

# Rap Around Rap Around

## Equal Time

What is your reaction to the fact that so few 18-20 year olds actually vote?

### NOTRE DAME

**YVETTE LaBARE**  
Senior  
photo club



"A lot of kids complain about who gets in there. I don't see how they can complain if they don't vote. I would vote in every election. I'd like to vote this time, to get a better person into office, and I know who I'd vote for."

**JOHN CICCONI**  
Senior  
football



"I think it's part of the trend — the same thing goes with older people — they aren't voting any more than the 18-20 year olds. People are just not interested. I think they just lost interest; nobody cares, because they don't think that their vote matters. The only thing that could change it is by regaining interest; it could be part of another trend."

**BETH BRAINSER**  
Senior  
Maryleaf editor



"I think that kids are discouraged with the methods of the older generations. I think now that kids are becoming more aware of their responsibilities, perhaps they will begin to vote more regularly. If I were 18 by the election, I would vote. I've kept a pretty close watch on the platforms set by each major candidate and know which candidate I would pick for president."

**JIM NICHOLS**  
Senior  
football



"They don't feel that there is anyone to represent them, so they don't want to vote. They may believe in one or two issues a candidate supports, but don't agree with a candidate on every issue, and so don't bother to vote. I think it might get a little better; the last 10 years have been pretty mixed up and things are starting to settle down a little bit. If I were 18, I would vote this year."

**DAN SULLIVAN**  
Senior  
football



"I feel they should. I just turned 18, and I'm going to vote. The issues are a little complicated for me, but I'm looking into them. They should make them understandable so younger people could understand them. We had some candidates here and they answered questions. I learned a little from that. I'm going to vote for Ronald Reagan. I like his views, he's going to put religion back in the schools. He won't sit back like Carter has."

**KATHY LEWIS**  
Senior  
future secretaries club



"I feel that they are unsure of the nominees, they don't vote so they won't make a mistake because they don't know them that well. Students should do more reading of news on the candidates so they know what they stand for. I think in history class the teachers should make them study news and current events. I'm able to vote this year, but I don't feel that the candidates are good ones, so I'm not going to vote."

**CHARLOTTE O'BRIEN**  
Junior  
cheerleader



"I think that they haven't voted because a lot of them are uninformed. A lot of the candidates only come around at the time of their election, and the teenagers don't know about the issues. They also don't realize that what they have is a privilege; people in other countries don't have the right to vote. I think candidates should get out and talk to people more than just at the election."

**KAREN GIZZI**  
Junior  
cheerleader



"I don't think that they've followed the political scene, and they don't know what it involves. And a lot of kids at this age don't want to take the time — they don't think their vote really matters. If the candidates did talk to them more often, instead of just talking to the older people, it would help. It would be a good idea if the schools did more preparation for voting."



Feeling the crown being placed on her head, Mary Burger gasps as the cheerleaders and other well-wishers around her express their delight with her selection as Homecoming Queen. The crowning occurred at half-time of the Wellsboro football game Oct. 10. Placing the crown on her is Peter Yonko, Student Council president. The queen's escort is Brian Seeley.

## Enthusiastic Notre Dame Celebrates Homecoming

By Martha Danaher  
Elmira — Homecoming victory for the Notre Dame Crusaders did not come easily this year as Notre Dame battled Wellsboro, Pa., to a 7-6 victory.

After a long drive, Wellsboro was able to score a touchdown early in the second quarter. Their two-point conversion attempt was halted by Notre Dame's strong defensive line.

Notre Dame came back and scored a touchdown minutes before half-time, and Stan Knecht made the PAT good. The rest of the game went scoreless as the offensive and

defensive teams battled to a stand-off.

This year's half-time festivities were not rained upon, as had been the case the past few years. The four homecoming candidates, nominated by the senior class, were Mary Burger, Cary Dunlavey, Margarete Leite and Mary Ann Pochal. They paraded around the football field in convertibles, and were introduced as they crossed the field with their escorts. The crowd waited anxiously as the candidates stepped upon the stage in front of the home bleachers, and then roared as the crown was placed on the 1980 Homecoming Queen, Mary Burger.

Mary is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Burger of 960 Grove St., Elmira.

## An Evening At Mercy

Wednesday, Nov. 5, 7-9 p.m., is Open House at Our Lady of Mercy High School for 7th and 8th graders and their parents. Visitors will be able to meet the teachers and discuss programs, activities and curriculum. Displays for each department will be set up in the gym. Administration and guidance officials will also be available to answer questions.

## History Recalled

Senior Recognition Day at Nazareth was Oct. 15. Seniors and faculty lunched together in the cafeteria and then attended a special program in the convent. The theme of this year's presentation was built around a sense of the history and tradition of

Nazareth. Sister Carol Cimino, vice principal, delivered an anecdotal retrospective presentation of the past 109-year history of the school. This was followed by a prayer service in the convent chapel.

Tours of the school will be held every 15 minutes, allowing students and their parents to see the many facilities that Mercy High has to offer. The tours will be conducted by the faculty and members of the National Honor Society. Refreshments will be served in the gym.



## 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 during Theology class. The person circled should bring the clipping to Joan M. Smith, Courier-Journal, 114 South Union St., by noon, Tuesday, Nov. 4 to receive \$5.

## Speaking Out

By Susan Mehalick  
NOTRE DAME

How many times have we all heard that competition is healthy? After all, it is only human to want to compete and win. People are constantly competing in their daily lives whether it is in school, in sports, or in work.

Unfortunately, it seems that too much emphasis is placed on "beating the other guy," rather than on personal improvement. This stems from the fact that many people are concerned

with keeping up with the achievements of others. By this, I mean that everyone worries about what everyone else is doing.

Rather than setting personal goals and trying to develop personal talents, many people try to achieve success in areas which are not really suited to them because they feel that they have to be able to do everything that others do. The reason for this is many people compare themselves to others too much and feel that their achievements are not as noteworthy and that

they are not as good as the next person. This creates a certain inferiority complex which many people try to combat by attempting to become like the people whom they idolize.

The whole idea of trying to keep up with others creates tremendous pressures on people and ruins all concepts of personal individuality. The most important thing to remember is that each person has certain talents and strong points which he/she should try to perfect.