

Equal Time

Why has suicide become so prevalent among teenagers?

BISHOP KEARNEY

FAUNA PAPPALARDO
Sophomore
band

"It is because teenagers now days feel the problems are more difficult than those in the past. We have the drug, alcohol, and divorce scenes. Teenagers haven't been taught that there isn't always going to be help available for them, so when a problem does come along which is a major shock to them they feel suicide is the only way out. I do think it is getting better. Suicide rates are going down because there are facilities to help teenagers."



MIKE SULLIVAN
Junior
track

"Because of the pressures of jobs and school. There is so much to do kids just give up. They think they can't handle the problems. They should seek help, and I think there is help available to them, but they may feel selfconscious about seeking the help. I don't think they realize that suicide is the final solution to their problems."



JERRY DVONCH
Sophomore
soccer

"Because kids have problems that become quite bad and they go to parents and friends who don't listen or help. Teenagers then think no one cares. They think their problems are so great that they can't be solved. Teenagers who commit suicide realize what they are doing."



MATT LANIAK
Freshman

"Lack of family and because of this kids tend to turn to others like kids who are on drugs and who get them to use drugs. Then the grades go down and they drop out of school. Then they figure they can't surmount the problems and decide 'what's the use of living that kind of life.' I think drugs play a big part in suicide. I think teenagers could solve the problems if they wanted to get help from school counselors, but they decide to take the easy way out by suicide. If they thought of what their decision does to their families, the emotional effects, they wouldn't commit suicide."



DEANA MANUSE
Freshman
Library Club

"I think there has been such an outbreak in teenage suicide because once one person commits suicide it offers an easy alternative to others. There are teenagers who feel that they are not able to be helped. I don't think the people who commit suicide really know how it effects their loved ones who care about them."



CARLENE GROSS
Junior

"Because they feel they don't have people who they can talk to or who will understand. I think they realize that suicide is a final act but I do think that when they plan suicide they do tell people their intention so that people will help them. Problems have become so enormous these days they weigh on the kids minds."



Rap Around

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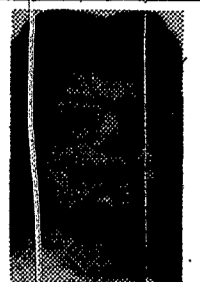
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Artistic Scholars

Kristin Peterson, Our Lady of Mercy High School, displays her art workwork that won her a Hallmark nomination in

the recent Sibley's Scholastic Art Awards Show. Other blue ribbon winners from the Catholic high schools are shown.



Celebration

Our Lady of Mercy High School junior Cathy Curtin receives her school ring during a ceremony in the Motherhouse Chapel. Father Joseph Gibino, SJ, part-time chaplain, said the Mass.

Take Chance on Hope

The Mission Bazaar, sponsored annually by students, faculty and the Campus Ministry Board of Our Lady of Mercy, will be held Friday, March 23 in the school gym, 1437 Blossom Road. Festivities will begin with a spaghetti supper from 5:30 to 8 p.m. Adult dinners, \$3.50 and for children under 12, \$2.50. The bazaar will be from 7 to 11 p.m. Proceeds to go to the missions.



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 Cardinal Mooney. The person circled should bring the clipping to Joan M. Smith, Courier-Journal, 114 South Union St., by noon, Tuesday, March 13, to receive \$5.

CM Junior Learns Winter Survival

Darcy Anne Rombough, a Cardinal Mooney junior and member of the Genesee Girl Scout Council was selected to attend the "Go in the Snow" project hosted Feb. 2-14 by Penn Lakes Girl Scout Council, Pennsylvania. According to a news release the event, which was to provide an educational exploration of methods of snow travel and provide personal growth opportunities in relating to others and self-awareness, was held at Camp Hawthorne Ridge near Erie, PA.

Twenty-four girls from throughout the U.S. were selected to participate in the event through which they learned about and experienced such snow travel methods as dog sledding, alpine skiing, nordic skiing, snowshoeing, snowmobiling.

"Go in the Snow" is one of 21 Girl Scout Council-sponsored opportunities being held in the US during 1984.



DARCY ROMBOUGH

Darcy is a member of the Brockport Division Senior Troop #847 and has been involved in girl scouting for nine years.

NYC Hosts BK Kings

The Bishop Kearney Marching Kings, under the direction of Art Reitman, leave for New York City, Thursday, March 15. Their schedule includes a Friday performance at Msgr. Farrel High School on Staten Island and marching in the Big Apple's St. Patrick's Day Parade on Saturday, March 17.

Registration Time

Bishop Kearney High School will hold registration for the class of '88 from 3 to 5 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m., Monday, March 19 and from 7 to 9 p.m., Tuesday, March 20 in the school cafeteria.

Winner

Peggy Fuller, a Mercy senior, was the recipient of the Winner's Circle \$5 for the week of Feb. 29.

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