

What Do You Think

About School Year-Round?

By CHARLES RANDISI

There is a serious proposal in many education circles that children should go to school the year round. Under this system a student would finish school much sooner than he does now.

But what about the kids themselves? What do they think of having to go to school all year? That is the question I asked of several fourth graders last week.

The Neighborhood Interchurch Program (NIP) is a summer project for kids entering the first through seventh grades. It is held on Monday through Friday mornings at Sacred Heart Cathedral and at the Grace United Methodist Church on Driving Park Avenue.

It was NIP's International Day at the Cathedral school on July 21, and the kids were waiting to hear a woman talk about China.

Cheryl Ann Wence, who sat at the head of the class, was the only child to think that year-round school might be a good idea. "I'd like it better in the summer," she said.

Laurie Koch, who has a pool in her back yard, said she would much rather be "going swimming." She said she likes a "big vacation."

Christopher Tuttle doesn't like school anyway, and said that if he had to go to school all year, he would "feel bad." He also likes to go swimming.

Michael Arsenault simply "wouldn't go." He likes to "sit home and play."

Bruce Fisher said, "I'd rather kill myself."

Andrew Brumber said he would "quit school and go swimming."

Adam Nichols said, "I would quit."

Wendy Hardick said she would rather be swimming. When asked if she would quit school, she said, "Yeah, maybe, probably."

Cami Stiteler said, "I hate school."

Stephanie Rosselli said, "I'd rather stay home and watch TV."

The temperature was 85 degrees outside, and about 95 and humid inside. Perhaps it is difficult to get kids to talk unbiasedly about school under those conditions.



Camper Bobby Sigismondi, and Dan Rice.

Rotary Sunshine Celebrates 50th

The Rotary Sunshine Camp, sponsored by the Rochester Rotary Club, is celebrating its 50th year of service to handicapped youth.

Nearly 300 children whose handicaps would normally prevent them from attending summer camp enjoy two weeks of swimming, and other activities at the Rotary Camp. This year campers have participated in Carnival Day, FBI Day, Walt Disney Day, dances, song fests, and puppet shows put on by community volunteers. They have also held Halloween and Christmas parties in July.

Bob and Dorothy Oldfield are co-directors of the Sunshine Camp. Gaye Moorehead, a post-

ulant in the Sisters of Mercy, is program director, and Dan Rice, a St. Bernard's seminary student, is her assistant.

The camp operates June 26 - Aug. 19 and accepts campers from ages 7 to 17.

The camp recently held elections for camp president and vice-president for a day. In true convention style, candidates were nominated by, campaigned for, and elected by the campers who attended the camp during its initial session.

Candidates promised an extra hour of sleep, spring mattresses for bunks, an end to peanut butter and jelly sandwiches, and old-age pensions for the counselor staff.



John Miller surveys one of his many splendid outfits for his part as Emperor in the Storytellers' Summer Playhouse production of "The Emperor's New Clothes", which will be presented on Thursday and Friday, July 27 and 28 at 10 a.m. and 8 p.m. in the auditorium of St. Agnes High School.



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