

# Rap Around Rap Around Rap Around Rap

Joan M. Smith, editor

**Equal Time**

## Why do teenagers drink?

### OUR LADY OF MERCY

**JENNIFER MONAHAN**  
Senior  
Science Club

"Teenagers drink because they consider it fun. I don't think peer pressure plays an important part in their decision to drink. Also they see adults drinking and having a good time so the teenagers want a good time. I don't think having a national drinking age limit of 21 is a good idea. I don't think it will cut down on the car accidents. There are always the liquor stores and bars that will sell to underage teenagers. I don't think it would work."



**JOANNE SCHOEFFEL**  
Senior  
volunteer

"Teenagers tend to feel helpless and closed in by society and the media gives them the idea that drinking is an accessible escape for them. I think the national 21-year-old drinking age limit is a good idea. Although a lot of people will be upset it will stop some of the teenagers who are just beginning to drink. The plan is something to try — nothing else has seemed to work."



**KATIE GORMAN**  
Senior  
track

"I think teenagers drink to try it out and to be with the crowd. Once they try it I think a lot of them keep drinking because they think that is what makes them have a good time. But if teenagers realized they can have fun without alcohol there would be fewer drinking problems and accidents. I think they should change the drinking age limit to 21 because it will have a good effect on the younger generation entering their teenage years now."



**KATHY MEAGHER**  
Senior  
horseback riding



"I think they drink because of the peer pressure when they go to parties. I think people get carried away if there is a lot to drink at the parties and everyone else is drinking. I don't think anyone goes out purposely to get drunk. They also drink to forget the things they worry about like school and work. I think a national drinking age limit at 21 will upset a lot of people and I don't think it will work. If a person wants to drink there is no doubt he can get the alcohol, and I don't think raising the drinking age to 21 will cut down on the DWIs."

**GRACE SCOTT**  
Senior  
Glee Club

"There are a lot of problems these days. Teenagers are expected to grow up faster and handle bigger problems that they shouldn't have to handle, like parents divorcing and the worry about nuclear war. They have to cope so they drink. Having a national drinking age limit of 21 is a good idea but I don't think it will work. 'Where there's a will there's a way' to drink."



**DEBBIE NEMETH**  
Senior  
Explorers Club

"In one aspect I agree with what Grace said. They drink to get away from it all but they also drink because of peer pressure and they enjoy drinking. It makes them feel more mature. I don't think it will work having the national drinking age limit at 21 because the kids who want to drink will still be able to obtain the alcohol. The Monroe County Coroner's presentation on drinking while intoxicated (DWI) made an impact but as far as lectures about not drinking — they don't do any good."



**JULIE BROOKS**  
Senior  
Quill editor

"I think teenagers drink because they want to be more adult. They see drinking on TV and see adults doing it and they think it's all right. Other ways of having fun aren't presented to teenagers. Drinking is presented as being so great. I think if the drinking age was raised to 21 I'd be disappointed but in the long run we'd all be better off. Maybe it would cut down on the college drinking parties."



Mercy volleyballers gather around Heidi Kaiser, coach, for play strategy during a game against Nazareth Academy.

## They Went Out Winning

Our Lady of Mercy varsity volleyball team, in its last week of season play, won two out of three games.

In a match against Bishop Kearney, Mercy defeated the Kings 15-3, 15-6, and 15-10. Mercian Maggie Board served a total of 20 points during the match followed closely by Tricia Reid who served 19 points.

On Saturday, Dec. 16, Mercy was defeated by R.L. Thomas three games to one. Mercy lost the first game 15-3 then made a comeback in the next, winning 15-9 but R.L. Thomas went on to win the

### Hitting the Pins

In a December bowling match between Bishop Kearney and Our Lady of Mercy high schools, top Mercy bowlers were Kris Zambuto with a 160 game and Lisa Cascino who rolled a 290 series.

match. Mercy won its final match, played against Harley Allendale Columbia, Monday, Dec. 19. Against the continued spikes of HAC

## School Expands Its Computer Program

An expanded computer education program will greet freshmen and upperclassmen when the doors open at Cardinal Mooney High School in September. According to a school release, freshmen will be given the opportunity to take a one-semester, mini-course. Upperclassmen will choose from a variety of computer offerings.

In order to group new students according to their computer experience and background, a survey will be conducted among those students who participate in the entrance examination at Cardinal Mooney, Saturday,

captains Cheryl Boykin and Keturah Nilsson, the Mercy team kept the ball up and continued to rack up the points winning 15-4, 15-3, 15-8.

Jan. 7. A questionnaire will be used to determine the level of individual competency each student expects to achieve by September. This information will enable counselors to group students of "like experience."

The program is being designed to provide first-time computer users with an opportunity to receive hands-on experience on the Apple IIE computer. The long-range goal of the program is to equip Mooney graduates with computer awareness and the ability to use computers in their daily pursuits.

## Candidates Sought For Scholarships

Robert V. Buckpitt, president of the Rochester Rotary Club, announced that the club is seeking young men and women as candidates for Rotary Foundation Scholarships for the academic year 1985-86. According to the promotional material, the award must be used outside of the U.S. Candidates may not be Rotarians or related to Rotarians. Applications must be received by March 1.

The foundation offers five types of scholarships: Graduate Scholarships for those who have received a BA or equivalent and are ages 18-28; Undergraduate Scholarships, for those with a minimum of two years of university level work and are ages 18-24; Vocational Scholarships for those with a

secondary education, at least two years' working experience, 21-50; Teacher of the Handicapped Scholarships, for those who have been engaged as full time teachers of the mentally, physically or educationally handicapped for the last two years at the time of application, ages 25-50; Journalism Scholarships, for those 21 through 35 with a minimum of secondary school graduation and two years as professional journalists.

Scholarships include round-trip transportation, educational and living expenses for one academic year. Applications and information are available from the Rochester Rotary Club Office, 55 St. Paul St., 546-7435.



ELIZABETH GAU

## BKer Wins

Brother Brian Walsh, Bishop Kearney principal, announced that sophomore Elizabeth Gau has been nominated to represent BK in the annual Hugh O'Brian Youth Foundation competition. She is now eligible to attend the state leadership seminar in the spring.

The purpose of the Hugh O'Brian Youth Foundation, said a press release, is to bring a select group of high school sophomores with demonstrated leadership qualities together with a group of distinguished leaders in business, science, government, education and the professions. The leadership seminars take place both on a state and international level. This year's international leadership seminar will be in Boston, Aug. 18-25, and will be coordinated by Radcliffe College. If selected by the state committee, Elizabeth will be eligible to attend the international seminar.

Elizabeth is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Gau of Irondequoit.



## A New York Show

Bishop Kearney Marching Kings Band officers are Denise Ugiao, Lori Koppler, Jim Curria, Brian Shuptar (president), Mary Roy, Patty Lancer and Cari Bayer. The band is planning a trip to New York City to march in the St. Patrick's Day Parade. There are openings available for the trip and anyone interested can contact Joseph Bianco at 342-2432.

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