

# Teens

in the 1990's

"Kids today don't care. Not like they did in my day." This quotation from a familiar Neil Simon play summed up one character's feelings of our generation. Although this quotation is a bit broad and could apply to a number of things, it did not hold true to the generation at our school.

With a few exceptions, the majority of the student body had their heads screwed on straight and most of them knew what they wanted out of life.

When students were asked if they wanted to be more or less like their parents when they grew up, the results were very surprising. One would think that in these rebellious teenage years, they would not want to be like their parents. Junior Scott Welch stated, "I'd like to be more like them. That is, if I could have my dad's business skills and my mom's overall personality."

On a different side, junior Julie Young had another point of view. She said, "Sometimes I want to be more like them and sometimes I don't want to be anything like them. I sometimes want to be like them in the way that they have so much experience in the world and they are smart and have great answers and reasons for things."

According to the survey given, it seemed most teens today were concerned about being responsible role models for their children when they grow up. Taking care of the world, preserving the land and caring for the less fortunate is one way of achieving this. When Stephanie Lamb was asked what she thought the world would be like in twenty years, she immediately replied, "A mess — more homelessness, more poverty, more teenage pregnancy and more diseases. If we do not start changing the world now, there's no where to go but down (unless we can go to the moon)."

Cathy Bell stated, "I think our world is slowly losing our basic value system upon which we were founded."

Julie Young wasn't quite sure what she thought, and stated, "I really don't know because I don't like thinking about tomorrow. I live for now and I really don't think about it." She concluded by saying that everyone may die off or we may end up in outer space. Maybe she's right — who's to say for sure?

One thing is for sure; kids will always be kids. But hopefully when they reach that special age they will mature to being responsible role models not only for their children, but for the future as well.

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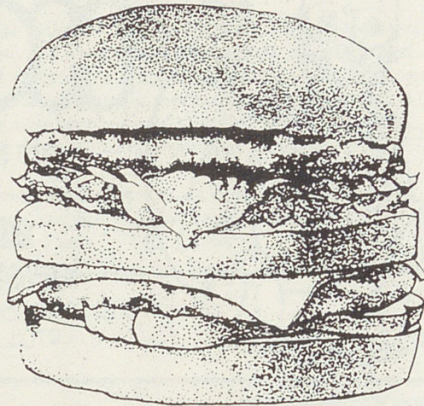
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