

# High School Scene

Continued from Page 2a

## DeSALES

"We're looking forward to a very good future," declared Edward Tracey, the new principal of Geneva DeSales High School.

Although he stated "things take time," the school will open in September with many changes. The class schedule has been adjusted from a seven- to a four-day cycle allowing for fewer study halls, but as Tracey explained, "It gives an increase in the time allotted for religion."

Additions to the curriculum include Russian history and advanced placement courses for seniors. Health subjects will be given to all ninth graders, and sophomores will take biology.

DeSales and Geneva high schools have a working agreement which allows students during the first and second periods of the day to go back and forth to take the offered courses they desire.

Conferences have been held with Hobart College in regards to DeSales students taking Saturday music courses at the college.

Plans are also in the making for the formation of a school drum corps and color guard, but the best news Tracey announced is that "we're going into the 1975-76 year with a balanced budget."

Optimism is the word at DeSales this year. School has not started yet and there is futuristic planning. Tracey acknowledged his hope that DeSales will not only become a regional high school, but that it will be relocated in three to five years.

## McQUAID

There will be 224 McQuaid freshman this September which is, according to the school's principal, Father Leon J. Hogencamp, a 12 per cent increase in enrollment.

The incoming freshman's curriculum will include the required subjects of English, algebra, Asia/Afro social studies, physical education and two electives. Most of the freshmen will choose to begin their science and foreign language programs. Music and art are also offered, and this year the ceramic class boasts a new kiln for drying pottery creations.

Throughout the Summer the McQuaid faculty has been involved in curriculum revision regarding religion, math, and social studies. The emphasis has been on expanding instructional space to complement the courses of study.

The idea behind space expansion for practical work areas is to motivate student self-involvement in learning subjects. The lab will be a place in which the student actively participates in his education in any number of alterable settings; discussion, debate, dramatization, large group instruction, taping, filming, and small group activities.

A new course, Futuristics, has been added to the senior syllabus. This is a one-semester course dealing with ways in which to understand the future through the use of well-understood techniques such as statistical inference, social perspectives and technology. The course will be built around three themes: The Past as Future, The Present as Future, and the Future as Future.

With its new subject and classroom innovations McQuaid is anticipating a very successful school year. Also, student body and faculty are looking forward to the return of Father William O'Mally to his teaching and dramatics moderating duties.

## NAZARETH ACADEMY

The English, Business and Home Economic Departments of Nazareth Academy are being expanded for the 1975-76 school year.

A consumer education course is being introduced within the Business and Home Economics Departments. It will explore many facets of consumer information; money management and budgeting; banking and credit bureaus; responsible consumer purchasing.

The Business Department is offering students a course in Business Communications which will provide learning in all phases of communication — writing, speaking, listening and reading.

The school's English Department has received a mini-grant for the development of an English lab. The course which was introduced last year as a junior/senior elective will have the use of a room equipped with audio-visual aids and printed matter.

A leadership workshop and freshman orientation day will be the focal points of a meeting on Aug. 18 of Student Council officers and representatives who are planning for the coming year.

## NOTRE DAME

When Notre Dame High School opens its doors this fall, the school will be celebrating its 20th anniversary as well as the nation's 200th birthday.

Many projects and activities of a bicentennial nature have been planned by the various classes, clubs, and departments within Notre Dame.

A pre-school Leadership Day on Thursday, Aug. 28 will welcome back school leaders and inaugurate the school year.

The Student Council will plant a Liberty Tree at a ceremony on the school grounds in September. The council also hopes to become involved in a community project to bring a paddle-wheel steamship to Elmira, the resting place of Mark Twain.

In the area of public speaking, Notre Dame students will be able to participate in the Bicentennial Youth Debates, sponsored by the Nation's Bicentennial Committee.

The Drama Department under the direction of Claire Reidy is planning a performance of Arthur Miller's "The Crucible" which will involve the school's alumni as well as students.

In order to perpetuate student involvement in local and state historical appreciation, the school has received a Membership Charter in the State Historical Society's Junior group, the Yorkers. Membership in Notre Dame's Yorker Club will be given to any student who has a strong interest in local and state history, and who wants to work toward preservation and support of community and state projects.

So, it's back to school at Notre Dame, where history, involvement and rededication will be the focus in this anniversary year.

## OUR LADY OF MERCY

School opens for Mercy freshmen and sophomores Sept. 3 and for the upperclassmen on Sept. 4.

A special Freshman Family Day (Sunday, Sept. 14) will be part of the school's orientation program for the class of 1979. The administration will be on hand to welcome the 220 "frosh" and their families.

Mercy's curriculum scene will include a combined history and

music course. This American Literature program which will not only instruct students in history, but also introduce them to the music of each historical era was developed and coordinated by Sister Barbara Weyand and Benny Marcello.

Returning to Mercy's faculty this year after a study sabbatical in Europe is Sister Borromeo. She will assume the duties of Curriculum Coordinator.

## ST. AGNES

No sooner will school open than students, moderators, and faculty will be bustling with action.

The faculty will jump right into

the business of meeting the school year's challenges by attending an all day workshop on Tuesday, Sept. 2.

On the first Monday after school begins there will be a "Senior Day" with parade.

The Student Senate has planned a "leadership day" which will include meetings with student officers from all the school's organizations as well as moderators. The sessions will provide a sounding board for ideas and suggestions regarding the cooperation needed to achieve various goals.

The school will continue its unique performing arts project. This is a freshman elective program involving a trimester of music, art, and speech. Physics

will be the new addition to the school's curriculum.

St. Agnes will open on Sept. 3 for the 150 incoming freshmen, and on Sept. 4 for upperclassmen.

**Gerould's  
Pharmacies**  
S. Main St. and  
Church & Hoffman  
Elmira  
Delivery Service  
733-6696

# RG&E consumer news

## Future Shock? Protect yourself with a ground-fault interrupter

Every time you carelessly use an electric appliance, you take your life in your hands.

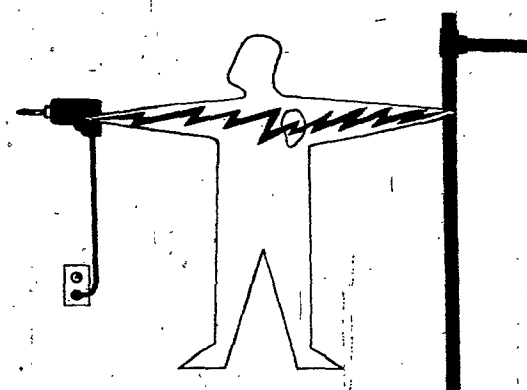
Escaping electric current from faulty equipment or appliances always tries to return to the ground. It naturally chooses the easiest path. As illustrated, this path can be your body if you happen to have direct contact with the ground. Water is a good conductor and, in these cases, affords the connection to complete the circuit.

How can you protect yourself if a malfunction of the circuit occurs? The answer is the ground-fault interrupter, or GFI.

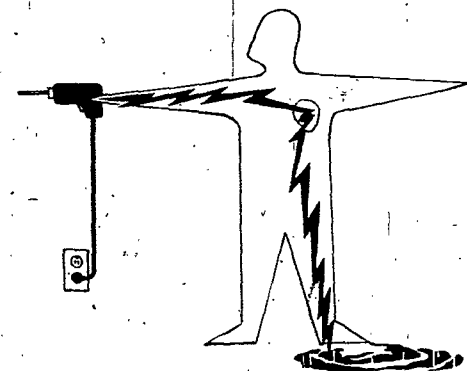
A GFI is a small device which, when mounted on a circuit or outlet, will detect current leaks (also called ground faults) from a circuit. The GFI senses leaks that are far too small for a fuse or circuit breaker to detect, but still large enough to be lethal. It immediately switches off the electricity, before damage can occur.

Ground-fault interrupters are so essential for electrical safety, especially outdoors where puddles and damp ground are common, that the National Electrical Code has made them mandatory in many areas. You now must have a GFI on any outdoor outlet, on all electrical equipment used with storable swimming pools, and even on any bathroom outlet.

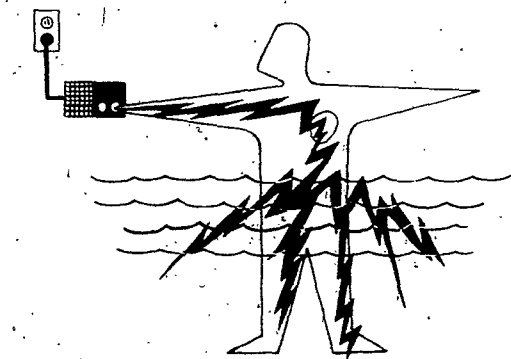
How do you purchase a GFI? Call your electrician and he'll install one. Or you can check with an electrical supply house, a department store, a building supply house, or a hardware store. For additional information, call RG&E's Residential Department at 546-2700, extension 2751. This one small investment could be a real life-saver.



Hand to hand shock path



Hand to foot shock path



Hand to submerged body shock path

**RG&E** ROCHESTER GAS AND ELECTRIC  
89 EAST AVENUE, ROCHESTER, N. Y. 14649 • 546-2700