

Equal Time

As teenagers are you important to society, and are you taken seriously?

AQUINAS

MICHAEL SULLIVAN
Sophomore swimmer



"Teenagers are taken lightly by most adults. I'm taken seriously in my house but I don't know if every teenager is. We are generally not listened to, but a lot of teenagers don't bother to express their opinions. As teenagers we don't have the responsibilities now but will have to start preparing for them. Things just don't come to you when you are 30 years old. It's like learning to drive. You automatically don't know your way around, you have to prepare for it."

AMIE BOPREY
Sophomore color guard

"I think if we want people to take us seriously we have to make them take us seriously. We just can't sit back and let adults do everything. We have to make ourselves heard. If teenagers make themselves heard, they can make an important contribution to society. I feel I am an important part of society."



ELSIE SCHECK
Sophomore basketball

"We are important to society but we are not taken seriously. People still think of us as children because we haven't experienced anything; and so they figure we don't know what life is about. Teenagers can contribute a lot because we are the future leaders of society and the best way to prepare for the future is to experience as much of life as we can."



KELLY ENDRES
Sophomore color guard

"We are important to society but most people don't take us seriously. They don't feel we know enough to make judgments, but we are the people of the future. Yes, I feel important to society because I'm an individual."



STEVE SUTTON
Senior football

"Basically we are important. Right now we are learning and experiencing for the time when we have to make decisions. I think we are taken seriously to the extent that at 18 we could be drafted and can vote. I'd say our opinions aren't always respected because we don't have enough experience, but at least we are listened to. I think teenagers should have a sense of self-worth because we are contributing to society and soon we will be adults."



TONY LOTT
Senior football

"We are definitely important to society but we are not taken seriously until our help is mandatory. When we become 18 it's mandatory to register for the draft; but we are not considered important until we reach 18. I feel it is the way society is run. It doesn't recognize us until we are adults. Teenagers feel that they are important because although sometimes adults don't accept us we look on ourselves as mature persons."



Rap Around

Joan M. Smith, Editor



Winner's Circle

RapAround 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 Our Lady of Mercy. The person circled should bring the clipping to Joan M. Smith, Courier-Journal, 114 South Union St., by noon, Tuesday, March 6, to receive \$5.

Aquinas Achievers

Father Joseph J. Moffatt, Aquinas Institute principal, has named those students who received academic achievement awards. They are:

Nick Antinarella, Ray Barnard, Tim Blodgett, Franco Capponi, Richard DiMarco, Spencer Frederico, Gregory George, Thomas Giordano, Patricia Gramkee, Ed Hart, Kyle Healey, Pasquale Iannoli, Brian Jakubowski, Stacey Jakubowski, Tab Kazlaucka, Thomas Kelly, Nancy Lambert, Brian Mackey, Gordon Malthaner, Michelle May, Alberto Mayorga, Lisa McLaughlin, Lizzette Merklinger, Sean Murphy, Chris Montesano, David Perotta, David Philippone, Fran Philippone, Edward Przybycien, Dan Richardson, Jon Rivers, Karen Robinson, Michael Rule, Anne Marie Schickler, Tim Schwab, Elizabeth Sullivan, Mary Wamser, David Wegman, Gregory Winter.

Returning Mercian Sings for Alma Mater

The Fredonia State College Chamber Singers, under the direction of Donald P. Lang, will present a concert at 9:30 a.m., Wednesday, March 7 at Our Lady of Mercy High School, 1437 Blossom Road. The event is being sponsored by Mercy's Student Government Association.

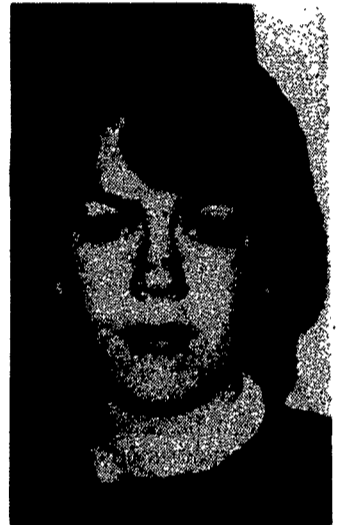
Returning to entertain her alma mater is Susan Haefner, a 1983 Mercy

graduate and former president of the SGA, and who now is a Fredonia freshman singing with the Chamber Singers.

Last year, the 28-voice choral organization toured Israel and this year, in addition to a two-week concert tour of New York State and the East Coast, the Chamber Singers plan a three-week concert tour of Scotland and Wales.

Basketball Good Record Is Marked

According to school sources, as the Bishop Kearney High School girls' varsity basketball team heads toward the sectionals, its record is 6-8. Team members are: seniors Lori Hanford, Katie Keenan, Katie Lucey, Nora Shively; juniors Linda Merkel, Leslie Nicolay, Vicky Rizzolo; sophomores Kerri Bishop, Buffy Hodgetts, Jodi Zaccour; and freshmen Janet Buckheit and Sharilyn DiSalvo. Sharon Kowalski is coach.



KATHERINE BURKE

Burke High In Science

Katherine Burke, Nazareth Academy senior, is a winner of the annual Bausch and Lomb Science Award. The award, a bronze medal, is presented each year to winners from 8,700 participating schools throughout the U.S. and Canada. The award recognizes the senior student from each school who has attained the highest scholastic standing in science subjects.

As a winner, Katherine is eligible for one of several four-year Bausch and Lomb Science scholarships at the University of Rochester.

Bowlers Strike

Our Lady of Mercy High School varsity bowling team defeated Cardinal Mooney, 2-1, Thursday, Feb. 16.

Mercy's Kris Zambuto led the team with a 274 series, and Leslie Becoats had a 246 series. Mercy's record is 12-15.

Winner

Chris Gundrum, Aquinas senior, was the recipient of the Winner's Circle \$5 for the week of Feb. 15.



Computer Skills Expand

Joanne Bleier and Elizabeth Bauer and fellow classmates in the Office Education Programs at Cardinal Mooney are meeting the challenges of the electronic office as they execute commands to create, revise, store, retrieve and print copy on Olympia, EX100 word processors. The concept of storing data on diskettes and correcting errors on a visual screen is relatively new to students who are learning the basics of the machines operation.

Watch Out 1984 Sectionals

A sports release from Our Lady of Mercy reports the varsity basketball team remains undefeated with a winning streak of 10 games. A victory over Webster Schroder, 63-24, Wednesday, Feb. 15 followed the Monarchs defeat of Nazareth

Academy, 79-76, on Tuesday.

In the Webster Schroder game, junior Kelly Lane scored 25 points and grabbed 9 rebounds. Lane is averaging over 20 points a game and leads the Private/Parochial League in scoring.

Mercy's Beth Wambach, Anne Peacock, and Colleen Sheehy each scored 8 points for the Monarchs. In addition, Maura Hanley pulled down 9 rebounds.

Section 5 play will start March 6 for the Monarchs.

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