

## Student Government Reflects True Responsibility

The program of student participation in the high school's administrative and disciplinary proceedings functions through the officers and committees of the Student Government Association. The officers are elected by a proportional representation form of election and consist of a president, vice-president, secretary and treasurer. Along with the faculty sponsor and a representative from each home-room they form the council which sits in judgment on minor points of discipline relevant to the student body.

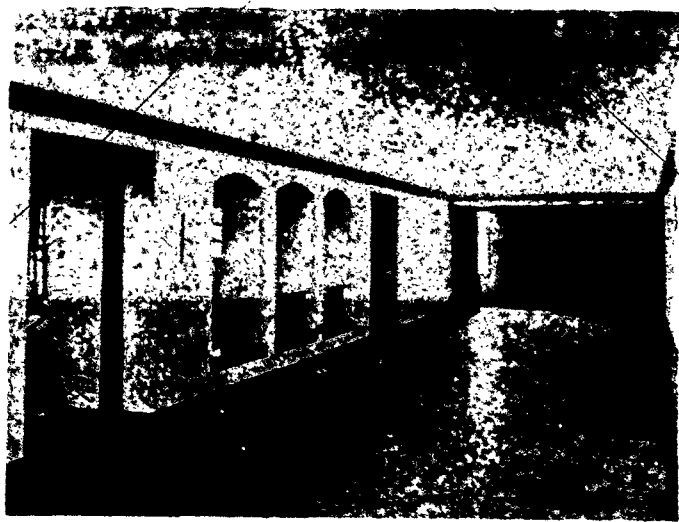
Violators of school rulings are called before the council at monthly sessions and allowed to make explanations or justifications when possible. Complaints and suggestions are always acceptable at these sessions, and every effort is made to carry out the wishes of the student body on practicable points. Everything from the demand for Grade A milk in the chili bottles to when if ever puns is permissible receives due consideration.

### Duties

Students in good standing are permitted to volunteer at these sessions for honorary posts of service, such as corridor duty, acting as ushers at assemblies, or as receptionists to guests of the school, playing hostess at the cafeteria tables and preserving the general comfort and pleasure there by insisting on careful observance of public conventions and courtesies. An honorary banner is awarded the home-room distinguished for the fewest demerit points and the best record for upholding the standards of the school each month.

The council meets weekly and reports its minutes and any special announcements over the Public Address system during the eighth period of the day which is one of general study.

Among the activities of the Students' Government Association during the past year were two enthusiastic campaigns of considerable duration: one for Better Speech, and another for Courtesy



The new lighting and almost invisible picture molding on the lounge over the foyer afford opportunity for art exhibits throughout the year. Small meeting rooms extend from the north and south ends of the lounge.

## Spiritual Helps Given Daily To All Students

To promote further the spiritual end to which it is consecrated, Mercy High is availing itself of new opportunities to create religious atmosphere for the student body.

Returning students will be excited to discover the high school chapel redecorated in a soft cream tone with brown relief. Cream-colored venetian blinds now shade the windows. The new auditorium will be the setting for services in which the whole school participates, on which occasions a modern portable altar will be erected.

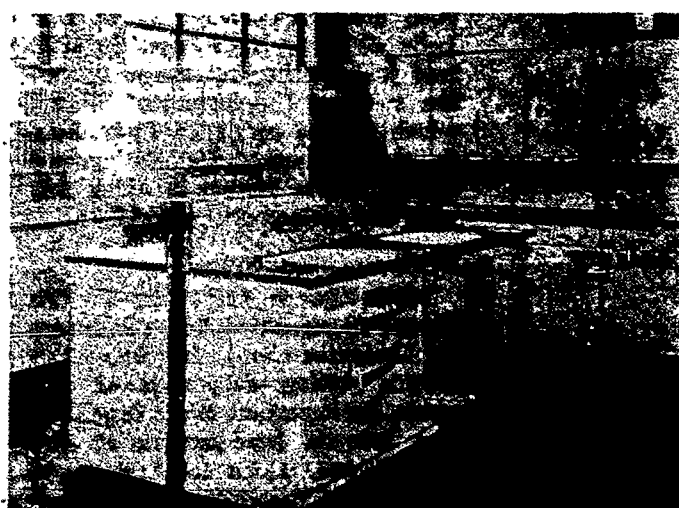
Classes in religious instruction are planned to reach a new par in personal interest and practical benefit. A forty-five minute period is assigned to each Catholic student daily, thus putting Religion as a study on the same level as any of the secular pursuits. Practical Church History, the Life and the compilation of a pictured of Christ, and personal problems are the main units which constitute the Religion course. The

Rev. Lawrence R. Casey, Vice-Chancellor of the diocese, conducts weekly classes in religious instruction at which each student is privileged to be present. An annual retreat of three days is traditional.

The natural setting of the campus, its gardens, woods, and creek, and especially Our Lady's grotto and garden, are all conducive to peaceful contemplation. Rosary in shade at the feet of the Blessed Virgin's statue is a familiar sight on Mercy's campus when blue-uniformed students gather in the outdoor sunshine.

### 'Merciade' Gives Inside Stories

The "Merciade," a petite bulletin of information about Mercy High School, its location, set-up, program, and aims, was the gift and work of the Journalism Class of 1934. A revision of this manual folio will be the first project for the Journalism Class of the coming year.



One corner of the ultra modern kitchen set up showing the enameled finish kitchen cabinet and sink to be used by future home-makers.

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