

# RAP AROUND



## 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 Aquinas during class. The person circled should bring the clipping to Joan M. Smith, Courier-Journal, 114 South Union St., by noon, Tuesday, Feb. 22, to receive \$5.

## Teenagers Make A Difference



By Joan M. Smith

Aquinas senior Len Fetterly is bullish on teenagers having a positive impact on their communities. He explained that his volunteer services at The Corpus Christi Health Center has shown him "we can change things if we really work," and he added, "even being a teenager can help benefit your community."

Len is handyman at the center. Last semester his services there fulfilled the 16 required volunteer service hours for his senior theology program at Aquinas. But he has been affiliated with the center since its beginning.

He explained that his father has been very active in the Corpus Christi program, and so it was natural for Len to devote his time and energies to "doing whatever needs doing" in the line of painting, carpentry, and general maintenance work.

Len remembered when Corpus Christi decided to pursue the center program which now includes a child-care program and clinic. In the beginning, he said, the facility on Webster Avenue was an abandoned building. "We spent a lot of time fixing it up," he said, but in time the center was in full operation.

"Corpus Christi is really active," he said. "We had a

lot of people in helping the Church," and he emphasized, "a lot of kids helped."

In referring to his volunteer services he said, "It's good to be a part of an organization that is doing something." His experience in helping accomplish a project has made him firm in his belief that teens can't use the excuse that they don't have a say in things.

Len will be going to Fredonia State College for computer science and while at Aquinas he has been on the cross country, winter and spring track teams.

"In my spare time," he said, "I like to read science fiction and philosophy."

## EQUAL TIME

Do you think four-year-olds are too young to begin school?

BISHOP KEARNEY

**MOLLY LARAGY**  
Freshman  
band

"Depends on the parents. If they're willing to help them with the school work and support them in what they are doing, I think four-year-olds can take on school. I think graduating from high school earlier is good because students can enter the work world earlier as long as the opportunity is there."

**JEFF FLAHERTY**  
Freshman  
hockey

"I say it's a good idea. I know a lot of kids that started school early and they're doing fine. I think four-year-olds can handle school. Graduating from high school at 16 is the same as graduating when you're 17 or 18. At 16 you are getting a driver's permit and getting into life."

**CHRIS RIVALDO**  
Sophomore  
cross country track

"Yes, because I think children that young aren't ready for the classroom. They should be home with their parents another year. I think graduating from high school at 16 is too young. It's too early to go to college."

**MARK GLEICHAUF**  
Sophomore  
volleyball

"I don't think four-year-olds are mature enough to start at that age. I think when you graduate from high school too young, the job market can't control the employment for them. I think the extra year in high school has a lot to do with maturity."

**KIM AMORY**  
Junior

"I think so but it depends on the child. I started school at four-and-a-half years old and I'll be graduating when I'm 17. It doesn't seem too be to young but again it depends on the person. There are four-year-olds who are very smart but now they can't start school until they're five."

**BILL BRYAN**  
Senior  
varsity hockey

"No. They teach kids that young — they learn to swim at that age. If four-year-olds have the intelligence they shouldn't be stopped from using that intelligence. But graduating from high school after your junior year — a lot of people don't mature until later in their teens."

**ROBERT JONES**  
Junior  
basketball

"I think it's a little young, but there are some four-year-olds who will be able to handle it and through the years it will be helpful to them. It depends on the type of four-year-old and if the mother and father are helping with the work. Graduating from high school at 16 is kind of young but then they'll be able to take advantage of work opportunities at an earlier age."

**SALLY HOBER**  
Senior  
class chairperson

"Yes. I don't agree with it. It seems too young for any child to start school. And I feel the years the kids are in high school are important to their growth. If I graduated when I was 16 I would be too young to make decisions about going to college. This year I'm making the decisions and it's difficult and I'm 17."



Getting ready for the slopes are Ray McEvily, Lisa Irwin, Susan Sidore, Tricia Ryan and Chris Cuggigan.

## Fridays Are Downhill

When the buses roll out of the Nazareth Academy parking lot every Friday afternoon, they carry 67 boys and girls intent on skiing. The Nazareth Academy Ski Club, with a membership of 35 Nazareth girls, 27 boys from Aquinas and five from McQuaid, is one of the most popular clubs at the school.

It is the club's 10th year and club members now enter NASTAR races every Friday to test their ability to beat the clock in a downhill slalom.

"There has been a lot of interesting racing among the better skiers," said Sister Carol Cimino, moderator. "Now they talk about their time on the course and sign up for the races as soon as we arrive."

At the other end of the spectrum, more and more students who have never skied before are signing up for the club to try it out. As a result there is a good influx of new skiers each year.

"The point is," said Sister Carol, "they are learning a life sport — something that is healthful and fun and which they can enjoy as long as they wish."

Has the lack of snow dampened any spirit? Not at all. "Swain has had snow since

the beginning of December," said Sister Carol and explained that the ski area has the capability of making snow on the slopes thus enabling the ski club to have good skiing conditions every Friday.

## Police Discuss Child Abuse

David Seils of the CARE Unit (Child Abuse Reconciliation and Evaluation), Rochester Police Department, recently addressed Family Life classes at Aquinas Institute. He discussed the causes and effects of child abuse as well as the CARE unit's involvement in dealing with the problem.

A key point in the presentation was the responsibility of each person to be involved in the well-being of all children by contacting the Child Protective Services or the CARE unit when child abuse is suspected.

## Winner

Todd Starkey, a sophomore at McQuaid, was the recipient of the Winner's Circle \$5 for the week of Feb. 9.

## Donkeys To Visit Aquinas

The Student Council at Aquinas Institute is sponsoring a donkey basketball game, 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 26. The competition will be between senior class students and members of the faculty. The whole family is welcome to join in on the fun and thrills of the riders trying to move their donkeys toward the baskets.

Tickets (\$3) will be available from Father Maduzia on Monday, Feb. 21.

## RPO Plays At BK

The Rochester Philharmonic Orchestra, under the direction of Isaiah Jackson, was on hand to open the third term for Bishop Kearney juniors and seniors. The RPO presented a 90 minute concert for the students on Tuesday, Feb. 1. The musical assembly was organized by BK faculty member, Vicky Ferland, and Janice Cameron, RPO concert manager.

## Jumping For Research

Nazareth Academy students will have a jumping good time and will be helping a good cause in the bargain. On Sunday, Feb. 27, there will be a jump rope marathon in the school gym, the proceeds of which will go to a heart research program at the University of Rochester.

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