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**90 P.C. of Students Belong To Sodality of Our Lady**

The Sodality of the Blessed Virgin, the most important organization of the school, and the center around which, through the Students' Government Association, all activities function, has been in existence ever since the founding of the high school in 1928; and therefore their histories are synonymous, with an approximate average of 90% of the student body active in the sodality. It has been the first affiliated with the Fraternitas, the mother sodality in Rome.

Personal sanctity and Catholic action, "the participation of the laity in the apostolate of the hierarchy," being the main objectives of the sodality, the experience of four years' active service in Mercy's group is in itself one of the most influential and constructive factors in the high school curriculum.

Organized with a view of assimilating all the primary functions and still permitting each individual to lay emphasis on the field of Catholic action most appealing to her, the sodality is divided into seven committees: the Eucharistic Committee, whose purpose is to

foster devotion and preparation to the Most Blessed Sacrament, Our Lady's Committee, who are zealous for the glory of the Blessed Virgin in a special way; the Mission Committee, whose primary objective is aid for foreign missions; the St. Vincent de Paul Committee, who have local charities for their objective; the Catholic Literature Committee, the Publicity Committee, and the Press Committee. The members of the Mission Committee are at present supporting a seminarian training to be a Trinitarian Father; the St. Vincent de Paul Committee is faithfully discharging their assumed obligation of sending a weekly basket of food to an adopted poor family.

The freshmen have had their own sodality for the last three years at Mercy, a situation which enables them early to comprehend the spirit of the organization since the responsibility of it falls upon their shoulders from the beginning. They are received into the Senior Sodality with the advent of their sophomore year.

Incoming officers for the year 41-'42 are: Prefect, Fern Smith; Vice Prefect, Mary Joanne Lennon; Secretary, Nicholas Caradonna; Treasurer, Mary Lou Schum.



Our Lady's Grotto on the campus at the rear of the school stands on a slight incline casting a protective shadow on blue-uniformed Mercians as they kneel at their Mother's feet. The path that leads to the grotto is well worn by those who make their daily visits to the shrine.

**Social Life Included In Mercy Curriculum**

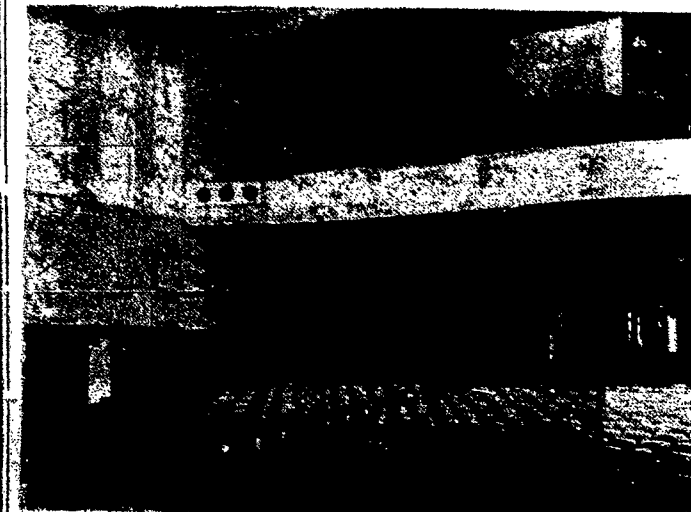
Social opportunities are practically unlimited at Mercy. The Rev. Lawrence B. Casey will open the year with the annually-looked-for field day conducted at Ellison Park. Inter-class competition in various sports will bring forth hasty cheers, especially when the pennant class in baseball is decided. Audrey Hefner, the school's present sprinting champion, will have to defend her title at this year's races.

The freshman class will be entertained at a get-acquainted party early in the fall; but past experience proves that, between their "big sisters" in the sophomore class and the green tag identification system imposed on freshmen, they are generally very well acquainted by the time the get-acquainted party is due.

Mission Day ushers in November. The Catholic Students Mission Crusade group and the Mission Committee of the Sodality of Our Lady jointly sponsor this vital affair to which the public is invited, may exhort to attend.

A new event on Mercy's social calendar this year will be evening programs planned for the entertainment of the parents of students in each of the four classes, an arrangement necessitated by the increased enrollment of student body.

The Christmas party and pageant for the parents; Sodality activities and fetes; at least three inter-high school dances, to be conducted by the Sodality, the Student Government Association, and the C. S. M. C., respectively; and the May Day ceremony; highlight the red-letter days in Mercy's date book.



The upholstered seats staggered on an inclined floor of asphalt tile in the new auditorium guarantee clear vision of the stage from any corner of the hall. The graceful lines and unique appointments of the whole reflect careful planning.