

# RAP AROUND

## EQUAL TIME

Should the high school curriculum be covered in three years?

### NOTRE DAME

**JEAN CONKLIN**  
Junior

"As a student, I feel that covering the high school curriculum in three years would be too much. There would be more pressures placed on students to finish the work in time. Some students are not emotionally able to go out into the real world after four years of high school and moving it to three years might be even more damaging."

**LINDA O'BRYAN**  
Junior

"Shortening high school to three years would be better preparation for college than the current four-year program. Because the high school requirements can usually be met in three years, the fourth year usually has such an easy work load that students are not prepared for the large amount of needed studying they encounter at the college level."

**JOHN TARBY**  
Junior

"I feel that in three years the high school curriculum could effectively be taught. Many juniors currently have enough credits to graduate in three years and they spend their senior year on less challenging courses when they could be in college attacking a more challenging type of education."

**JEANNE MEYER**  
Junior

"I believe that four years of high school are necessary for both the academic and emotional growth of students. Four years of high school enable a student to be intellectually prepared for college, while only three years of education may not sufficiently cover the required curriculum. Three years of high school will also leave many students mentally unprepared to deal with the pressures of college."

**KAREN DINGLEBERR**  
Junior

"I am of the opinion that the high school years are too important to a student's growth to condense to three years. In their senior year, students have the opportunity to get away from the basics and take enrichment courses. This helps to prepare them for the importance of college and career."

**JUDE LEBLANC**  
Junior

"It is my belief that a three-year high school plan would provide a more compact, complete, and intense educational experience if implemented. Since there would be relatively little wasted time and fewer wasted classes during the three-year duration, the student might be more readily prepared for a college regimen."

**COLETTE FILLIBEN**  
Junior

"I believe high school education should not be limited to three years for the good of all teenagers. Teens attending high school are at a critical age when their morals, beliefs, and ideas are all taking shape. The thought of completing a four-year education a year sooner would only force more pressure on the young adults. The teens are not mentally ready for the responsibilities of an adult life which inevitably follows high school years. Emotional stability should be developed before academic abilities for the good of the person concerned."

**CHRIS NASEEM**  
Junior

"When considering the recently proposed shortening of high school education to only three years, one must realize that there would be a substantial decrease in education opportunities. A fourth year allows for much more thorough college preparation and needed time to make crucial decisions regarding career goals and choice of college, questions which are often unresolved at the time of the third high school year."



The Aquinas Jazz Band Ensemble during one of its many grammar school presentations. This time David Martin, band director, and his crew were at the School of the Holy Childhood. Their selections included "Bridge Over Troubled Waters" and a unique rendition of "The Battle Hymn of the Republic."

## A Music Treat In May

"I Love a Parade" could be the theme of the Aquinas Institute Band as they step into their May schedule. At 10 a.m., Saturday, May 21, the band will play at the Maplewood Parade and at the East Rochester Memorial Day Parade at 10:30 a.m., Saturday, May 28. Tucked between the two dates is the free Spring Concert at 7:30 p.m., Sunday, May 22 in the school auditorium.

The Concert Band selections will include The Dorian Overture and the Blue and

Gray Civil War Suite featuring the trumpets of Jim Tierney and Paul Mahoney; Denise Deverell on clarinet; and Tim Enright on French horn.

Jazz Band soloists will be Dave Rebholtz and John

Statt on alto saxophone; Sam Griffith, trombone; Jim Tierney and Paul Menz, trumpet; and Melvin Bryant, an piano.

Junior Band selections include: Sergeant-Major March and Serenata De Senora.

## NHS Members Inducted

Geneva - Students at De-Sales Regional High School were accepted into the Bellarmine Chapter of the National Honor Society in a ceremony at the school on Thursday, April 28. Sophomores inducted were: Mathew Cannuli, Stephen Fragnoli, Jill Marks, Duane Fragnoli, Floyd McWilliams, Mary O'Neil, and Martin Onorato.

New junior members were: Stephen Bucklin, Kelly Cedere, Ann Czymbek, Charmaine DeVaney, Lisa Giorgianni, Daniel Howard, Michelle Valentino.

Seniors inducted were: Carol Colizzi, George Jakobovic, Anna Dardano, Robert Hennessy, Christopher Salotti, Mickey Thornton.

## BK Art

Bishop Kearney High School will present the annual student art show in the school's main foyer from May 18-25. Categories to be judged will include painting, watercolor, charcoal, pastel, and handicrafts which is a new category this year. Judges are members of the BK faculty.

## Testing

Nazareth Academy will conduct a second entrance examination on Saturday, June 4 for those prospective ninth grade students who missed the January exam and who plan to attend Nazareth in the fall. Details are available from the Nazareth Academy Guidance Office, at 458-5640.



## A Night Out With Dad

Frank Casa and daughter Marisa were among the 250 daughters and dads who attended the 28th annual Nazareth Academy Father/Daughter Dinner Dance at the Lodge on the Green. The Nazareth Student Council regularly sponsors the annual event which includes a dance contest, a look-alike contest and a poetry/essay contest.

## Finally Speaking

Bishop Kearney students Rachel Adams, Linda Burkwit, Andrew Nesser, and Susan Palmer, competed in the New York State finals for speech and debate held at Albany Central High School April 15 and 16. Susan took eighth place in the humorous interpretation category.

On Memorial Day weekend, Andrew Nesser and Susan will be in Chicago to compete in the Catholic Forensic League's National Finals for Speech. Sister Joselia will accompany them. Brother A.P. Bechner is the moderator for the BK Forensic Club.

## Mercy Musically Swings Into Spring

The music department of Our Lady of Mercy High School will present its annual Spring Concert, coordinated by Sister Mary Theresa Conte, music teacher, at 8 p.m., Thursday, May 19 in the school auditorium, 1427 Blossom Road. The program is free and open to the public.

Popular and traditional music will highlight the evening's program with selections presented by the band, glee club, guitar ensemble and voice classes. Featured will be solos by sophomore Sara Zimmer who will sing her own composition "Mystic", and senior Sue Haefner. "The Blossom Road Seven" will do a choreographed rendition of "The Boogy Woogy Bugle Boy," and Adele Spagnolia, music instructor, will play "Crystal Vines," an original piece for piano. She will also accompany soloist Phyllis Contestable.



## Winner's Circle

Rap Around 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 McQuaid during a music assembly. The person circled should bring the clipping to Joan M. Smith, Courier-Journal, 114 South Union St., by noon, Tuesday, May 24, to receive \$5.

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