

RAP AROUND

Pursuing a Solution

This week's Equal Time question was prompted by a recent accident in Newtown, Conn., where four teenagers were killed and two seriously injured when their pick-up truck smashed into a tree while being pursued by police. The New York Times reported that the young adults had been stopped for a minor traffic warning, and according to police, the youths tried ramming the officer's car and then sped off. The same report stated that the father of one of the victims will press the Connecticut General Assembly to enact laws restricting high speed chases.

that their duty includes "due regard" for the safety of others.

The high speed chase is a dilemma and for Officer Nicholas Theodos, a New Jersey State Trooper who was injured in a high speed pursuit, it comes down to this: "If anything happens," he said, "it's on your conscience. If you're chasing someone who turns out to be a murderer and you don't stop him, it's on your conscience. If someone gets hit in the chase, that's on your conscience. You just hope and pray to God it all turns out okay."

New York State vehicle and traffic law allows officers in pursuit to exceed posted speed limits, make otherwise illegal turns, and run stop lights or stop signs provided they enter the intersection prepared to stop if necessary. The law also advises officers

The Goal Is Sales

The Aquinas magazine drive opened Wednesday, Sept. 22, and will run through Oct. 6. At the opening assembly each student was asked to make seven sales. This year's goal is \$50,000.

Parents, alumni and friends of Aquinas are asked to renew their magazine subscriptions and to purchase new ones through a student. Subscribers may choose from a selection of 300 magazines as well as tapes and records. If you would like a new subscription or a renewal, please call the school at 254-2020, and a student will pick up your order.

Cast Call for Mercy

The drama department of Our Lady of Mercy High School is looking for male leads for its Fall musical, "Babes In Arms," to be presented Friday and Saturday, Dec. 3-4.

Auditions are this week, 3 p.m., Wednesday and Thursday, Sept. 29-30, in the school auditorium, 1437 Blossom Road. Callbacks will be held Friday, Oct. 1.



Incentive for Going Back to School

Bishop Matthew H. Clark celebrated the opening of school Mass at Aquinas Institute, Friday, Sept. 17. He was greeted by John Toscano, Student Body secretary; Wendy Wackerman; Tom Loewenguth, Student Body vice president; Anne Rowland; Tim Bell, Student Body president; Diane Potter; Mike Ferraiolo, Student Body treasurer. Earlier in the week the bishop had said Mass at Our Lady of Mercy and on Friday, Oct. 8, he will be at Cardinal Mooney to dedicate the school's chapel to Brother Andre Bessette, a Holy Cross Brother who was beatified by Pope John Paul II in Rome on May 23.

RPO Offers Student Concerts

It's concert time again and the Rochester Philharmonic Orchestra, under the direction of Isaiah Jackson, will present elementary school concerts for fourth, fifth, and sixth grade students. Series I started yesterday, Tuesday, Sept. 28, and

Series II concerts are scheduled for 10 a.m., Wednesday, Dec. 1; Thursday, Dec. 2, and Thursday, Dec. 16.

Golden Arrow Buses are available for transportation and can be reserved by

calling 674-1030. City schools must arrange for Golden Arrow transportation through the City School Transportation Office.

For further information contact Mrs. Robert Horn at 342-3565, or Audrey Beck at the Rochester Philharmonic League Office, 454-2620.

EQUAL TIME

Do you think the police should pursue high speed chases?

CARDINAL MOONEY

DEANNA JONES
Senior
Entity Club

"Yes, I do, even if sometimes it ends in a fatality or accident. The drivers should know they've done something wrong if they see police lights, and if they're not caught they'll continue doing whatever it was the police were pursuing them for because they would not be expecting punishment."



JOHN BEGY
Senior
football

"For minor offenses, no. I think a better way to handle it would be to get the license plate number and apprehend them later. However, once the police put on their lights the person in the other car should stop and if they don't they are responsible for any fatalities or accidents."



COLLEEN PHELAN
Senior
Entity Club

"Yes — in certain cases, especially in high crimes like murder, rape, assault. But for something like a speeding violation, there are other ways of picking them up. If an accident or a fatality occurs during the chase it is the responsibility of the person being chased."



DAVE TAFFNER
Freshman

"Yes, I do think they should. Whoever they chase could go on causing trouble and commit more crime. There's a 50-50 chance that the police will catch him, and I definitely think that if there is an accident or a fatality it is the responsibility of the person being pursued."



KIM WHITFIELD
Junior

"Yes, because the police have to do it if people are in the wrong. It is a necessary job and has to be done because it is the policeman's job. And if an accident or fatality occurs during the chase it is the fault of the person being chased. They should stop when they see the police lights."



FRANK INSALACO
Junior
football

"I think they should give chase if they are causing disturbances, but the driver is supposed to stop. He's in control of his vehicle and he should obey the law. It's the person who the police are chasing who is at fault when something happens like an accident. The police are doing their job."



RON SIBS
Senior
football

"Well, I feel the speed chase is dangerous for both the pursued and the police and the chase is useless for a minor offense. The police have to chase in high crime situations, say if a convict escaped from prison they should be pursued. It is the person being pursued who is responsible for any fatalities."



DAVE SMITH
Junior
football

"Depends on circumstances and how desperately the person is wanted. There should be a chase if destructive violence, like tearing up lawns — is involved, but if it's a minor incident like squealing wheels there shouldn't be a chase. Most definitely, I think, the person being chased is responsible for any accident or fatality resulting from a high speed chase."



A Candy Marathon At 1001 Lake Ave.

Nazareth Academy students kicked off the school's annual chocolate drive, Friday, Sept. 24, to the theme "Favorite Movies." Skits including candy-coated versions of "E.T.," "Annie" and "Friday the 13" were

presented to the student body impressing upon the students the importance and fun of selling tons of chocolate bars.

The drive calls for class competitors, prizes and a school holiday as the Nazareth salespeople flood the highways and by-ways selling the \$.50 chocolate almond candy bars. The drive will last 12 days, ending with the final assembly on Thursday, Oct. 7. The goal is \$50,000.

"It's the biggest, most exciting event of the year," exclaimed junior Adrienne Allen. "There is no other way to explain the enthusiasm and spirit. You have to be there."

ND Adds Two Teachers

Thomas Lambert and Miss Fiona O'Connor have joined the Notre Dame teaching staff. Lambert is teaching theology to freshmen and sophomores. Miss O'Connor, who is a 1976 alumna of ND, is teaching English to sophomores and juniors and mythology to seniors.

An 'A OK' for Changes

Aquinas opened its doors this year as a co-educational institution and the sharing the news reporting responsibilities for the school are seniors Bill Rosica and Monique Cirelli. Monique is a former St. Agnes student who chose to go to Aquinas for her senior year. Bill's three years of high school have been spent in an all-male atmosphere. After the first week in Aquinas' new environment, both students gave their impressions about the transition.

"The beginning of school," said Monique, "is accompanied by various feelings by students. Among these are anticipation, excitement and apprehension. Even though I was entering a new high

school this year, my feelings remained the same. My apprehension, however, was quickly put to ease when I was greeted by a member of the Aquinas Parents Association and presented with a carnation. It was also comforting seeing old friends and making new ones.

"After being greeted by the principal, Father Moffatt, we were addressed by various staff members. This cleared up many questions and left many girls feeling more at ease.

"The changes at Aquinas within the building, students, teachers and concepts have come about with little confusion. All that can be foreseen now is the beginning of a great year academically

and a continuing growth of spirit within the school."

According to Bill, "The start of the 1982-83 school at Aquinas brings many changes. Aquinas, now co-educational, has opened up a whole new world in the extracurricular field of activities. The girls of Aquinas have their own corner in the limelight of Aquinas' famed sports world. With the introduction of soccer, softball and volleyball, to name a few, the girls can compete under the title of their new school.

"As it appears, the boys here at Aquinas have a feeling much different from when the news first came about the change. Overall, the girls seem to have blended in well as the facts prove."