

Around Rap Around Rap Around Rap Around



By MARY BLASI
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Excessive television viewing is an escape from the development of a person's intellectual and creative potential. Not only is habitual viewing harmful, but the quality and variety of most shows is appalling.

Do you realize there are 23 police shows per week, 19 game shows and 13 soap operas per day? Moreover, every week-day from noon until 3:30 p.m. television time is filled solely with game shows and soap operas. (The only relief is provided by Channel 21.)

Many people my age have been virtually raised on television. It has been used as a reward for children when they behave, and as a punishment when they misbehave.

Television has been used as a substitute for more stimulating activities. For example, I've

witnessed mothers who will tell their child to go and watch a program on television when he/she becomes bored or restless. The child would be better off with a box of crayons to express him/herself.

Many of us can look back on our own childhoods and realize how much time we spent (or wasted) in front of that box-shaped appliance, watching the actors and actresses live out their daily adventures, while we wasted time keeping track of their lives instead of having a few adventures of our own. We deprived ourselves of creating and experiencing by taking this passive role.

This passiveness has surely carried over into some adult lives, but it's never too late to establish a sense of security in our endeavors to develop our intellectual potential, without the aid of television.



Photo by Bruce Genut

Mercians Kathy Termotto and Marina Cornori concentrate on applying eye make-up after a professional demonstration by cosmetic representative, Mrs. Mitchell.

Learning Experiences Explored

By JOAN M. SMITH

Last Friday was a day of excited activity at Our Lady of Mercy High School. Not only was it the last day of school before Easter recess, but regular classes were dispensed with for a mini-course day.

Uniforms were not required so the girls were dressed in fashionable togs as they attended seminars on such varied learning experiences as drama, skydiving, dentistry, make-up, interior-decorating, photography.

The reason for the mini-course day was explained by co-chairperson, sophomore Theresa Smith. She said, "They (students) can learn about the crafts they have always wanted to know about."

The people who participated in helping make the mini-course event an interesting and successful one were from all fields of endeavor.

Ed Barnowski, Red Wing general manager, was there explaining professional baseball, and discussing girls in sports.

Hairdressers from McCurdy's demonstrated haircuts while down the hall a professional make-up artist presented the right way to apply cosmetics.

There were many fascinating craft classes where students could learn the fine points of decoupage, quilting, needlepoint, knitting, macrame, and crocheting.

One particularly interesting session was Nursery Movement. Harley School students Laurie McKenzie, and Jane Gulick who are nursery school aides presented seminars on how pre-schoolers are taught body coordination. They were capably aided by a group of nursery school young ladies who through musical dance and exercise routines demonstrated how they develop coordination.

Mercy freshman Margaret Fischette was delighted with the class. She had chosen it, she said, "to learn how to take care of children."

There was something for everyone to learn at Mercy on mini-course day. No matter what the student interest, there was a chance to go find out about it during the sessions. As the poster ad in the corridor read, "your thing skydiving? ... drop in on mini-course day."



Pre-schoolers show how to limber up during Nursery Movement class.



AQUINAS:

Easter recess.

BISHOP KEARNEY:

Easter recess.

CARDINAL MOONEY:

Easter recess.
Thursday, March 27—Language Department trips to France and Spain.

DeSALES:

Easter recess.

McQUAID:

Easter recess.

NAZARETH:

Wednesday, April 2—Junior Prom, 111 East Avenue Hotel.

NOTRE DAME:

Easter recess.

OUR LADY OF MERCY:

Easter recess.

ST. AGNES:

Easter recess.
Friday, March 28—Students leave for London, Brussels and Paris.

AYM Board Expanded

New board members of the Area Youth Ministry are: retired test technician, Eastman Kodak Co.

The addition of these directors is part of an AYM change in corporate structure which will increase the board from 15 to 25 members. AYM offices are in the Parish House of Sacred Heart Cathedral and at 292 Parkway.

Official Opening

Glen Iris Inn

Hours:
Luncheon - 12-2:00 Sat. Dinner - 5:30-9:30
Dinner - 5:30-9 Sun. Dinner - 12:30-7:30

PACKAGE PLAN

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