

# RAP AROUND

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## EQUAL TIME

Do you think parents or school programs should provide sex education?

### AQUINAS

**JOHN MARRON**  
Junior



"I think it should be combined with the parents handling the emotional aspects and the school teaching the physiological aspects for a better understanding of all aspects of sex. Parents should teach the responsibilities. In today's society, sex information is more open and accessible, especially through the media.

**KATIE QUIGLEY**  
Sophomore



"I think it should be more or less a shared responsibility. I think some parents depend on the schools to teach sex education because it embarrasses them and some don't know how to pursue it with their children. School programs teach the basics and parents, in a home environment, fill in the emotional and responsibility aspects of it. I know a lot of people who, when parents discuss sex education, leave out a lot of things and this is what the school can provide."

**DAVID GRAGG**  
Senior



"I think it should be a combined effort because if the effort is left solely to the parents, often-times they may wait too long and be afraid to discuss it because there's been a taboo for so long. Children are ready for the information at different ages and if the school handles it they are all taught at the same time. Twenty-five years ago everyone knew about sex but how did they learn? Today a lot of myths have been dispelled."

**NANCY DENNSTEDT**  
Junior



"I think it's the parents' responsibility but they neglect to teach their children so it's the school's responsibility to teach them. Sex education should come from the home but it is still difficult for the parents to discuss sex with their children, and there's always going to be that difficulty."

**LIZ CROWLEY**  
Sophomore



"I also think it should be a shared responsibility but the parents stand as the moral supporters. Schools tell you about sex but parents relate to you in a family setting. It's getting easier for parents to discuss sex with their children and that should be the primary source of their information."

**MICHAEL NICOSIA**  
Junior



"I feel that the school should provide most of the sex education but when it comes to the emotional aspects the parents should talk about the subject. But for the clinical aspects it's easier for the school to handle the subject. It's such a touchy subject to discuss without embarrassment. In years past parents had a difficult time discussing the subject and they still do today. Most information is still picked up on the streets, through magazines and TV and that's the wrong way."

**MARTHA NELSON**  
Senior



"It should be a shared responsibility. The information you receive from the school can be supported by parents through their experience. I think you find the specific clinical information in the schools that parents aren't aware of, or don't wish to discuss. Parents tend to let schools handle sex education because of embarrassment."

**JAMES COSGROVE**  
Junior  
baseball



"It should be a combination effort because both have their way of being helpful. But sex information is still picked up through friends because the kids are embarrassed with parents and in the classroom. TV and magazines, especially TV, give the kids information."

## Mercy Student Receives Award

Jayne Aquilina, a senior at Our Lady of Mercy High School and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Aquilina of Irondequoit, was the recipient of this year's Dante Award and Scholarship. She received the award from The Order of the Son's of Italy, Vince Lombardi Lodge, at its annual Columbus Day Dinner/Dance on Saturday, Oct. 9, at the Holiday Inn, downtown. The award is given to a student completing a three-year Italian course with honor who is also an all around academic.



**JAYNE AQUILINA**  
folk group and the "Blossom Road Seven." Her Italian course teacher was Sister Borromeo.

Jayne has been active in her four years at Mercy. She participated in the school play while a junior and is now active in the glee club,

## Time to Hear College Info

The Guidance Department of Cardinal Mooney High School is sponsoring a Senior Parents/Students Night at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 21, in the school auditorium. The evening is designed to assist students and their parents in college and career selections.

Members of the faculty of SUNY College at Geneseo will provide information and advice in the areas of college admissions, career planning and financial aid. The presentation will apply to all colleges and not specifically to Geneseo.

## School Opens

Parents of students at Our Lady of Mercy High School will become students once again at the annual Mini-Schedule Night from 7 to 9:30 p.m., this evening, Wednesday, Oct. 20.



## Honoring Blessedness

Bishop Matthew H. Clark and Father Louis Vasile in ceremonies (Friday, Oct. 8) dedicating Cardinal Mooney's chapel to Brother Andre Bessette, CSC, who was beatified by Pope John Paul II last May. A sculpture of the future saint is in the chapel.

## Nazareth Invites Visitors

Nazareth Academy High School will host its open house, 2-4 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 24, at the school. On hand will be students and teachers demonstrating computers, lab equipment, business machines, word processors and sewing and cooking equipment. There will be

performances by the Nazareth Band, the Nazareth Chorus and Perosian Choir. There will also be demonstrations by Nazareth's

varsity teams, language and home economics classes will offer ethnic food, and refreshments will be available in the cafeteria.



## Aquinas Aims For 75

Aquinas Institute is sponsoring a blood drive from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Friday, Oct. 22. Student goal will be 75 pints.

To promote the drive and gain a better understanding of the need for blood and its processing, Aquinas health teacher, Anthony Ferrara, and seniors Tom Loewenguth, Alayna Hill, Jim Vazzana and Monique Cirelli attended a workshop at the American Red Cross on Tuesday, Oct. 5. Also, Red Cross representative Miss Marge Palka held discussions with the health classes to explain what exactly the Red Cross does and why the blood drive is so important to the community.

## Becket on Stage

Senior Chris Pedrone, as Archbishop Thomas Becket, gestures in response to one of his tempters, senior Luke Fleckenstein, during McQuaid's rehearsal for T.S. Eliot's "Murder in the Cathedral." The play is about the last week in the life of the archbishop and his assassination at the hands of agents of the state while he was in the sanctuary of his own church. Under the direction of Father William O'Malley, who has expanded the chorus of five women to 50 voices, the play will be staged at Our Lady of Mercy auditorium, 8 p.m., Oct. 28-30. Tickets can be reserved by calling McQuaid at 473-1130.



## Winner's 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 Cardinal Mooney during Mass. The person circled should bring the clipping to Joan M. Smith, Courier-Journal, 114 South Union St., by noon, Tuesday, Oct. 26, to receive \$5.