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# Equal Time

Should the minimum wage be waived for younger workers?

## OUR LADY OF MERCY

**MARY HEINDL**  
Sophomore  
gymnastics



"I work, and I work with girls who are 19 years old and receive a higher pay than I do. I know if there wasn't a minimum wage law I'd be getting even less and yet we do the same job and have the same experience. The minimum wage law is necessary. I need the money like all the kids do. With inflation the present minimum wage is too low. More kids will get hired without it but they'll earn practically nothing — almost like the child labor days."

**EILEEN GALLAGHER**  
Senior  
Senior Ball  
chairperson



"I don't think they should do away with the minimum wage. I know from my own experience that when I worked at 16 and 17 I was putting money away for college and if I didn't have that money now it would cut my college support. Also, if two people do the same job, whether 17 years old or 19, they should get the same wage. I don't think one should get paid higher because of age."

**KATIE LARTIGUE**  
Senior  
class  
vice-president



"I don't think it's fair to the kids. We need money — jobs are our only source of income. We need decent wages just like the adults. I don't think we'll see it happen because employers need students; they're flexible with working hours and so they are a help to employers."

**MARY BETH ROGERS**  
Senior



"I don't think it is fair. If we put in the same time working we should get paid the same. It's discrimination against the younger kids — just like the Industrial Revolution and young labor didn't get paid. Employees will take advantage. If they don't have to pay us a decent wage they'll also start to cut down on conditions."

**SANDY RAKIEWICZ**  
Senior  
class secretary  
and treasurer



"No, because the reason we work is to earn money for college. We need decent wages. We're expected to do jobs that people over 18 do, so we should get paid the same. I think we're entitled to get paid a certain wage."

**MARYJAYNE LAMBERT**  
Senior  
track



"I don't think it's right. It's unfair and discriminatory against age. Minors work to earn money for school and to help their families. If the minimum wage is taken away from them, what would they have?"

**LIZ HETTERICK**  
Senior  
cheerleader



"I think it's totally unfair because I'm one of those people who will be affected. It will make it more difficult for minors to make a decent wage and with inflation we should be able to make a decent wage just like the adults. I think employers will take advantage. They'll hire more people at the lower wage but how are we going to support ourselves? Especially regarding college expenses."

**MARGO HEINDL**  
Senior  
cheerleader



"It's an awful idea. It's not fair and it's discriminatory against minors. Kids don't make that much and people don't realize the expenses we have. Kids save for going on to school and if their wages are dropped they won't be able to continue their education. It will be a big problem."

## Mercian Wins Award

Julie Lenhard, Our Lady of Mercy, has been awarded the Outstanding Junior of the Year Award given by the Notre Dame Alumni Association.

She received the award and a \$100 savings bond at the annual Notre Dame Alumni Association meeting at the University Club. She attended with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. James Lenhard, and Mrs. Linda Siembor, guidance counselor at Mercy.

### A FREE CONCERT

The Aquinas Spring Band Concert will be held at 7 p.m., on Sunday, May 17 in the school auditorium. The concert is free, no tickets are necessary and the public is invited.

Julie was chosen from among 36 students on the basis of her academic performance, as well as her activities both in school and the community. She was required to write an autobiography, and along with 11 finalists, was questioned by a panel of judges. Questions ranged from political subjects to personal activities.

Julie is an honor student at Mercy and is interested in science. She has participated in school plays and is a member of the Mission group and the Youth in Government program.

Besides Julie's award, the school was presented with a plaque.

## Coaching Duties Assigned

Dennis Sadler, Aquinas Institute athletic director, has announced coaches for the 1981-82 school year. David Kleehammer is the new varsity soccer coach and Steve Ward will take over duties as the new JV soccer coach.

Kleehammer is an Aquinas graduate ('73), and has played on two City Catholic championship teams. He is 25 years old and is completing his second year of teaching at Aquinas. As a former Aquinas JV coach he posted a 10-6-2 record. He is married and has two children.

Ward is in his third year of teaching at Aquinas. He is 32 years old and recently married. He has been a basketball and soccer official for 10 years.

# One Giant Step For McQuaid Student

McQuaid junior Andrew Mayer has been named a semifinalist in the National Space Shuttle Involvement competition. He is one of 200 semifinalists out of 17,000 entrants.

To be eligible to enter the contest, the entrant had to propose his own experiment involving biology, physics, chemistry, or any practical aspect of modern science.

"At first I wanted to do something on physics," Mayer explained, "but then I decided to stick with biology. I had heard about an experiment that tested the growth of plants in a weightless atmosphere, so I decided to do something similar."

His experiment was entitled "Centripetal Acceleration." It concerned the effects of artificial gravity on plants. Mayer's idea was to find the optimum level of artificial gravity for the growth of plants.

As a semifinalist, Mayer earned the privilege of presenting his proposal to a panel of scientists and consultants of the space center. He was recently flown by NASA to the Goddard Space Center in Greenbelt, Md.

After learning the details of each semifinalist's proposal, the scientists will proceed to test each experiment in space (through use of the Space Shuttle). After this test is completed, a winner will be selected. Along with the honor of having his proposal accepted by NASA, the winner will receive an all-expense-paid trip to Cape Kennedy where he will do further work with NASA officials and astronauts on his experiment.

The competition, designed to stimulate technological and scientific advances at the high school level, was nationwide in scope and open to all high school students in the U.S. and its territories.

Mayer is an honors student and intends to pursue studies



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in fiber optics at college. His first choice of college is the University of Rochester.

Submitted by Mark Ouwelen and Mike Tomalno

## Ahead in JA Race

McQuaid students Gene Best, John Fama, Mitchell Mather, John Morgan, William Ouyang, and Michael Swain have been named Officer-of-the-Year semifinalists by the Junior Achievement Program of Rochester (JA).

These students achieved six of the eight top scores in the competition. They were selected from 190 other JA officers from the area.

The final tests were taken on April 4 and the winner of the trip to the JA National Conference will be announced on May 15.

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