

## 2 McQuaid Grads Produce Short Spaceship Film

Two June graduates of McQuaid High are producers of a short film on a spaceship journey to Mars.

They had to use their imagination, of course, for nobody has made the trip yet. (Unless those spooky people on TV's "Invaders" are for real.)

Raymond Villard and Christopher Rogers turned out a 20 minute film, complete with narrative and musical background on a synchronized tape, and called it "Expedition to the Red Planet." Considering that it was a small budget (just pocket money), slim equipment (one Keystone 8-millimeter camera with a zoom lens) and part time (adding up to some 200 hours in all) project, it is a very realistic effort.

The viewer is treated to scenes of a realistic blast-off, various sections of the spaceship assembling in space, inside shots of the crew at their navigation stations and a neatly executed landing on Mars. There are even some imaginative shots of the Martian landscape, over which the earth explorers are shown traveling in a track-equipped vehicle.

The main "set" for the filming was the attic of Ray Villard's home at 85 Brooks Ave. Using models of spaceships and black backgrounds, the youthful filmmakers simulated motion by using the zoom lens or by walking with their camera as they shot.

Inside shots of the spaceship were handled in an ingenious manner. The students built a circular frame, open on top, then peeped it with Matt Mason astronaut dolls, stationed before instrument boards lighting up in an authentic way.

"Planets" appearing in the film (Earth, Mars, Saturn) are balloons painted by Chris Rogers, who did most of the needed art work. To achieve the effects they wanted, they frequently resorted to double and triple exposures on the same film footage.

Their film project devel-



INGENUITY is the trademark of Christopher Rogers, left, and Raymond Villard, recent McQuaid graduates, whose documentary film on space travel has stirred much local interest. They're shown with the model of the space capsule's cabin which appears in their film.

oped from an assignment given in a Fine Arts course at McQuaid this year. Seventy students, mostly seniors, took the elective, which had units in Art, Music, Drama and Films. Each chose a project in his interest area, to be handed in by the year's end.

Nine films were shot and handed in, according to Jesuit Father William Poorters, who taught the film area, "but this one (the Villard-Robinson production) was the most outstanding."

Father Poorters said that he was pleasantly surprised by the imagination and technique evident in the space film. "They amazed us by what they did, with so little formal training," the Jesuit teacher observed.

"We got a grade of 100 on the project," Ray Villard stated, "but even more important, we had a chance to work on something that really interested us."

Both young men have been intrigued by amateur rocketry since eighth grade, so the idea of a space voyage to Mars came easily as they pondered a subject for filming.

Ray and Chris have no pre-

tensions to being space experts, but they've read enough in the field to think that the film's concepts of space flight are basically accurate.

The two producers plan to enter their brain child in Kodak's Teen-Age Movie Contest this summer.

Both McQuaid graduates hope to pursue studies in fields allied to their project, and both likely will study at Rochester Institute of Tech-

nology. Ray Villard will major in photographic science and engraving; Chris Rogers, who lives at 30 Maxon St., has his eye on an art career.

If creativity, inventiveness and determination are any criteria, they've both got successful careers before them!

—Father Robert Kanka

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Each will receive a \$50 United States Savings Bond. The award recognizes girls who have shown exceptional interest or ability in high school home economics combined with special traits of character, citizenship and personality.

## Monsignor Roche Named to Junior Achievement Board

Msgr. William Roche, superintendent of diocesan schools, is one of 33 representatives named to the board of directors of the Junior Achievement Program.

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