"I'm looking forward to wrestling Glen Locke of Irondequoit. He beat me 6-1 during the season and I'd really like to get another chance at him."

Eiffert's record this year is 8-5-1 mainly because Chadwick alternates him between the 180-pound and heavyweight classes.

"During the year, I moved Paul up against better people. It's good experience for him. He ended up beating the Hilton heavyweight," Chadwick said.

Chadwick agrees that his team is one of the future. His starting line-up includes one freshman, five sophomores, two juniors and two seniors. He feels that a major maturing factor for his boys has been their experience against the stronger county teams.

"Each city team has one or two good kids," Chadwick said. "When you go against the county teams, they may have six or seven good kids.

"I enjoy county matches and I think the kids do, too, because they hear so much about teams like Hilton, Gates-Chili, and Irondequoit. Even though we get beat, the boys feel they learn something."

Chadwick feels that since the Kings' first match this year, when they were shut out, up until they wrestled Hilton a couple of weeks ago, his team has improved to the point where they can play with anybody now; they've matured so much.

"I think that next year we'll be able to stay with anybody in the county or the city. This year we're underdogs in almost every match, but next year we can be even with them."

VFW Speech Winner Over at Nazareth

Nazareth Academy student Esterilla Williams placed second in the 32nd Veterans of Foreign Wars Voice of Democracy Broadcast Scriptwriting Scholarship Contest. Because it was the winning entry from Nazareth, Ester received $50 and a letter of congratulations from the VFW and its Ladies Auxiliary.

Ester's speech "Why I Care About America", expressed her realization that America is great because of her people — often people who are dreamers, but dreamers who are willing to work in fulfilling their dreams for America.

She prepared the speech over a ten day period, delivered it to her English class and the school's writers club before taping it. Ester's interest in forensics has her preparing for other contests.

ESTER

Sports Who's Who

McQuaid captured the City-Catholic league wrestling title last week at Bishop Kearney. The Knights, co-champions last year with East and Madison, have won or shared the league title three straight years.

Individual winners for McQuaid were **Andy Springer** (115), **Rob Starkweather** (122), **Lem Rogers** (158), **Vince Baiamonte** (170) and **Phil Lanzatella** (180). Bishop Kearney's **John Bellomo** won the title in the 108-pound class.

Mercy High School's basketball team is off to a 6-1 start this year in the Private-Parochial Girls' Basketball League. **Anne Murphy** is their leading scorer with a 14-point average.

Larry Lanpher scored 22 and **Mike Goodberlet** 13 as Cardinal Mooney (7-9) beat Bishop Kearney (3-13), 66-45 in City-Catholic basketball league action at Mooney.

McQuaid's **John Thompson** and **Todd Rose** scored 21 and 16 points, respectively, as the Knights beat Aquinas, 76-52. **Bob Mulcahy** scored 12 points and **Gary Huether** added 10 for the Little Irish.

McQuaid's unbeaten hockey team upped its record to 15-0 with three wins over the past week: 15-2 over Fairport, a 12-0 shutout against Rush-Henrietta Sperry, and 3-1 over Brighton. The Knights are currently ranked 6th in the Upstate New York State Sportswriters' Poll.

McQuaid skiers finished in 8th place overall during the Section Five meet held at Swain. **Kurt Sertl** finished first and second in the giant slalom and slalom competitions, respectively, and teammate **Fred Huberlie** placed fourth in the slalom.

GRAD-NOTES — Dick Buerkle (ex-Aquinas), fighting back from a blood disorder, finished sixth in the prestigious Wanamaker Mile at the Millrose Games in New York City last week. Buerkle's time of 4:03.2 put him some eight seconds behind winner Eamonn Coghlan of Ireland. Buerkle holds the world indoor mile record of 3:54.9.

Jim Brown (ex-Aquinas) is now playing hockey for another team nicknamed the "Irish", the Fighting Irish of the University of Notre Dame.

Mike Parker (ex-Aquinas) goaltender in the National Hockey League Buffalo Sabres' organization, is playing himself back into shape on a Sabres' farm team in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Parker has spent most of this season recuperating from a bout with mono and a liver infection.