

Equal Time

What is the worst influence on teenagers?

OUR LADY OF MERCY

MONICA DOOHER
Senior
bowling

"I think peer pressure is the worst influence on teenagers, because it is evident in all the things you are pressured to do. Peer pressure takes away individualism. People don't think for themselves. Peer pressure is something teenagers have to grow out of."



CHRIS LARKIN
Senior
bowling

"I also think it is peer pressure especially the way older teenagers pressure younger ones into drug and alcohol use. Young teenagers are still in the process of growing up and don't know enough to say 'no' and they also think that following along gives them friends. But if a person can think for himself it doesn't matter who the friends are."



JEANNINE NOONAN
Senior
ski club

"I think it is peer pressure because teenagers think that if they are different they won't be accepted. Peer pressure works mostly in a negative way. Teenagers are susceptible to peer pressure because they are young but once they establish a place in their group they can handle the peer pressure. I think peer pressure is a worse influence than drugs, alcohol or TV."



KRIS HRUSCHAK
Senior

"I think the worst influence is peer pressure. It is present in everything from how you should look, to drinking and using drugs. All the influence on who you should be comes from peers. You can't be yourself because you have to be what everyone else expects you to be. Even society wants a person to be everything it wants. If you don't have a good job and are successful you are considered by society to be a failure and this makes young people in their teenage years susceptible to peer pressure."



AMANDA ZWALD
Senior

"Advertising is the worst influence because most young people watch a lot of TV and they see on the commercials how teenagers and adults are portrayed and what products to use to meet this portrayal. Advertising gives young people a certain ideal about what they should be, like running down to the ocean with a surfboard; that is 'the' lifestyle which creates a sense of depression because they don't have that lifestyle."



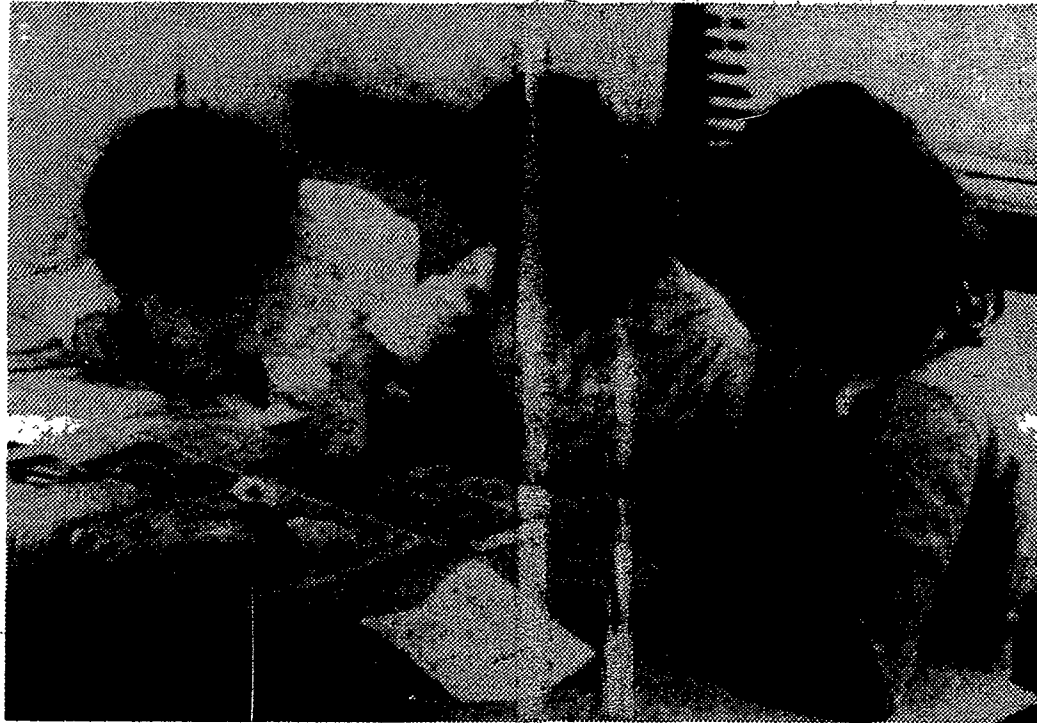
MELINDA SCHLEYER
Senior

"I really don't know. Everything seems like a bad influence — peers, TV, movies. Take the TV characters who portray the worst lifestyle but are shown always coming out on top. It projects to the teenagers the idea that 'if I'm bad and walk all over people, I'll get what I want too.' So I would say TV is a negative influence because everything is glamorized."



Rap Around

Joan M. Smith, Editor



Something Different

Tuesday May 15 was a day of challenge at Nazareth Academy. The school's faculty had planned the day as a surprise for the students and according to Sister Elaine Englert, principal, the purpose was to provide a broad scope of education and involve the community. There were numerous workshops including modern dance, poetry, theatrical makeup, weight training; discussion groups; demonstrations in karate, paramedics, ski-care, and how to relax and avoid stress. Above, Colleen Flanagan, Chris Salvaggio and Denise Lasek patiently try to build a bridge with toothpicks.



Trip Planned

Julie Whitehouse will represent Cardinal Mooney High School at Girls State which will be held June 6 on the campus of the State University of New York. Her nomination was based on her academic standing, character and citizenship. High school representatives at the conference will learn about citizenship, responsibility and how the government operates at the state level.



Mary's Day

Friday May 25 is May Day at Our Lady of Mercy High School. May Queen is Tracy Phillips, (in middle), flanked by her honor attendants; Kathy Gorman, on left, and Laura Alvut. Proclamator will be Linda Haas; scroll bearer, Erin Countryman; crown bearer, Peggy Fuller; crowning attendant, Eileen Dolan.

Notre Dame Students Accept NHS Status

Fourteen Notre Dame High School students were recently inducted into the Lourdes Chapter of the National Honor Society in recognition of their outstanding demonstrations of scholarship, leadership, character, and service.

Timothy Sheehan, and Chuleenan Svetvilas.

The ceremony was held Monday, May 7. Sister Mary Walter Hickey, principal, explained the significance of the NHS and extended congratulations to the new members. Guest speaker was Judge John G. Frawley, Family Court judge. An informal reception followed.

New provisional members from the sophomore class are: Carolyn Danzi, Christine Keneffick, Vanessa Lee, and Karen McCarthy.

The new permanent members are: Paul Bednarek, Jerome Dunlavey, Ellen Frawley, Timothy Frisk, Raymond Graboski, Julianne Herbst, Kimberly Huffman, Maureen Kozlowski,

Summer Sessions Scheduled

Nazareth Academy is offering driver education this summer. The course, which includes 24 hours of classroom instruction and 24 hours of road experience, will run July 9 to Aug. 17. Students completing the course will receive a New York State blue card. The fee is \$140 and is payable at time of registration from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., June 27-28.

The school will also have a summer school program July 2 to Aug. 15. Remedial courses in English, social studies and sequential math will be offered and regents examination given. There is a \$90 fee per course, payable at registration. Interested persons may call the school, 458-5640, or 458-8583 for information.



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 Bishop Kearney. The person circled should bring the clipping to Joan M. Smith, Courier-Journal, 114 South Union St., by noon, Tuesday, May 29, to receive \$5.

Driving Opportunity

Driver education will be offered this summer from 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, beginning Monday June 25 at Cardinal Mooney High School. The fee is \$175 and registration begins on Tuesday, May 29 and will be on a first come - first serve basis. For more information call the school at 865-1000.

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