

# R A P A R O U N D

## Computers Bring Dilemma

We are in the computer age, an age where kindergartners are being introduced to computers. And part of this computer syndrome is the video game.

Most students in this week's Equal Time agreed that the video game craze is addictive, and recently, there have been efforts by parents and town boards to put a stop to the proliferation of video arcades.

Yet, in a Time Magazine article (May 4), it was pointed out that the video games have not only the appeal pinball machines had for the older generation, but they pique young minds to learn more about all that electronic sleight of hand. It was also stated that it is a short hop from skillful operation of a video game to learning fundamentals of programming.

But for every pro argument regarding computers, there are the critics like those who think it impossible to reduce human relationships or the solving of moral questions to a print-out. There are other critics who predict a future similar to that created in Isaac Asimov's "I, Robot," a science fiction story about a society so thoroughly computer-dominated that the people can't do arithmetic.



## EQUAL TIME

Are video games addictive?

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**BRIAN DONOVAN**  
Sophomore  
football

"I think they are. It's up to the individual to decide whether to spend the time and money on them. I don't think towns have the right to shut down the arcades. The fad will pass, I'm sure. I play but not on an addictive basis. I've seen people spend hours in a place and waste their money, but they are paying and so should be able to play."



**MATT NESSER**  
Junior  
basketball

"Yes, they are addictive. I was but I stopped. I was spending a bit too much money and I got bored. People do spend a lot of money on them. But if they want to do it, it should be their choice. Video arcades shouldn't be closed down. I agree it's just a fad. It'll go away — when, I don't know, but it will end."



**JOHN DIPASQUALE**  
Sophomore  
glee club

"Yes, they are addictive. I'm not, personally. Kids who aren't active in other things tend to rely on the games and any age can play them. They make a profit so the arcades shouldn't be shut down. Video games are like other games and sports and just because they're so popular doesn't mean they shouldn't be restricted. Parents should monitor the time and money spent on the games. I think it's a fad and will disappear — everything does. However, if they keep introducing new games the kids will keep playing."



**MIKE OUWEELEN**  
Freshman  
swim team

"I think they are definitely addictive. People seem to spend hundreds of dollars on them in a week. I know some kids who are addicted to playing the computer home games and don't do their homework. But I think it's just a fad like surfing or the hula hoop and is on the way out. Closing down the arcades is not the way. It's up to the parents and schools to investigate if grades begin failing because of the time spent playing the games."



**JOHN LAWRENCE**  
Sophomore  
soccer

"Definitely, they are addictive. The fact that people are trying to limit arcades and the age of who plays isn't right. There are worse things to be addicted to. Kids get involved in the technology of the games and it can lead to better things, although it does take away from their schooling. It is up to the individual if he wants to spend his time playing the games."



**GREG BICHE**  
Junior  
football

"They can be if you don't have other things to do. Kids go for them if they don't have a job or aren't going to school. I don't play them because I'm busy in school and at a job. The parents should be involved and watch how much time and money are spent on them. Personally, I think a lot of money and time are wasted on them."



**CHRIS FRISINA**  
Sophomore  
soccer

"Yes, to some people. If you just do and play you waste a lot of money and time. I think it's up to the parents and kids if they want to waste the money that way. It costs \$4 to go to a movie so they can spend that much on the games. You should set a limit as to how much money and time to spend playing them. The games are here to stay. They are pretty popular."



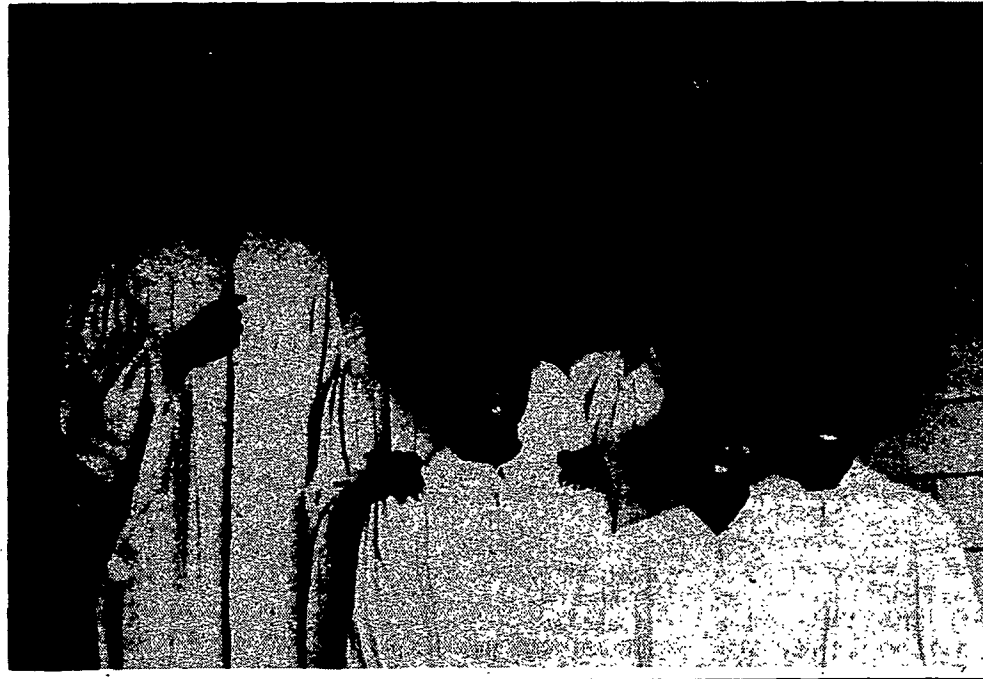
**DAN CARDINALI**  
Sophomore  
class president

"I would say they are addictive. It's a sense of people's priorities on how much time and money to spend. It's the responsibility of the parents to monitor the time and money spent on them in order to control the addiction. Regarding the home games, my parents watch so time isn't wasted and homework gets done. You can't protect some from playing them by closing arcades. It gives kids a place to go to and something to do rather than being out on the streets."



## Fashion Night

"A Touch of Color and a Touch of Class" was the theme of the April 27 Fashion Show at St. Agnes High School. Songs, dances, poetry readings and fashions were all part of the entertainment. The event was directed by senior Valarie Miles who is Miss New York State Teen World this year. Above are the models Robyn Cooper, Valarie Miles, Asonte Ellenwood and Lisa Johnson. Singers (below) included Tanya Williams, Elizabeth Sullivan, Charetta Warren, Yolanda Brown, Ivette Esquea, Alicia Olds and Judy Doucette.



## Aquinas Relays More Than Exercises in Prowess

Defending champion Brooklyn Tech will be among the 30 teams vying for the 1982 Aquinas Relays championship on Saturday, May 15, at the University of Rochester's Fauver Stadium. Providing the competition are Penfield High School, the 1982 indoor sectional track champions, and McQuaid, the 1981 Class AA outdoor sectional track winner. Track powers Nottingham and Corcoran of Syracuse, Sweet Home of Amherst, and host Aquinas have also to be reckoned with in the competitions.

Parents of the AQ track team open their homes to athletes from teams who travel more than 150 miles.

Father John Ware and Father Cyril Carter started the Aquinas Relays in 1964. In the 1970s, the late Father Michael Wesley was meet director. A trophy in his name goes to the 1600-meter relay team winners. For the past two years Aquinas track coaches Tom Gigliotti and Doug DeCoursey have directed the relays.

According to Aquinas

sources, the individuals to watch in this year's relays are Grant Whitney of Penfield and Tom Warth of McQuaid. Whitney is state outdoor record holder in the 3,000-meter race. Warth had a 4:19 the past season in the indoor 1600-meter. Chip Arthur of Geneva will be competing in the pole vault and Roy Douglas of Pittsford-Sutherland in the hurdles.

Field events are scheduled to begin at 11 a.m., and running events at 11:30 a.m. There is no admittance charge for the relays.

The Aquinas Relays are in their 19th year and offer trophies to every boy on each relay team down to three places and medals for relay teams finishing fourth, fifth and sixth. Another feature of the meet is the hundreds of color photos taken and given to the athletes, free of charge. The relays also bring together alumni and friends of Aquinas who each year volunteer their services to the event.

## Camp Sign-up Starting

Camp Silver Birch, the summer day camp staffed by the Sisters of Mercy for boys and girls five to ten years old, is now accepting registrations through June 21. The camp is operated on the campus of Mercy High School on Blossom Road, from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., Monday through Friday, July 5-30. Fee is \$40 a

week for one child, plus \$5 registration fee, with adjustable fees for families with more than one camper. Registration forms can be obtained from Sister Sheila Stevenson, camp director, at Our Lady Queen of Peace Convent, 605 Edgewood Ave., 244-2175.