

Equal Time

What is frustrating about being a teenager?

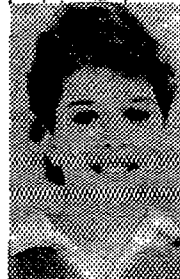
NAZARETH ACADEMY
AMY POWARCYNKI
 Senior
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"What is frustrating is that you are expected to be an adult but when it is time to be treated as one no one treats you as an adult. It's because of a lack of communication between teenagers and adults. People are unwilling to tell others what they expect of them. I think communication is one of the biggest difficulties between teenagers and adults."



PATRICIA RYAN
 Junior
 varsity track

"The frustrations of the pressures put on us by adults to succeed in school and sports and the pressure of going to college. It's the society we live in; we have to do well in everything we do and I think there is too much pressure put on us to do it. This pressure to do well is an automatic thing with any generation of teenagers."



SUE LANCE
 Sophomore
 band

"I think the main frustration is with parents and other adults. They treat teenagers like kids; are too protective of them. They don't realize our abilities yet. It is as if we are in an in between age — you are not adults but are growing up. And parents don't want us to grow up. They want us to be little girls all through life and they treat us as kids rather than as adults. I think it is a subconscious action by parents. They just don't see their children as adults."



TAMMY STEFL
 Senior
 class officer

"Teenagers try to become more independent but it is difficult. They want to pay for their own things, but don't make enough money; and yet they don't want their parents to pay for everything. Teenagers worry about going to college and they see the responsibilities parents have and realize these are going to be theirs. Teenagers are scared of deciding the rest of their future — deciding on college and where they are going in life. Teenagers want to make their parents proud of what they do and the frustrating part is it all takes time."



DEANNA YOUNG
 Freshman
 class officer

"I think it is frustrating because we are in an in between age. We try being independent but people don't accept us that way because they put that word 'teenager' on us and think we are all irresponsible. It is difficult being a teenager when adults don't understand you. I think there is still a generation gap."



CHRISTY COCKRELL
 Sophomore
 volleyball

"It is frustrating being a teenager because sometimes you are expected to be independent and are handed responsibilities, but then in other situations you are restricted and treated more like a child than an adult. Sometimes parents have an image of what they want you to be; but you are your own person, and it is difficult breaking away and being your own person. Better communication would definitely help."



Rap Around

Joan M. Smith, Editor

How Not to Be a Statistic

By Joan M. Smith
 Monroe County Deputy Sheriff Lou Ferrari paid a visit to Nazareth Academy and talked to the students on Thursday, May 4.

His message? Don't drink and drive!

Deputy Ferrari, nine years with the sheriff's department and working out of its community service department, presents a program that gives students facts about alcohol and its effects.

"The more facts you have about drugs and alcohol," he told his audience, "the more likely you will make good, responsible decisions."

But knowing the facts isn't all that is needed to confront the drinking and driving tragedy. "I firmly believe" he said, "you have to have more than one program. You can't just legislate and you can't just talk about the problem."

According to Ferrari, it takes combined action: legislation, law enforcement, education and programs dealing with the emotional aspect of the drinking-while-intoxicated tragedy.

The sheriff's program is educational. Although its focus is on driving while intoxicated, it reviews the other aspects of drinking: that alcohol is involved in 50 percent of the violent crimes committed in the U.S.; is a factor in two-thirds of child abuse cases; that 250,000 people die, annually, from alcohol-related diseases.

In the case of teenagers, Deputy Ferrari explained that if a teenager is going to die, it will likely be through an alcohol-related highway accident. He referred to the fact that people in the 16-24 year-old age bracket are responsible for 40 percent of this kind of accident in

New York State. Yet this age bracket is only 18 percent of the state's driving population.

Why? According to Ferrari, young people who are just learning to drive are just beginning to drink, and alcohol affects the most recently learned skills.

Also, he further explained, "young people tend to drink just to get drunk."

And what is drunk?

According to New York State Law it is illegal to drive with .10 blood alcohol content (BAC) and constitutes a DWI (driving while intoxicated). A DWI charge carries a mandatory minimum \$350 fine, a possible year in jail, and mandatory revocation of the driver's license for one year.

Penalties and facts aside, the thrust of the sheriff's program is to make young people aware of the danger

of being a statistic either as a victim or perpetrator. The problem (DWI) "is not only for those who do drink," Officer Ferrari emphasized, "but for those who don't."

"It is up to those who don't drink to convince those who do to let someone else drive," he said. A tough task, he admitted, because the person drinking will argue he is all right and may appear so. He disagreed with the stereotype of an intoxicated person being a falling-down drunk.

Other myths he disputed were that exercise, cold showers and hot coffee bring sobriety. "All you have then," he said, "is a wide-awake drunk rather than a sleepy one."

The Sheriff Department's message — don't drink and drive — is life-saving advice. It is especially important to heed this advice during this season of junior proms, senior balls, and graduation festivities.

BK Installs NHS Members

Bishop Kearney National Honor Society induction ceremonies were Monday, April 9. Guest speaker for the occasion was Msgr. Richard K. Burns of St. Thomas the Apostle parish.

Students inducted into the Bishop James E. Kearney Chapter of the NHS, moderated by Brother Anthony P. Bechner were: Greg Babiuk, Kathryn Boice, Michael Bond, Kristen Boudens, Gary Chalker, Rita Clement, James Curran, Kevin De-

lehanty, Catherine Fagan, Lucio Fioravanti, Michael Gates, Rosalie Gigliotta, Lucy Grzywaca, Jane Haag, Rebecca Hartenstein, Norman Hauk, Christopher Koczot, Scott Koepke, John Lanzafame, Steven Lawlor, James Locigno, Shellene Lumpkin, Kevin Mallon, Kathleen McLaughlin, Joseph McMahan, Brian Meteyer, Gina Morrealle, Gregory Nicolay, Mary Norton, Jay Park, Jean Marie Ranalletta, Christina Rivaldo, Ann Spaziano, Laurie Sympton, Raymond Vallese, Thomas Walsh, William Weisensel, Catherine Williams, Susan Zoltner.

Winner

Alesha Priebe, a student at Geneva DeSales, was the recipient of the Winner's Circle \$5 for the week of May 1.

Mercy Team Captures Firsts

Our Lady of Mercy High School varsity track and field team travelled to Buffalo to compete in the Big E Relay Carnival, Saturday, April 28.

Junior Maureen Paonessa, co-captain, freshman Karen Mueller, sophomore Katie Fitzsimmons, and junior Sue Starweather sparked the Monarchs with first place victories in both the distance medley (3/4-mile, 440 yards, 880 yards, and one-mile) and the two-mile relays.

Fitzsimmons anchored both relays for a 14:04.1 time in the distance medley relay and 11:14.7 in the two-mile relay. Mueller anchored the mile relay team of Amy Hodges, Therese Franklin (co-captain) and Paonessa to earn a third place award.

Other participants for Mercy were Tricia Riley (shot put), Denise Marentette (400-relay), Mary Jo Kennelly (400-relay), and Donna DeKing (400-relay).



Music in the Air

The Bishop Kearney spring musical "West Side Story" will be performed at 8 p.m., May 17-20 with a matinee performance on Sunday, May 20. Cast members shown above are: Mark Battaglia, Russ Mangione (kneeling); Matt Prinzing, Tae-Wol Stanley, Joe McMahon, Mike Gates, Mike Baccoli. Tickets available at door or by calling the school at 342-4000.



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 during a free period. The person circled should bring the clipping to Joan M. Smith, Courier-Journal, 114 South Union St., by noon, Tuesday, May 15, to receive \$5.

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