

# Rap Around Rap Around Rap Around Rap

Joan M. Smith, editor

## Why do teens smoke?

### AQUINAS

**TERRI DETTMAN**  
Senior  
Audio-video Club

"Teens smoke because there is the stereotype image of being 'cool', nervousness and because parents smoke. Smoking is just like drinking — it's an outlet for getting away from problems. They totally ignore the health warnings; they don't even bother to read the warning labels on the pack of cigarettes. If the parents smoke they are more lenient with their children's smoking. There are more girls getting into smoking. It makes them feel older — more mature. I've smoked before and stopped because of what it was doing to me and it wasn't as 'cool' as I thought it was. Also a lot of guys don't like a girl to smoke — 'it's like kissing an ash tray.'"



**JACKI THOMAS**  
Junior  
missions

"They smoke to be accepted, as an outlet for their problems. I also think they enjoy the image it gives them — they think it's 'cool'. They ignore the health warnings about smoking and they won't cut down on smoking unless everyone stops. There are just as many girls as boys who smoke now, and just as many teens smoke today as before. They think smoking is a natural thing to do."



## And the Sales Kept Coming

Top sellers in the Bishop Kearney magazine drive were Chris Klee who sold \$612.99 worth of subscriptions; Jeanne Tucker, \$569.87; Terry Giangreco, \$528.84; Katie Norton \$507.19. This year's drive hit a record \$95,505.37. For their efforts, BK students will have a magazine drive holiday Monday, Dec. 12.

## Volleyball Kicks Off

Nazareth Academy's Athletic Department announced the 1983 varsity volleyball team members. They are: Barb Saxe and Dorothy Young, (co-captains), Jean Darling, Lisa Sailor, Debbie Greco, Michele Pombert, Gwen Price, Chris Gockrell, Laura

Donner, Anne Monaghan and Stefania Ippolito. Coach is Sister Pam Gabryell who is assisted by Ellen Hansen.

Recordkeepers are Mary Ellen LaBue and Karen Collins. The team will play 17 games in the City/Catholic League.

**ROB SCIARRATTA**  
Senior  
soccer

"I feel they smoke to blend in with the crowd. Even if they don't agree with the idea of smoking, they go along with it because it makes them important. They think smoking is natural for them to do — gives them a personal excuse to do it. There was a time when more boys smoked than girls but now there are just as many girls smoking. However, teens are beginning to realize the health hazards. I've seen a decrease in smoking."



**TERRY SZEMBROT**  
Junior  
cheerleader

"They probably smoke because they think it makes them more accepted and because they feel it makes them look older. When they first start smoking they don't pay attention to the health warnings and after a while it is too late. Teens think it is a natural habit to smoke especially if their friends are smoking. I think as many girls as boys smoke. If students felt they could be accepted without smoking I don't think they would smoke."

**CHRIS O'CONNELL**  
Freshman  
cheerleading

"Teens smoke to be accepted by their peers and because they think it is a 'cool' thing to do. They don't pay attention to the health warnings. Maybe after a while when they start coughing they consider them but they don't quit smoking. They consider it natural to smoke because so many do. I think more girls smoke now and for the same reasons. If teens began to quit smoking then all their friends would stop. The biggest influence to start smoking comes from friends."



**SHELDON SPICER**  
Senior  
football

"Some teens smoke because of peer pressure. They want to be part of the group so naturally they smoke. They don't pay attention to the health warnings — they just want to belong to the group. They consider smoking something natural especially if they see their parents smoke. I think more girls smoke than boys. I really don't think there is anything to do about smoking. As long as cigarettes are made kids will smoke."

## Equal Time

**JANICE DOANE**  
Senior

"Teens smoke because it is a fad and everybody is doing it. I don't think they pay attention to the health warnings. It's just what is 'cool' that counts. Smoking makes them feel in with the 'in crowd.' I think more girls smoke than boys. I think the realization of what they look like when smoking and the fact that all you get from smoking is bad breath and cancer might decrease the smoking."

**HARRY DERCK**  
Senior  
cross country

"They smoke because they want to look like big shots. They think it makes them look strong and cool. The health hazard warnings about smoking don't bother them, and they feel smoking is natural because everyone smokes. I think more boys smoke than girls. The thing that could help decrease smoking would be peer pressure to stop."

## 'The Day After' Intense, Unrealistic Say Viewers

The ABC-TV movie "The Day After", shown Sunday, Nov. 20, has been heralded as a documentary success and criticized as political hype. In the days following the program showing, RapAround had a chance to talk briefly with a few of the high school students who watched the movie. Following are their reactions.

**Sue Rinere, BK senior:** "It was very intense, and I hope it never happens. I'd rather die in the explosion than survive. I'm still depressed. I can't believe my world could be like Kansas city (after attack) someday." Sue said that the movie could change pro-nuclear thinking. "People can change, I hope," she said, and added, "people my age don't think about it (nuclear attack), or maybe they don't want to think about it."

**Jacki Thomas, Aquinas junior:** "I didn't think it was too realistic and the acting wasn't very good. I didn't get that depressed. It really didn't tell me anything I didn't already know (about a nuclear attack). All it (the movie) will do is stir up the people against nuclear weapons."

**Matt Cohen, Cardinal Mooney senior:** "It wasn't as depressing as they said it was going to be. There was too much hype. It was just another horror story, and it won't change anything." Matt foresees a nuclear attack happening but not in the near future. "Some of the kids are scared about it happening," he said, "but it won't prevent it from happening."

**Peter McCarthy, McQuaid senior:** "The movie portrayed a lesser reality of the incredible destruction which would accompany a nuclear strike. I believe such a movie is essential and that the people of the world must realize that such a strike could ultimately end the human race. That way the people of the world (if they are able) will choose leaders who will see to it that nuclear war will never happen. The movie didn't make me depressed. All the hype made me know what to expect."

## Hockey Clinic Is Scheduled

The Kodak/Rochester Amerks Open Practice and Youth Hockey Clinic will be at 10 a.m., Saturday, Dec. 31. Admission is free to youngsters 16 years and un-

Advance registration for the event is required and limited to the first 500 entries. Registration forms are available at the War Memorial and in the Amerks office at 100 Exchange St.

## Oratorical Prizes Await Best Speakers

Students representing 50 schools from throughout the diocese will participate in the Bishop Matthew H. Clark Oratoricals scheduled from 12:30 - 4:30 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 3, at Bishop Kearney High School. This year's topic is "Each of Us Is Different in God's Design." The six finalists will receive trophies and certificates of participation.

The Rochester Federation of Catholic School Parents will award three scholarships

to the top three finalists. These scholarships must be used at a Catholic high school of his/her choice.

Oratorical committee members are: Sisters Janice Morgan, SSJ, general chairperson; Mary Anne Laurer, SSJ, co-chairperson; Helen Lynch, RSM, co-chairperson; Francella Quinn, SSJ; Jean Collins, SSJ; Nancy Clark, SSJ; Sheila Luber, SSJ; Sheila Marie Miller, SSJ, computer.

## World Politics On Student's Agenda

Joannie Sun, a senior at Our Lady of Mercy, has been selected a delegate to the International United Nations Conference at the Hague, in Holland scheduled in January. She along with representatives from around the world will participate in meetings and discussions regarding world problems.

The UN must take firm action with nations who have nuclear arms, Joannie wrote in the required essay for application to be representative. She further wrote that the nations should sit down and discuss their problems.

Joannie is looking forward to meeting the different people during the four-day conference and is excited about the time that will be spent touring such cities as London and Amsterdam.

Besides being a member of the Mercy UN Club, Joannie is assistant copy editor of the yearbook and a member of Junior Achievement.



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