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Equal Time

Should there be capital punishment?

CARDINAL MOONEY

LAURA LONG
Senior

"No. Violence only leads to more violence. Criminals don't consider the consequences of a crime, they just do it, and so capital punishment wouldn't be a deterrent to crime. Crime is on the increase because the economy is bad; everything is bad. Society tends to be too lenient with criminals but rather than capital punishment we should spend the money on keeping them in jail."



JOAN MROS
Senior
-homeroom rep

"No. Even though someone may murder, I don't think killing them will help. Just because they may take a life doesn't mean we have the right to take theirs. I don't think capital punishment would be a deterrent to violent crimes. It isn't a solution. There should be life imprisonment for the more violent crimes. Courts are too lenient with criminals. We'll probably see the reinstatement of capital punishment because people are getting tired of the crime wave."



PATRICIA EMBURY
Senior
yearbook staff

"We should have capital punishment. The court system is too lenient with hardened criminals. They are put in jail and then allowed parole and then they're free to do the same thing again. In a way capital punishment would be a deterrent to crime and I think we'll see capital punishment reinstated."



GREG HASSETT
Senior
Crest staff

"I don't know. It's a touchy subject. I think capital punishment is one step too far. The whole idea is violence on violence and I don't know if it would solve anything or just make the problem worse. I think there should be harsher penalties and the judicial system should be stricter."



PAUL CORNISH
Senior
tennis

"I don't think capital punishment should be reinstated because I believe in the right to life as granted by God. No matter what a person does we don't have the right to judge him or take his life."



MONICA BOPP
Senior
"My Fair Lady"

"I don't think so. I think there are other ways of punishing, like life imprisonment. I don't think there is any criminal who deserves to die for what he did. Jail is a strong enough deterrent."



PAUL SCHEIB
Senior
Apogee

"I think capital punishment is wrong. I'm against it. I don't believe in the 'eye for an eye.' I don't think violence can be answered with violence. Crime is going to exist no matter what, but capital punishment isn't the solution."



MARTIN LOBIONDO
Senior
wrestling

"I don't think anyone has the right to say whether someone lives or dies. No one is qualified to pass judgment. In some ways I feel capital punishment should come back but it seems kind of self-defeating because it's violence on top of violence. I feel more money should be spent on the prevention of crime rather than the punishment."



Sister Mary Jo Langie, RSM, a chaplain at the Newark Developmental Center, tells some of the Notre Dame seniors about her work and the people she works with at the senior class retreat at Watson Homestead March 12.

Students Branch Out For Religious Experience

By Martha Danaher
Notre Dame Coordinator

Elmira — On March 11 and 12, the Notre Dame High School students were on retreat. A special time for the students, the two days are different from the ordinary routine of school and home life.

The seniors traveled to Watson Homestead, located outside Corning. The retreat began Wednesday morning with a prayer service which had been planned by the students. The morning was divided into three time periods. During each period, the students elected one of the

four presentations being made; they attended the fourth in the afternoon. The presentors were Dan Hurley and Brother Ed O'Donnell, Notre Dame teachers, and Anita Solomon, a member of the senior class. The fourth session was a movie titled "A Day in the Life of Bonnie Consolo," a woman who was born without arms.

On Thursday morning, the seniors returned to Watson Homestead, and the day was organized the same as Wednesday, but with three presentations. The presentors were Father Thomas Wheeland, associate pastor at Sacred Heart Cathedral and a Notre Dame graduate; Sister Mary Jo Langie, a chaplain at the Newark Developmental Center, and Mrs. Nancy Schwalm, who has worked with youth in Sayre, Pa.

That afternoon, Father Wheeland celebrated Mass. The freshmen and sophomores stayed at Notre Dame for their retreats, with

the freshmen taking part on Thursday, and the sophomores on Wednesday. The junior class divided into smaller groups and went to local parishes for their two retreat days.

Genetics Explained

Mercy's Advanced Placement Biology class, along with teacher Mrs. Beatrice Wolford, attended the Conference on Science and Morality on March 26 at Nazareth College.

The 15 seniors heard speakers Dr. Ruth Hubbard from Harvard, Dr. Batron Childs from Johns Hopkins, and Dr. John Fletcher from the National Institute of Health. Their topics included practical and ethical constraints on genetic decisions, the value of genetic information, and ethical issues in applied human genetics.

WINNER

Cheryl Cutaia, a senior at Nazareth Academy, was the recipient of the Winner's Circle \$5 for the week of March 25.

The Bard Visits Mercy

"A Midsummer Night's Dream" will be presented on Friday and Saturday, April 10-11 at Our Lady of Mercy High School, 1437 Blossom Road.

The Shakespeare play involves a complicated love triangle. Hermia, a Greek maiden portrayed by Kathy Parisi, is forced to marry Demetrius, played by Tim Mulherin. This situation is compounded by the fact that Helena, Hermia's best friend, and played by Eileen O'Brien, loves Demetrius.

To round out this threesome is Hermia's true love, Lysander, who will be portrayed by Luke Fleckenstein.

These mortals fall prey to the spell of the sprite, Puck, played by Patricia Malley.



Luke, Kathy, Tim and Eileen brush up on their iambic pentameter for their portrayals of Shakespearean characters.

Other cast members include Rich D'Aprix, Greg Phillips, and Janis DeLucia.

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