

# Rap Around Rap Around Rap Around Rap

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Are sports overemphasized; and is there too much pressure put on athletes to win no matter what the cost?

## BISHOP KEARNEY

**CHRIS BOLLIN**  
Junior  
football



"In the American lifestyle, sports are a big part of the culture, but you can't push the athlete beyond what he can do. Usually when kids grow up they are brought up on sports and they have a great love for sports and try to excel in them. I think pressures should be limited to the point the athlete isn't being forced to overextend himself. In college the main objective is to learn so school should come before athletics."

**AUDRA ZUBIL**  
Freshman  
ski club



"I think everyone needs to be pushed a little and I don't think (students) would play in the sports if they didn't want to be pushed. Sometimes I think there is a bit much pressure but I think the athlete knows what his limits are and if he can't do it I think he should stop. The use of steroids is becoming more popular. A lot of athletes want to win — it's their goal — and they will go to any limit to win. I think sports are good for the little kids. It's good for them to get out and play and use their athletic abilities. I don't think there is too much pressure put on them."

**IVY PHILLIPS**  
Junior  
track



"In high school there isn't that much pressure but when it comes to college — especially scholarship athletes — a lot of emphasis is put on their performance and not their education. And it's the education that gets them where they want to go. In professional sports, there is a lot of pressure — pressure to the extent that the concern is that athletes must win and the concern is not what is best for the athlete. But there is also emphasis on having fun and the athletes getting out of the sport what they want. Running track is fun. It makes me feel good and I like to compete."

*Equal Time*

**DANIEL MACK**  
Freshman



"There is pressure on the athlete to win but not at any cost. Most good athletes don't have to rely on foreign substances to win. On the college level, I don't think it is wise for the athlete not to aim for good grades, but maybe he can't excel in education but is excelling in something that he can. Most good athletes are good in both, though."

**MICHAEL DEDEE**  
Sophomore  
volleyball



"Not for the high school student. But as (students) get older the coaches see their potential; and (coaches) will send them into a professional sport. But the athlete wants to excel in a sport — so I don't think too much pressure is put on him. It's not right for an athlete to go through college without having to maintain grades. Grades should come first — the athlete might receive a scholarship for playing the sport but his education should come first. Sports and athletes seem to be doing all right. I'm not agreeing with the fact some use drugs to improve — they should excel on their own."

**MICHAEL O'CONNOR**  
Junior  
football



"Sometimes pressure can get out of hand but most times the pressure isn't that bad. It's just a few athletes who are getting involved in the steroids and other drugs to help them perform better. Most athletes realize the best way to perform is when they are physically healthy and at their best. I think sports are an important part of growing as a person because they teach the person qualities like endurance and a sense to stick with something once you have started it."

**BARB STEPHAN**  
Senior  
tennis



"On the high school level we are encouraged to enjoy sports, to improve ourselves, get along with other people, and to develop our leadership and athletic qualities. When an athlete goes on to the pro teams the pressure that exists is understandable because it is part of the job. On the Olympic level there is a sense of nationalism. This just isn't only a team, but it represents our country so there is pressure. I think being an athlete is good. It encourages a person to do his/her best."

**MARY LAFFEY**  
Sophomore  
cheerleading



"No. I think pressure is a good thing because it helps you achieve your goals. It is helpful to play sports. I don't think pressure is overused or the athlete is abused. It's partly the athletes decision to use steroids. It's the athletes final decision in the end. Sports are good and they are an important part of our culture."



Betsy Serr, Ivy Phillips, Katie Norton, Gretchen Stephan, Jean Ranaletta and Katy Fagan demonstrate their "air band" pantomime of the B-52s. The pantomimists attended the real B-52s performance here in Rochester, Oct. 31, and with tongue-in-cheek said, "We slightly resembled them."

### 3 Awarded Scholarships

The Rochester Polish Peoples' Home and the Michael Stanly Broki Scholarship Fund have awarded three \$1,000 college scholarships to:

Edward Stanley Piotrowski, a graduate of Gates-Chili High School, who is attending SUNY at Buffalo, majoring in bio-chemistry;

Cathlyne Ann Wojcak of Hiltion who is attending Houghton College and studying biology and pre-medicine;

Kevin John Zielinski of Rochester, a graduate of Eastridge High School who is studying engineering at the University of Rochester.

The scholarships are awarded to Monroe County residents of Polish background.



Colleen and Dan in a royal pose. And although their senior year has started out full of excitement they are preparing for after graduation. Colleen is going to Ithaca College for corporate communications and Dan is interested in Cornell for pre-veterinarian courses.

### A Touch of Majesty

Three years have gone by since Colleen Sullivan and Dan Viola were interviewed by RapAround about their freshman class officer status. Now as seniors they are in the limelight again - this time as royalty.

Colleen and Dan were chosen Homecoming Queen and King on Saturday, Oct. 29. The royal event came after a day of exciting events.

A noon parade, sponsored by the Student Council, began the day and included class floats, (sophomores won best float), Homecoming finalists and their court, and music by the Marching Kings. The BK football team kept things going at a fever pitch by defeating Monroe 28-8.

Decoration crew for that evening's Homecoming Dance featuring disc jockey John Gabrielle, were seniors Lee Vento and Cathy De-

Marco. Finalists for Homecoming Queen were Janice Camelleri, Barb Enos, Sue Marino, Caroline Moynihan. Homecoming King finalists were: Ted Foss, Dan Gasbarre, Kevin Healy, and Mark Maring.

### They've Improved

It was a good year for the Aquinas girls varsity soccer team. The team ended the season with a 7-10 record (last year's record was 0-17). Victories were scored over Nazareth, Bishop Kearney, Harley/Allendale/Columbia, Marshall, and Mercy. The team is coached by Miss Mary Beth Moore.

## There's Sisterly Spirit at BK

The Bishop Kearney junior girls, who provided refreshments and entertainment, gave a warm welcome to the freshmen girls at their Big Sister/Little Sister party, Thursday, Oct. 27 in the school cafeteria. Juniors entertained their little sisters with skits like a stand-up comedy routine by Margaret Churchill and Diane Babiuk,

and "air band" performances. Gretchen Stephan orga-

nized the party along with Mrs. Carolyn Shuman, junior class moderator.

### The Count Returns

"Dracula" will be the fall presentation of the Aquinas Drama Club. Performances will be at 8 p.m., Friday,

Saturday, and Sunday Dec. 2-4. Tickets are \$3 and to be a patron of the play, \$5. For information call 254-2020.

## Kings Win in Syracuse

The final phase of the New York State Field Show competitions was Sunday, Nov. 6 at the Syracuse Carrier Dome.

According to band sources, 200 parents, stu-

dents and friends were on hand to watch the Bishop Kearney Marching Kings take second place in a field of eight bands in the novice class. Although state competition is over the Kings are

still marching. This Saturday, Nov. 12 they perform at St. John Fisher College and on Sunday, Nov. 20 they will play during the Toronto Argonauts game in Toronto.

### Jamboree Set At Aquinas

The Parents Association of Aquinas Institute has scheduled the second annual Jean Dance at 8 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 19 in the school. Disc Jockey Michael B. will be on hand to handle the music and a midnight supper will be served. A cash bar will be open all night for \$5 per person.

Reservations can be made by calling Linda Bell at 458-7233 or Gail Enright, 254-0105. Reservation deadline is Thursday, Nov. 10.

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