

RAP AROUND

EQUAL TIME

Why do teenagers steal?

NAZARETH

AMANDA KELLER
Senior



"I think it's because of peer pressure. They see friends with nice things but parents can't afford to give them these things so they go out and steal it. Even if they have a job, it's cheaper for them to steal. I think they realize it's wrong but they don't see the effect on other people until it happens to them."

BARBARA HILL
Senior



"I think it's not only society but they steal to support themselves especially if they don't have a job to get things for themselves. When they do it for their families they don't think of it as stealing. If they are doing it just to be doing it, it is wrong. There is no excuse for that."

CAROL TUCKER
Senior



"There are so many reasons — no money, no job, peer pressure, helping out the family. They know what they are doing when they steal and they know it is wrong when they do it. They know it's wrong picking up stuff just to be "cool" or just because they want it. Kids steal from other kids to sell what they steal to make money. It's easy to say to a little kid that it's wrong to steal but if they see the older kids doing it, they think it's all right."

PIKYU TANG
Junior



"They don't realize what they are doing. They see things on commercials and in the movies that they want, can't afford, and so they steal. Teenagers also do just what they want to do. They don't think of things as other people's property. They see it, want it and instinctively take it. They are taught that stealing is wrong but the teaching is ignored."

STEPHANIE REEVES
Junior
Student Council



"A lot of times they steal not because they need or want things but because they want to do what everybody else is doing. I don't think the fact that stealing is wrong is emphasized enough. A lot of times they don't consider they are taking from anyone but just a store or building."

LORI AMATO
Sophomore
vice president
Italian Club



"I don't think they realize what they are doing because society forces them to do something like steal. The people who don't have jobs see their friends having things and they don't have the money to buy them so they steal, and I don't think they realize they are doing wrong."

JUDY SAUTER
Sophomore
homeroom rep



"First of all they steal because of pressure from friends. I think they realize it's wrong. Usually, however, when shoplifting little things they figure the store won't miss it. Kids are taught stealing is wrong but they ignore the teaching."

JILL ROSSO
Freshman
basketball



"It's because of peer pressure but they know what they are doing. They just do it because their friends do it, not because they need or want the object. They know stealing is wrong but they don't care. If they are caught, I think they stop their stealing."



Daffodils for Hope

Above are the Bishop Kearney students who will be selling daffodils during home-room and lunch periods for the American Cancer Society on Thursday, March 24. Kneeling are seniors Laura Anne and Amy Zlotinik. In back row are senior Patty Accorso, junior Roz Hickey; Sister M. Marcian, moderator; seniors Anne Saturno and Janine Clausen. Daffodil festivals are held across New York State and are a popular way of raising funds to carry on the American Cancer Society's research, service and education program for the community. The official day is March 30, but because of Easter recess BK is holding its Daffodil Day early.

Mercy To Host Japanese

Twenty-three female students from two Japanese high schools are visiting Our Lady of Mercy High School. They arrived Sunday, March 20, and will be staying with 23 Mercy students and their families. Fifteen of the students are from Tokoha Gakuen Senior High School in Shizuoka, Japan, and eight are from Fujjoka High School in Fujjoka City.

The visit is part of an annual Japanese Exchange Program at Mercy which was started in 1979 by Mrs. Shirley Henderson, social studies teacher. This will be the fourth visit for Tokoha Gakuen High School students and the first for Fujjoka students. The visitors will be here until Monday, April 11.



Peter as the King and Mary as Anna rehearse their lines.

East Meets West On Nazareth Stage

The Nazareth Academy Lamplighter Players will present "The King and I" at 8 p.m. on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, March 24-26, in the school's auditorium at 1001 Lake Ave.

Tickets may be purchased at the door for \$3 or ordered in advance by calling 458-8583. Tickets for senior citizens and students are \$2.50.

Winner

Jennifer Cleary, a sophomore at Notre Dame High School, was the recipient of the Winner's Circle \$5 for the week of March 16.



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 study hall. The person circled should bring the clipping to Joan M. Smith, Courier-Journal, 114 South Union St., by noon, Tuesday, March 29, to receive \$5.



Civil War on Stage

The McQuaid and Mercy cast preparing for its presentation of "Shenandoah" at Our Lady of Mercy High auditorium. Performances will be at 8 p.m. Thursday, Friday and Saturday, March 24-26. "Shenandoah" is the story of a strong-willed Virginia farmer and his unsuccessful attempt to keep his farm and his family neutral during the Civil War. Tickets will be available at the door on performance nights.