



Bradley Allen, of the Rochester Dental Assistants School, explains job opportunities in the field to Mary Ellen Wisniewski, a senior.



Anna Mehringer, [center] Public Relations Assistant for Lincoln First Bank, gives a group of Mercy girls a tour of Lincoln First Tower.

Army, Navy, Medicine, Law Church, Nobility, Nothing at All

Old English Rhyme

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There isn't much of a future in doing nothing at all, as the old English nursery rhyme suggests, so the girls at Our Lady of Mercy High School found out all they could about a lot of jobs at the school's first Career Day, March 22.

Sponsored by the Student Council, whose members helped red-haired junior Mary Roth and her five-woman committee plan the event, students seemed delighted they were getting a chance to sample the outside world that awaited them after graduation.

Seniors, juniors, sophomores, freshmen. The halls were full of walking, talking dressed up girls as they consulted schedules and hurried on to hear the next speaker.

"Every year we had an activities day in May or June," said Barbara Peiffer, a senior and Student Council president, "and this year we thought of having a Career Day."

"Instead of planning it for later, we moved it up to now because January, February and March are such blah months," she added.

Planning began last November, and, as Barbara put it, "we're just feeling it out right now but from a lot of reactions we've heard it's gone over great."

A survey was sent around school in December to find out which careers the girls were interested in, and then speakers were called by Mary and her committee to find out if they could attend. Forty eventually were lined up to come.

"The overall response from the people who came in was great," said Sister Nancy Whitley, guidance counselor and Student Council moderator. "All of them were very enthusiastic. Some of those we talked to wanted to come but couldn't because they had other commitments."

Sessions were divided into 50-minute periods and some speakers stayed for more than one period to enable them to reach all the girls who wanted to

hear them talk. Mercy has 893 students this year.

According to Sister Nancy, guidance counselor for six years, about 82 per cent from the school go on for further education, with about 45 per cent of these attending a four-year college.

"We also have a strong business program," she said, "which adequately prepares the girls for business careers."

Career Day publicity was taken care of by Mary Ann Hanss, who made and distributed posters throughout the school. The other Student Council officers are Karen Pelkey, vice president; Diane Donovan, treasurer, and Mary O'Brien, secretary.

"The officers this year have been willing to take a risk," said Sister. "It takes a special kind of person to work towards something like this so the results are profitable."

"It's really been a lot of work," sighed Mary, "but I wouldn't hesitate to do it again. It's nice to make other kids happy."

And what did those "other kids" think about it?

"I love it," said Margie Pizzarelli, a junior. "A lot of things I never would have thought of are represented here today."

"I think it's a fantastic idea," said senior Maura Tierney. "There's a good representation of careers."

Mary Roth discover the right shoes after a long day.

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Nancy, Barbara Peiffer

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Watching the hair stylists



City East editor, Mary Anna Towler



Seniors Maureen Sargent, [left] and Kathy Fichera listen while Mercy math teacher William Brown explains the school's computer terminal. It's used in math classes and is hooked up to the computer at SUC, Brockport.



Eyes wide, mouths open, the crowd watches McCurdy hair stylists with rapt interest as they cut and shape the hair of classmates.