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Equal Time

Do teenagers tend to follow what their friends think and do?

AQUINAS

BOB BELL
Junior
boxing

"Yes, because if you don't they tend to make you feel left out. Teens don't want to be alone. It can be a good thing or a bad thing depending on whether he has good or bad friends. If your're friends are jerks it can make you a jerk, too. I think it's more guys that want to belong to groups. Seems that the guys go out more."

KIERAN HETZLER
Sophomore
ski club

"Yes, but it depends on the person. Some people want to go with the group to be cool. If he has a strong character, he'll want to be the leader and not follow and won't care if they criticize him for being himself. I don't think it's a good idea to be influenced by a group. Normally there will be some mischief."

ED BENSON
Freshman
basketball

"Yes, because they want to be part of the group. If the group doesn't do anything wrong I think it's all right. In some things peers have a great deal of influence on their fellow peers. I think girls tend to follow their friends more than boys."

MIKE SCHIANO
Senior
basketball

"I think peer pressure has a big role in what a group does. A kid might get into a good or bad group. They're really influenced in the first year of high school. They just want to get into a group and not be ostracized. I think it's even between girls and boys in following their groups. I don't think a person should follow their peers in everything. They shouldn't be a copy of the leaders but be individuals."

CHRIS TUTTLE
Senior
basketball

"Yes, because they see kids that are alone and they are afraid of being like that so they accept what the group says. They want to be part of the group. It's not a good idea — we should go our own way — be ourselves. I think the boys travel with groups more than girls. I guess it's because boys have more fun together."

MIKE BONANNO
Freshman
boxing

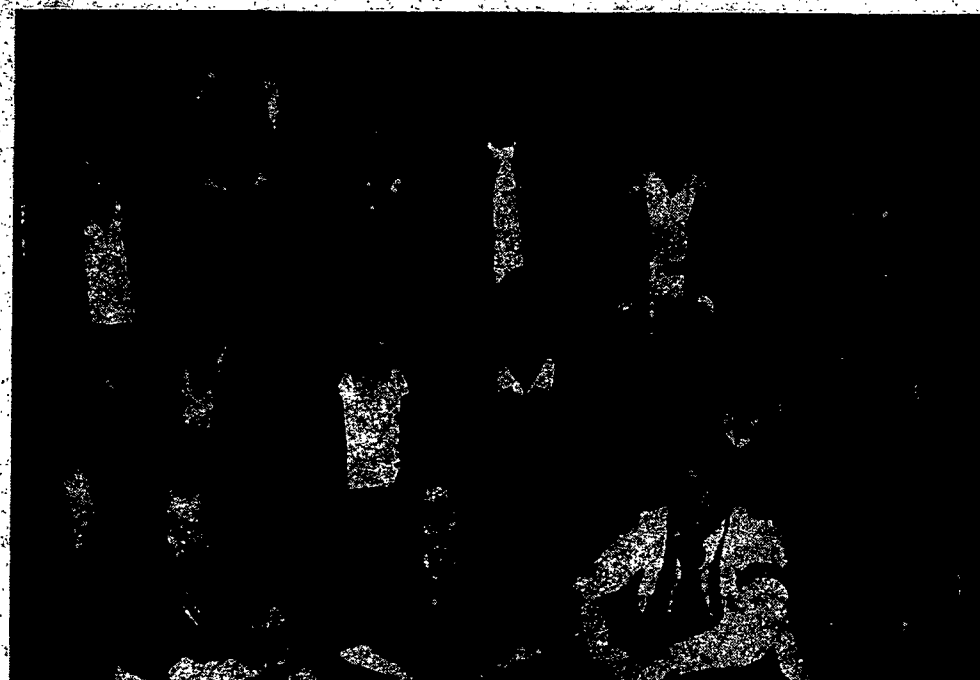
"Yes, because they don't want to lose their friends. They want to feel a part of their group. The group has a big influence on what teens think and do. A group likes to influence and will get on someone's back who's not going along with them. It's even between girls and boys in following their peers."

JOHN HOOVER
Sophomore
basketball

"Yes, they do get influenced. They shouldn't copy a person but when you're going around with them, you're not wanted if you don't go with the group. I don't think it's a good idea because if you don't want to go, you don't have to — especially if the group is getting into trouble."

TIM LAMBERT
Junior
football

"In the first year in high school they'll follow kids to find what kind of group they belong to. In the later years they'll drift away and go off in their own direction. I think belonging to a group in the freshman year is good because we're not familiar with the kids. To be popular is the reason they belong to group and it's better to be a leader than a follower."



High Honors

Bishop Kearney National Merit Scholarship commended students are, from left in front row: Louis Micca, Steven White, Thomas Hurysz; second row: Vincent Parks, Karen Lamark, Anne Florack, Lisa Inguagiato, Michael Malone; back row: Jeanne Martel, Patty Mongeau, Ralph Englert, Barry Weber, Kristin Stid, Daniel Sater. Absent from photo is Betty Jean Callon.

On The Go

BISHOP KEARNEY
Thursday, Dec. 4 — Senior girls Pax Day, rm. A-221; Parents' Club Tureen Supper, 6:30 p.m.
Saturday, Dec. 6 — Christmas Boutique Sale, cafeteria, 10 a.m.
Monday, Dec. 8 — Faculty meeting, noon dismissal.
Tuesday, Dec. 9 — Junior boys Pax Day, rm. B-212.
CARDINAL MOONEY
Thursday, Dec. 4 — Womens' Guild Board meeting.
Saturday, Dec. 6 — Womens' Guild Christmas Dance.
Monday, Dec. 8 — Feast of the Immaculate Conception, special schedule.
Tuesday, Dec. 9 — Mens' Guild Board meeting.
Wednesday, Dec. 10 — Sophomore retreat in Canandaigua; faculty prayer meeting, 2:45 p.m.

McQUAID
Thursday, Dec. 4 — Penance service, 8:47 a.m.
Friday, Dec. 5 — No classes; Faculty In-service Day.
Monday, Dec. 8 — No classes, faculty meetings, 11-3 p.m.
NAZARETH
Thursday, Nov. 4 — Honor assembly.
Monday, Dec. 8 — Assembly schedule.
Tuesday, Dec. 9 — Department heads meeting.
Wednesday, Dec. 10 — Class meetings; Student Council Dress-up Day, Eddie Meath to visit school.
OUR LADY OF MERCY
Dec. 4-6 — Musical, "Call Me Madam," 8 p.m.
Sunday, Dec. 7 — Advent Family Mass.

ST. AGNES
Thursday, Dec. 4 — Issue assembly, speaker on nuclear power; Advent assembly; aerobic classes.
Friday, Dec. 5 — Senior open session with Bishop Matthew H. Clark, 8:30-11 a.m.
Monday, Dec. 8 — Feast of the Immaculate Conception liturgy followed by workshop, dismissal, 11:30 a.m.
Tuesday, Dec. 9 — European trip travelogue, 7:30 p.m.; freshman orientation on note taking skills; Girls Athletic Association Bake Food Sale; Home Economics field trip to Campbell Whittlesey House; aerobic classes.
Wednesday, Dec. 10 — Chorus at Middtown; homeroom moderator meeting; freshman candidate speeches.



Guitar Honors

Doug Riter, St. Agnes guitar teacher and member of the "Sky Coaster" group, was among 11 finalists in a music contest recently sponsored by radio station WCMF. The group has pressed an album, "Home Grown," that features a song that he wrote.

Winners

Tanya McCray, a senior at St. Agnes, was the recipient of the Winner's Circle \$5 for the week of Nov. 19.

Esther Yun, a Nazareth Academy senior, was the recipient of the Winner's Circle \$5 for the week of Nov. 26.

Sales Spirit

Last Wednesday, St. Agnes students had an extra holiday. It was their reward for going over the top earning \$35,000 in their October magazine drive. The drive ended on Halloween and the students and faculty celebrated in costume. High salespersons are, kneeling: Joan Geedy with \$1,359; Ann Trunfio, \$550. Standing: Linda Musson (amount yet to be determined); Carrie McNiece, \$523; Mary Beauchamp, \$503; and Ana Alamar, \$607. Seniors as a class had the highest sales.



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 DeSales during an assembly. The person circled should bring the clipping to his or her school office, to be sent to Joan M. Smith, Courier-Journal, 114 South Union St., by noon, Tuesday, Dec. 9 to receive \$5.