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Equal Time

Is the death penalty a deterrent to crime?

BISHOP KEARNEY

ANDY LANIAK
Senior
homeroom rep

"I don't think it is a deterrent to crime. The purpose of it as I see it is that it serves to rid society of people who have done deeds not accepted by society. I don't think you can justify capital punishment for ridding people from society for what they have done. Definitely life imprisonment without parole should be a sentence for those convicted of murder, or mass murder. And I don't think a plea of insanity is acceptable in these cases."



DON BOICE
Sophomore
soccer

"No because what goes through the criminal's mind isn't the thought of the death penalty but the crime itself. It isn't until after the crime that he thinks of the death penalty. So I don't think it is a deterrent to crime. But there are times when capital punishment is justified especially in the cases when the criminal has shown disregard for life like mass murderers and terrorists. The possibility of a mistake in convicting an innocent person is great but there are people in society who should be made to pay for their crimes against society."



CARMEN TERENY
Sophomore
ski club

"It depends. It might scare people — make them think twice before doing something. I think the death penalty is justified in a murder conviction. It also should be used for mass murderers and terrorists. I see a time when the death penalty will be used more because of the increase in murders."



ANGELO PANZETTA
Junior
soccer

"I feel capital punishment will work as a deterrent to crime. Having it reinstated would make the criminals think twice if they knew that capital punishment will be used for certain crimes. I feel it should be used for criminals when there is no doubt of their conviction. The death penalty is justified when a person is convicted without a doubt of murder."



MIMI DVONCH
Senior
National Honor Society

"I feel it is a deterrent to crime. When you threaten someone with death it will have an impact on their actions. When hardened criminals are just faced with life imprisonment it doesn't mean anything to them. The death penalty won't stop all the crime but it will stop a majority of it. I think murders and terrorism have increased because there is no capital punishment."



MARY POWELL
Junior
soccer

"I really can't say yes or no to whether it is a deterrent to crime, but I don't think it is justified as an equal punishment for the crime. I think the threat of the death penalty could be used as a deterrent, but I think life in prison should be the sentence for murderers and terrorists, but then you'll have overcrowding of jails. It is a dilemma."



AMY MURPHY
Freshman
band

"To some people the death penalty would be a deterrent but there are people who are crazy and will do what they want. They may even want to die. If a person is convicted with enough evidence and witnesses the death penalty should be used. There isn't any crime but murder, however, that is serious enough for the death penalty to be used. I don't know if the death penalty will be used more and more in the future or not."



TOM BARBATO
Freshman
football

"Yes it is a deterrent. I don't think it will stop all crimes but it will help just because people will know what will happen if they commit a serious crime like mass murder. I also think the death penalty should be reinstated for terrorists. I don't know about New York State but there are states that are beginning to use the death penalty."



Bishop Clark stops to chat with Nazareth students Marcy McNamee and Heidi Kesby.

Bp. Clark, School Celebrate a Feast

"Waiting for Christ and preparing our hearts for his coming," was the way Sister Mary Ann Mayer, liturgy committee, described the preparations for the Nazareth Academy Mass celebrated by Bishop Matthew H. Clark on Thursday, Dec. 8, Feast of the Immaculate Conception.

The Penitential Rite, led by Ms. Bette Geen carried out this waiting and preparing theme with the students responding "Prepare ye the way of the Lord," from Godspell. Liturgical readers were students Ann Stevenson and Mary Jo Reynders.

Bishop Clark in his homily for Mary's feast day referred to her as a person of, and model for peace. In fact, according to Sister Carol Cimino, a result of the bishop's theme on peace during his visit to the school last year

has been a new custom initiated by the Student Government; on three mornings a week the school day is opened with the student body saying the St. Francis of Assisi Prayer for Peace.

O'Leary, Wandtke Push for Victory

Our Lady of Mercy High School varsity volleyball team defeated Harley Allendale Columbia 3-1, Thursday, Dec. 1.

In the first game, according to school sources, the ball was traded back and forth between the two teams in long volleys with Mercy copying the victory 15-7. Mercy started slow in the second game but won 15-12.

HAC took the third game 15-8 with a strong rally from

BK Baskets Brighten Christmas Season

Since the opening of Bishop Kearney High School in 1962, the school has kept a Christmas tradition — the collection and distribution of Christmas baskets to needy families in the Rochester Community.

During Advent, according to school sources, each homeroom prepares baskets of food for two needy families in the community. Organizing the effort this year is Brother John Costello, director of Student Activities, and Sister Ann Habershaw, moderator of the Student Council. Senior Dan Gasbarre is the student

coordinator of the program that entails communicating with each homeroom, gathering the food, and delivering the baskets.

This year BK is working with Catholic Charities and area parishes to identify families who are in need, and Sister Ann estimates that 50-60 carloads of seniors will be delivering the baskets to families throughout the area on Wednesday, Dec. 21.

Events Keep Students Busy

Bishop Kearney High School has been a hive of activity. On Tuesday, Dec. 13 the Student Council sponsored a cultural assembly spotlighting student talent. Seniors Sue Palmer, Chris Borton, Sven Hillring and freshman Leslie Avila presented musical and comedy routines. The assembly was moderated by Sister Ann Habershaw and coordinated by students Lee Vento and Michael O'Conner.

BKs Office of Religious Ministry offered penitential services to students and faculty, Wednesday, Dec. 14. Priests from area parishes and Kearney chaplain Father Manning heard confessions throughout the day.

The Mapledale Party House is the scene for the school's "Christmas Fantasy" Dance, 6:30 p.m. to midnight, Wednesday, Dec. 21. The event, which is semi-formal and will feature the band "City Lights," is being coordinated by Sister Ann Habershaw and Colleen Sullivan, president of the Student Council.

Holiday Fun

Cardinal Mooney High School is hosting a Christmas Program for 2,400 students from area elementary and junior high schools, Wednesday, Dec. 14. The school's Christmas Concert is at 8 p.m., tonight, Wednesday, Dec. 14. There is no admission fee but there will be a collection of food for the poor.

Teri Nilsson and Lynn Levey. Levey trounced the Mercy team with her serving and was able to win the game with eight service points in a row.

Mercy pulled together in the fourth game to beat HAC 15-8 and win the match. Mercy's Aileen O'Leary and Kris Wandtke kept the team alive with help from Eileen Dolan who led the team with seven service points in the game.



Nazareth National Honor Society officers are: Elaine Cornish, treasurer; Bonnie Fetzner, secretary; Patricia Damashke, president, and Adrienne Allen, vice president.

Honors Mean Service

In a recent candlelight ceremony, Nazareth Academy inducted 20 new members into the National Honor Society. They were: Kim Boas, Amy Brauch, Colleen Broderick, Karen Collins, Karen Costanza, Christen Culligan, Jean Darling, Jill Falzoi, Mary Jo Fanara, Corrine Glavin, Ling Hui Hao, Michelle Marchetti, Kimberly O'Connel, Patricia Ryan, Judith Sauter, Nora Senecal, Patricia Soucy, Lisa Streb, Pik You Tang and Margaret Zicari.

Being an Honor Society member means more than being accepted into the organization. It means service and Nazareth members do peer tutoring, act as hostesses during school events, and host the annual awards assembly and College Bowl. Members are chosen on the basis of their academic record, faculty ratings on the qualities of character, service and leadership.

A Season For Dancing

A hundred couples are expected to attend the Nazareth Academy formal Christmas dinner/dance, Friday, Dec. 16. The event will be at the Redman's Club on Lexington Ave.

Hockey Workout

The Eastman Kodak Company/Rochester Amerks Open Practice and Youth Hockey Clinic will be at 10 a.m., Saturday, Dec. 31 at the War Memorial. Admission is free to youngsters 16 years and under. Advance registration 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.

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