

510 Students Expected At Notre Dame High

By STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Five hundred and ten pairs of shoes will cross the threshold of Notre Dame High School, Elmira, conducted by the Sisters of Mercy, when the fall term opens in September. When the school was opened two years ago, the number was 340 pairs.

Achievements, Activities High At Notre Dame

Student activities and individual student's achievements at Notre Dame School, Elmira, are set forth as a goal for incoming students by the Sisters of Mercy, this week.

Foremost among Notre Dame's organizations is the Student Council, moderated by Sister M. Beatrice, last year's class officer. Junior officers formulated a workable constitution which was approved by the student body.

During the year various activities were undertaken by them; a program to boost sports, color and cafeteria discipline, the staffing of the concession stand and the running of June elections.

Gerald O'Connor was elected president of the Student Council, 37-58. Monday evening meetings promoted free discussion of school problems and introduced professional advisors from the local area.

THE SODALITY of Our Lady is the spiritual organization that boasts the greatest membership at Notre Dame. The purpose of this group is to stress personal holiness as well as the sanctification of one's neighbor. During August the officers for the next year plan to attend the Summer School of Catholic Action held each year at Fordham University. Officers to attend this year's classes are Joseph Rempe, Patrick Saxe, Judy McManus and Mary Nugent. Sister M. Jane Frances, moderator, will accompany the group. Gerald O'Connor and Mary Claire Hager also plan to attend.

Michael Conlon's recent appointment to West Point and Frederick O'Herron's full tuition scholarship to Holy Cross College are worthy of note. Two students from the class of '56, Susan Cain and Maureen McManus, together with Suzette Cassidy '57, are enrolled in the Cadet Teaching Scholarship offered at Mercyhurst College, Erie, Pa.

SIX PIONEER members of the Lourdes Chapter of the National Honor Society received their membership pins in June. They include Robert Levanduski, Suzette Cassidy, William Creighton, Helen Boulas, Saverio Viturino and Sandra Selfried.

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In September, an alert faculty including the Rev. Joseph F. Hogan, chaplain and spiritual director, Sister Mary Raphael, principal, fifteen other Sisters, three lay teachers and a secretary will be ready to continue the school's creditable record of two years.

A backstage crew is putting things in order for September's opening when the spiritual, scholastic and student activities since the beginning will be excelled, the faculty said.

The growing contingents of students from Elmira and surrounding communities of Waverly, Corning, Chemung and the three Pennsylvania communities of Sayre, Athens and Milan bear witness to the fact that parents are anxious to have their children enjoy the benefits of a Catholic education. Because of the cooperation of pastors and school principals, Notre Dame High School, only Catholic high school in the area, has grown.

IN NO SMALL way parents have contributed to the success at Notre Dame. The Parents Association, active since the founding of the school in September, 1953, has sponsored a variety of fund raising projects to augment the resources of the school.

Cornelius J. Milliken, recently deceased, served as first president of the organization. Harry Mullany was second to serve in that office, presently John Cascio is serving. Other officers include Francis Kessing, Thomas F. Coghlin, Mrs. John Sincock and Mrs. Gerald Loughlin. Their latest project, under the direction of Mr. and Mrs. Francis Mockler is the preparation of a handbook to serve as a Guide for parents. It will soon be available for distribution.

SCANNING THE accomplishments of the graduates over a two year period gives further evidence that Notre Dames is wide awake scholastically. Four state scholarships merited by Christopher Hee '56, William Creighton '57, Mary Sue Mangan '57 and Margaret Guinane '57 highlight recognition in this field.

Judging from the summer activities of the faculty, Notre Dame is convinced that progress and perfection are partners in the educational world.

Sister M. Jane Frances has merited a fellowship at Syracuse University where she is continuing her study of science, concentrating on earth science. Sister M. Carmella benefited by a similar grant last summer at the University of Rochester.

At Catherine McAuley Junior College in Rochester, Sister M. Joachim and Sister M. Carmella form a part of this summer's faculty. Sister M. Borromeo is pursuing her study of French at River College, Nashua, N.H., while Sister M. Edwina participated in the Fred Waring Music Workshop at Delaware Water Gap. Sister M. Beatrice was again invited to rate Regents papers in Albany. For several years Sister has served on examination and correcting committees.

DESPITE the current trend toward science, languages are still an important part of the school program. Latin IV and French IV being offered as regular classes this year. General mathematics was added to the schedule for those who find difficulty in determining the value of X.

Students may now receive credit for home economics as a major subject, since interior decorating and financial budgeting are available. Complete courses



September will find 510 Pairs Entering



SCHEDULE for Notre Dame High in September is concern of this group of Sisters of Mercy of school faculty; (from left) Sister M. Raphael, principal; Sister M. Christopher, Sister Mary Alberta and Sister Mary Edmond.

in business and Art are also being offered. To develop social poise, public speaking is being given in two half year courses so that more students may take advantage of it.

The scheduling of the coming year has made definite improvement in the music department's program at Notre Dame. A daily band period and twice weekly choral practices will be given proportionate school credit.

Participation in school assemblies and a performance for the parents at the spring fashion show staged by the sewing classes have advertised the school as a desirable and popular school.

Members of the choral classes, formed the majority of the cast for the two musical comedies presented at Notre Dame. The opportunity for private instruction is afforded to instrumentalists on Saturdays by arrangement with Sister Mary Edwina.

UNDER the direction of Coach Ed Rothwell, the boys athletic program is expanding. Though the Crusaders are still bowing to Southside and E.P.A., they ended up with a respectable 11-5 record in basketball and a 8-9 mark in baseball. The girls and boys bowling leagues, active at St. Mary's and the golf team, have maintained interest in extra-curricular sports. Mrs. G. Barron Elggs, girls physical education teacher, is planning new stunts for the cheerleaders to boost school spirit in sports. Football is still in the offing.

During the past year Notre Dame became a member of the Catholic Students' Mission Crusade. Under Sister M. Patrick's direction, books, medicine, clothing and candy were sent to the Missionaries at home and abroad.

At graduation, the Paladins Award for outstanding service rendered to the Missions was merited by Nick Freije. This year's group will be led by Joseph Reidy. A bigger and better Mission Day is being planned. The profits from last year's Mission Mardi Gras were used to



MUSIC INSTRUCTOR at Notre Dame High, Sister M. Edwina instructs Francis Silva in playing of the newly acquired school Saxophone.

furnish a Marist Chapel on Guadalcanal.

THIRTY MEMBERS of Notre Dame's dramatic group, the Jugglers, attended a drama festival in Rochester which is given annually to promote interest in Catholic Theater. Notre Dame's first major production was per-
tinently the story of Lourdes, "The Song of Bernadette."

This year's senior play, Love Is Eternal, continued the high standard the school has set for public performances. Two Christmas classics, "The Other Wise Man" and Sierra's, "Holy Night" have lent beauty and significance to that season's festivities. As proof of the sustained interest in dramatics, the Jugglers have affiliated with the National Catholic Theater Conference.

(Other student achievements appear in an adjoining column.)
So Notre Dame launches into its third year, confident that the future will be bright. Already

Temporary Classes In New Lourdes School Set For St. Patrick Pupils

About 440 students of St. Patrick School, Elmira will attend classes on a single session basis this Fall at the new Our Lady of Lourdes School in West Elmira, it was announced this week.

The temporary relocation is necessary because of the modernization project at St. Patrick's Building on Park Place, now underway.

ARRANGEMENTS for use of the new school building were made between Monsignor William J. Brien, V.F., pastor of St. Patrick Church and the Rev. Leo G. Schwab, pastor of Our Lady of Lourdes Church.

With 195 pupils enrolled in the new Lourdes school to consist of kindergarten and four grades, the total number of students to be using the building daily will be about 635.

Monsignor Brien said present plans call for his school to be ready for occupancy about Jan. 1.

During the first four months of the new school year half of St. Patrick's students will attend classes in the morning and the other half will attend afternoon sessions.

SISTER M. CECILIA, St. Patrick's principal, said final details of the transfer are being worked out.

However, it is expected that students in grades 5 through 8 will be in class four hours a day while first through fourth grade students will have 3 1/2 hours of instruction daily. This arrangement will fulfill State Board of Regents requirements, Sister Cecilia said.

Room is available at the new Lourdes School on Demarest Pkwy. because that parish is opening the school this fall with only a kindergarten and the first through fourth grades.

While Lourdes students will occupy five rooms, there are six more rooms available for instruction of St. Patrick's pupils.

New desks being purchased for St. Patrick School are expected to be delivered before school opens in September. Part of them will be taken to Lourdes for use by the "visiting" students during their temporary stay.

Monsignor Brien urged members of his parish to organize car pools, wherever possible, to provide transportation to and from the West Elmira school.

FAMILIES UNABLE to obtain transportation and desirous of bus service are asked to contact Sister Cecilia as soon as possible.

If a sufficient demand for bus service becomes apparent, parish officials will investigate possibilities of setting up a bus plan.

Use of the school by St. Patrick's children will not affect operations of the Lourdes Parish.

Father Schwab said his students will attend both morning and afternoon sessions as originally planned.

In making the announcement of the temporary change, Monsignor Brien thanked Father Schwab for making the space available.

He also cited Sister M. Raphael, principal of the Notre Dame High School, who offered use of two classrooms, and the Elmira public school system, which offered part of the facilities of the Booth School. The latter two offers were declined.

Students of both schools will be instructed by nuns of the Sisters of Mercy community.

FATHER SCHWAB was able to obtain the services of four nuns for 1957-58 who will instruct the first through fourth grades. A lay teacher will handle the Lourdes kindergarten.

Until Lourdes Parish builds a convent nuns attached to that school will live at the St. Patrick's convent.

Father Schwab pointed to the joint school use as an example of the close association between the two parishes.

Before the formation of Lourdes Parish most of its members attended St. Patrick Church.

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He also noted that a large number of present Lourdes parishioners were educated at St. Patrick's School.

WORK ON the Lourdes School building has been completed. A sewer connection from the school to a new Demarest Pkwy. line is ready for use and landscaping work is underway.

Last week the W. E. Granger & Sons Co. of Elmira was awarded the general construction contract for modernization of St.

Patrick's School at Park Pl. and W. Clinton Sts.

Completion date for the work is Dec. 31. Contracts for electrical, heating and plumbing installations will probably be awarded this week after bids are received Thursday.

If the work is finished on schedule students of St. Patrick's can return to their renovated building after the Christmas holiday vacation or shortly thereafter.

60th Annual Outing Slated By Elmira K. of C. Council

Plans are completed for the 60th annual Knights of Columbus outing to be held on Sunday, August 11 at Ukrainian Park in Elmira Heights.

The day's activities will open at 10 a.m. with a golf tournament at the Mark Twain Golf Course. The usual baseball game between the married and single men will get under way at 3 p.m. Awards for competitive events will be made at 5 p.m.

JOSEPH B. REMPE, Grand Knight has named Joseph De Nunzio, Cornelius Sullivan and Michael Lemonelli as co-chairmen. Others named are: reception: Pat Grand Knights Joseph T. Limoncelli, Frank K. Rhode, Frederick D. Specchio, Edward A. Claus, John E. Strong; Frank A. Belgotti, Joseph H. Berrigan, Eugene F. Agan, Thomas R. Burns, Henry P. Farrell, Dr. Louis J. Ludico, Edward C. J. Marks, Francis F. O'Brien, Cornelius O'Dea, Samuel A. DeRenzo and Thomas F. Coghlin; music: Thomas O'Connor, James Tunney and Paul Willis; publicity: Thomas Stowell, Charles Eriow and Thomas McCarthy; gate: Robert Pautz, Harry Kane, William Mack and Thomas Coghlin; entertainment: Stephen Anderson, John Kuryle, John Lemmonelli, Michael Dezelgros, Robert Daniel Burns, Gladford Karaki, Richard Fernan, Edward Fee, Salvatore Mofse, Salvatore Spallone, Victor Carocido, Mathias Fennell;

Finance: Bernard Locher and Frank K. Rhode; refreshments: Thomas and Daniel Savino, Joseph Corio, Joseph Capozzi, Adolph Citrull, Michael Conklyn, Joseph Bevilacqua, Paul Affeldt, William McGill and William F. Ryan.

Evening Mass At 3 Churches
First Friday (today) evening Masses have been scheduled for three Elmira churches. They are:

St. Patrick's, 8:30 p.m.
St. John The Baptist, 8:15 p.m.
St. Charles Borromeo, 8:15 p.m.

Holy Communion will be distributed at these Masses. The usual singing and prayers will follow.

Corning KC Maps Clambake
Corning — Committee chairman for Corning Council, Knights of Columbus, for the coming year were announced by Grand Knight Leonard Dziadkowiec at a Council meeting last week.

Grand Knight Dziadkowiec, who was elected at the last meeting announced the next social event planned is a clambake which will take place in September. Raymond E. Older was named chairman.

Committee chairman named were: Alfred F. Connaughton, general program chairman; Eugene Gibson, Catholic Activities chairman; James Johnson, Fraternal Activities chairman; James U. Bethge, membership; Joseph E. Hayes and William C. Richardson, public relations; and William Derkach, Youth Activities.

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