

Equal Time

Will raising the drinking age to 21 stop teenagers from drinking?

CARDINAL MOONEY
DIANE HUBER
Senior
volleyball

"No it isn't going to stop teenagers from drinking because if they want to drink they will and they can always get beer. Authorities should find different ways to prevent drunk driving. The roadblocks are a good idea. Raising the drinking age to 21 might cut down on DWI accidents because teenagers will think twice about getting caught drinking and driving but they will manage to drink if they want."



JEANNINE CARTONIA
Freshman
ski club

"No I don't think it will stop teenagers from drinking. Nor will it prevent alcohol abuse. If teenagers want to drink they will find a way to obtain beer and other alcoholic beverages. Teenagers drink to have a good time and because of peer pressure. I think we will probably see the time when a 21 drinking age limit will be set throughout the country. I think the police roadblocks are good because they prevent people from getting killed in DWI accidents."



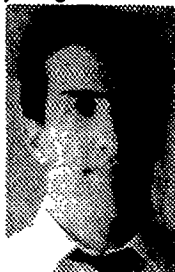
DAVID NICCHITTA
Sophomore
soccer

"I think if teenagers want to drink they will find a way to obtain alcohol. Raising the drinking age to 21 won't stop them because they won't think about getting caught. Teenagers will have someone who looks 21 buy the alcohol. I don't think we will have a countrywide 21 drinking age limit because the states will deal with the problem differently. The police roadblocks are a good idea. They make people think before they drink and then drive. I think the roadblocks will make the teenagers think twice."



ROBERT QUADRINI
Senior
NHS president

"It will but I don't think it is the best way to go about it. To raise the drinking age to 21 is the wrong answer to the problem because raising the age limit is preventing the responsible person from drinking. They have to zero in on those who drive and drink and make the punishment harsher for those who are caught for DWI."



MIKE MOLL
Junior
ski club

"I think to a certain extent raising the drinking age to 21 will stop teenagers from drinking but for those who want to drink they will find a way. They will have older people buy the alcohol for them. I think the police roadblocks rather than raising the drinking age will have more of an effect on preventing DWIs because the roadblocks are specifically aimed to warn the people who drink and drive rather than those who just drink. I think there will always be teenage drinking but there are ways of cutting back on it like the roadblocks, and harsher penalties for those driving and drinking."



MICHELE MASLONA
Senior
National Honor Society

"I don't think raising the drinking age to 21 will stop teenagers from drinking because they will always find a way to obtain alcohol. They can have someone older buy it for them. I don't think teenagers will stop drinking and I think kids are drinking at a younger age than they used to. The best ideas against drunk driving are the police roadblocks and stricter penalties. I think the roadblocks will scare teenagers about driving while intoxicated which is the biggest problem with teenage drinking."



RapAround

Joan M. Smith, Editor

RapAround Pauses for Summer

The 1983-84 school year is coming to end in a flourish of graduation exercises

Aquinas Institute seniors will graduate at 3 p.m., Sunday, June 3 at the Auditorium Theater; BK graduates receive their diplomas at 3 p.m., Sunday, June 10 at the Eastman Theatre; Cardinal Mooney graduation ceremonies will be at 3 p.m., Sunday, June 17 at the Eastman; Geneva DeSales seniors will accept diplomas at 2 p.m., Sunday, June 24 at the school; McQuaid graduates another class at 8 p.m., Wednesday, June 6 at the Eastman Theatre; Nazareth Academy's class of '84 receives diplomas at 8 p.m., Monday, June 25 at the Eastman; Notre Dame graduation ceremonies are at 8 p.m., Friday, June 22 at the school; and Our Lady of Mercy will have graduation festivities at 8 p.m., Wednesday, June 20, Eastman Theatre.

Along with the graduates, who are finishing another phase of their lives, RapAround also is completing another cycle. With the end of the school year, RapAround will take a summer break. It has been a year of bustling activity in the Catholic high schools and RapAround's reporting of this activity was made successful through the efforts of school coordinators Jeannine DeVecchio and Thomas Giordano, Aquinas; Colleen Sullivan, Bishop Kearney; Lisa Nichols, Cardinal Mooney; John DiPasquale, McQuaid; Mary Strong and Patricia Gaffney, Nazareth; Lisa Krupski, Our Lady of Mercy. Our thanks to them and to the individual school public relation, administration and office personnel.

Look for RapAround in September when it will return with Equal Time, Winner's Circle, and its focus on Catholic high school news.

25 Accepted In NHS

Twenty-five Mercy seniors were inducted in the Catherine McAuley Chapter of the National Honor Society. They are: Joyce Allen, Laura Alvut, Jean Barney, Patricia Cahill, Tina Carroll, Katherine Cobb, Sara Conside, Jane Coyne, Jean Crosby, Kristen Foley, Peggy Fuller, Maria Gerace, Linda Haas, Amy Hodges, Mary Jo Kennelly, Anna Magliocco, Suzanne May, Eileen McMahon, Beth Muller, (president), Barb Murrer, (Secretary-treasurer), Karen Paul, Ellen Shields, Kristen Sullivan, Joannie Sun, Cynthia Troidle.

Four students received individual awards for selected merit: Maria Gerace, scholarship; Mary Jo Kennelly, leadership; Jean Crosby, service; and Peggy Fuller, character.

Mrs. Bea Walford, science teacher, is moderator of Mercy's NHS.



Literary winners Karen, Judy, Stephanie, Gia and Lisa.

Literary Fame for Mercians

Four students from Our Lady of Mercy High School have been honored for their excellence in literary work. Lisa Krupski received honorable mention in nationwide competition sponsored by Scholastic Writing Awards for her drama, "Blue Skies and Roses in Bloom." Lisa's name was published in the May 8 issue of "Literary Cavalcade," which is distributed to high schools throughout the country.

Senior Stephanie Foote, won first prize in the senior prose of the 12th annual Brighton Memorial Library Literary Contest for her short story "Through a Glass Darkly."

Sophomore Judy Fuller was awarded second prize in the Brighton Library's Poetry Division for her poem "Pearl."

A third place prize for poetry was given to senior Gia Bonavilla by the Penfield

Library for her work "Red Light," about impersonality in today's technological world.

Senior Karen Paul received honorable mention in the senior prose category for her humorous story about computers "Friend of the Devil."

Giordano Center Stage

Thomas Giordano will be the class of '84 Valedictorian for the Aquinas Institute graduation ceremonies, 3 p.m., Sunday, June 3 at the Auditorium Theater. Commencement speaker will be Father John R. Cavanaugh, CSB, professor of English at St. John Fisher College and trustee of Aquinas.

Bishop Matthew H. Clark will deliver the closing remarks and Father Joseph J. Moffatt, CSB, principal will award the diplomas.

Prior to graduation senior class members and their parents will attend a Baccalaureate Mass celebrated by Father Richard Ranalletti, CSB, at 7:30 p.m., Saturday, June 2.

Winner!

Amy Voellinger, a senior at Nazareth Academy, was the recipient of the Winner's Circle \$5 for the issue of May 16.



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 during a choral practice session. The person circled should bring the clipping to Joan M. Smith, Courier-Journal, 114 South Union St., by noon, Tuesday, June 5, to receive \$5.

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