

# Around Rap Around Rap Around Rap Around

## Equal Time

### Why has suicide become so prevalent among teenagers?

NAZARETH

**TERRI FUNK**  
Junior  
softball team



"They start with small problems — no one to talk too — then the pressures build up — they try out with drugs and alcohol — then things become worse and then there's no way out except suicide. People don't want to become involved so they're not willing to listen and the problems become trapped inside and they take their life. Those contemplating suicide usually let people know — there are warnings — they just don't go out and do it. I think from the beginning — from the small problems — talk is the best thing. They have to face their problems and deal with them."

**CATHY YOUNG**  
Junior  
Junior Future Secretaries Club



"Because people expect them to live up to certain standards and they want to be themselves and then they become depressed. We're inheriting a mixed up world and things change so much that a lot of teenagers are confused. If they could talk to their friends and have their friends take them seriously, it would help. The pressures become too great for those who commit suicide — some people are stronger than others."

**ROSE SANTOS**  
Freshman



"I think it can be peer pressure — problems at home — they can't cope with the problems of living — too many things coming at once and they can't handle them. I would tell them to seek help, talk to a real close friend. I feel suicide should be explained and maybe the ones contemplating it may be deterred from it."

**KAREN KLIMBACH**  
Junior



"I don't think they can cope with everyday living and the demands put on them. I think exposure to suicide through the media gives them something to think about. Not being able to communicate seems to be a big problem — they should be able to talk to other people about their problems. I think when you read about suicide in the newspapers you don't realize just what it is."

**ANNE FITZGIBBONS**  
Freshman  
band



"I think pressures come from every which way and it builds up in them. They don't realize other kids have problems like they do and they don't know where to turn or who to talk with, so they think suicide is the only way out. I don't think they think about it — the pressures become so great they just decide suicide is the way out. I would probably tell them that there is someone they can talk to, who will listen and they can work out their problems. If other people can work them out so can they."

**DIANE MAGGIO**  
Senior  
Future Secretaries Club



"I think because of a lot of family pressures — to be the same as everyone else — and a lot of them don't know what they want. It depends on how serious the problems are. If they are serious, they take that way out. I think they think about it. They give out some type of warning and perhaps people don't respond and then they feel they are not wanted so they figure that's the best way. My advise would be to try and work out the problems before deciding anything."

**LORI COCILOVA**  
Junior  
cheerleader



"I think it is probably the pressures and that they can't cope with the problems of becoming an adult — not being able to talk with anyone and than taking the easy way out. I think people build up to it and then make the decision to do it. Some people think it is a mental illness."

**CHRIS YOUNG**  
Senior  
Future Secretaries Club



"Because they don't have any way out of their problems — like pressure to get the school work done — parents say one thing — peers say another — so they don't know which way to turn. They just do it to get out of everything and they don't realize they are killing themselves. If suicide was brought out more, that people are really doing it, it might stop those thinking about it."

## Mercians Become Honor Members

Our Lady of Mercy High School held a candlelight ceremony for students inducted into the National Honor Society on May 20. Sister M. Bonaventure gave the welcome and Ms. Cheryl Gillen, advisor, directed the ceremony. Those inducted were: Susan Allen, Mary Anderson, Joanne Andresky, Margaret Bonn, Carolyn Tamara Cahill, Julie Ciaccio, Ellen Marie Coleman, Catherine Anne Cooper, Margaret Mary Coughlin, Maureen Margaret Crough, Elizabeth Culotta, Kathy Curran, Villa Dedinas, Janine

DiPolito, Patricia Fox, Sheila Gartland, Janet Gramza, Joyce Gramza, Mary Elizabeth Hagen, Victoria Alexandra Hayes, Joanne Horvath, Eileen Hurley, Dorothy Elizabeth Kenning, Mary Lima, Paula Christina LoCurto, Anna Eileen Lynch, Mary Anne Maggio, Tanya Mayadas, Laura McCrank, Julianne McGowan, Mary Mutschler, Mary-Josette O'Brien, Elizabeth Quinal, Elizabeth Anne Radell, Jeanne Ryan, Mary Elizabeth Scheneman, Maureen Schmidt, Margaret Stivers, Theresa Marie Sweeney,

Ellen Sweetland, Kathleen Troidle, Anne Wegman.

## Auditions

The Cardinal Mooney Follies time is here again and a meeting has been planned for June 11 in the school auditorium. 7:30 p.m. Parents, alumnae and friends are invited to lend a hand in all phases of the production.

Those interested but unable to attend the meeting contact Ginny Probst, 663-6988 or Norma Phelan, 865-1719.



Photo by Terrance J. Brennan

## Remember When?

BK student, Beth Regan, surveys the results of her coordinating efforts in gathering senior baby pictures. The display case has caused much comment from BKers, especially the seniors who don't or won't remember themselves as children.



## 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 Bishop Kearney during a Communion breakfast. The person circled above should bring the clipping to Joan M. Smith, Courier-Journal by noon, Tuesday, June 12, to receive \$5.

## AQ Student Wins Award

Aquinas senior, Thomas Schryver, is the recipient of the University of Detroit Insignis Scholarship. The award is a full tuition scholarship for any four or five year field of study. The award selection is based on a student's overall academic record and performance in the scholarship interview.



TOM SCHRYVER



## A Child's World

Recently, Jimmy Wurtz, age 2, paid a visit to Nazareth Academy's Homemaking Department. His visit provided an opportunity for students in the Child Development Class like Mary Brienza to observe at first hand what a delight and responsibility it is for parents to rear and educate children so they reach their spiritual, mental, emotional and physical potential.