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It is a pity that many high school kids subscribe to the misconception that senior year, our last year before college or career is the end of our "childhood" and should be a time for socializing, our last chance to have fun before being thrown unwillingly into a hostile environment.

It is only natural to want one last fling at adolescence before stepping into the "real world." To quote a teacher of mine, "America is the only place in the world where adolescence takes place." Everywhere else people pass directly from child to adult and are ready to assume the responsibility that comes with being an adult.

If any high school student wishes to succeed in that hostile environment he had better start preparing right now. I've talked with a number of college freshmen I knew last year as seniors. They tell me the transition from high school to college is immeasurable. Whereas in high school students do assignments because of pressure from teachers, in college there is no such pressure. The responsibility to do the assigned work rests solely on the student. And if a senior thinks, upon graduation, he will pass through a state of

metamorphosis which will suddenly leave him mature enough to support such responsibility he is mistaken.

Preparing for next year does not start next year; it starts now. First comes the task of choosing and getting into the college or university which will best prepare the student for his expected future. This means taking as many standardized tests as there are ways to arrange the letters of the alphabet: SATs, ACTs, ACHs, GEEBs. This means filling out applications to the colleges chosen. It means handing out teacher recommendation forms and hoping they will be turned in. It means applying to as many scholarship programs as possible — more forms. And if the student is truly idealistic it means doing all this in addition to handling an overloaded schedule, which the student hopes, will have Harvard, Yale, and Princeton swamping him with four-year scholarship offers.

The related decisions of college, career and future are, for the high school senior, the most critical he will have to make. If the high school senior wishes to succeed at his chosen college or trade he had better start preparing right now.



## Winner's Circle

RapAround weekly will run a photo of a group of students taken somewhere in the diocese. One person will be circled and if that person brings the clipping to the Courier-Journal before noon of the Tuesday following publication date, he or she will receive \$5. This week's photo was taken at Notre Dame High School during assembly. The person circled above should bring the clipping to Joan M. Smith, Courier-Journal, by noon, Tuesday, Oct. 26 to receive \$5.

## Nazareth Introduces Local History Course

A new elective was developed for Nazareth Academy Seniors this past summer by Social Studies teacher, Sister Campion.

"Rochester Locale" offers students a study of local history designed to help them use Rochester's past as a key to understanding life today in and about Rochester and to coping with the questions concerning their own future in Rochester as well as in the future of Rochester itself. Course objectives include making students more aware of the social, cultural and work worlds of Rochester which they will join soon as adults, instilling civic pride, preparing youngsters for active local citizenship.

The new elective will explore the origins and founders of early Rochester, 1789-1833; the

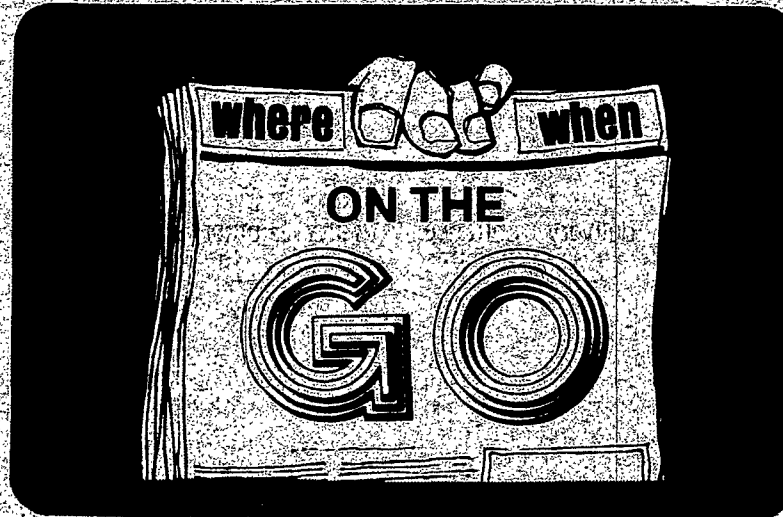
developing "Flour to Flower" city, 1834-1890; the social and charitable organizations developed to meet the needs of the people; the migration to the city from Europe and surrounding local regions, 1890-1920 and the political, economic, cultural, social and religious aspects of the 20th century Rochester.

Possible field trips include visits to the Rochester Museum, Rochester Historical Society, Susan B. Anthony House, City Historian's office, St. Joseph's Villa, the Farmer's Museum at Cooperstown and the Genesee County Museum in Mumford. Long-time City Historian Blake McKelvey and director of the diocesan Human Development Office, Father Charles Mulligan, have been invited as guest speakers.



## McQuaid Open House

McQuaid senior, Mike Ganey, assembles molecular model in preparation for the Service Department's participation in the school's Open House scheduled for Sunday, Oct. 24 from 7-9 p.m. Visitors will have an opportunity to view the facilities of the school and to meet and talk with both faculty and presently enrolled students. Included in the program will be displays of audiovisual material, lab demonstrations, performances by the Glee Club, String Band, and Dramatics Club.



## Come Visit St. Agnes

St. Agnes High School's Open House will be held on Oct. 24 from 2:30 to 5 p.m. Student guides will take visitors on tours of the school. Other students will give demonstrations in dancing classes, music groups, gymnastics as well as in the academic classes. Above, student guides Colleen Glavin and Karen Fredette prepare for distributing the informational literature which will be available.

- AQUINAS:**  
Friday, Oct. 22—Regional History Class to Genesee Country Museum, 1 p.m.; ACT I assembly.  
Saturday, Oct. 23—ACT I show.  
Monday, Oct. 25—Department meetings.  
Wednesday, Oct. 27—Book Exhibit.
- BISHOP KEARNEY:**  
Thursday, Oct. 21—Junior ring ceremony, 1 p.m. Financial aid meeting for senior parents, auditorium; 8 p.m.
- CARDINAL MOONEY:**  
Tuesday, Oct. 26—Women's Guild Memorial Mass.  
Wednesday, Oct. 27—Open House for seventh and eighth graders.
- DESALES:**  
Sunday, Oct. 24—Open House for elementary school students and parents; 7-9 p.m.  
Tuesday, Oct. 26—End of first marking period.
- MCQUAID:**  
Thursday, Oct. 21—Freshmen testing.  
Sunday, Oct. 24—Open House; 7-9 p.m.  
Tuesday, Oct. 26—End of first marking period.
- NAZARETH:**  
Thursday, Oct. 21—Freshmen homeroom party; assembly; 1:45 p.m.  
Oct. 22-23—Empire State School Press Association Convention.  
Friday, Oct. 22—Perosians, auditorium; 2:45 p.m.  
Saturday, Oct. 23—PSAT tests.  
Sunday, Oct. 24—Open House; 2-5 p.m.  
Monday, Oct. 25—Class officers' meetings.  
Tuesday, Oct. 26—Adult education classes; 7:30-9:30 p.m.
- ST. AGNES**  
Sunday, Oct. 24—Open House.
- OUR LADY OF MERCY:**  
Thursday, Oct. 21—Parents Board meeting, cafeteria; 8 p.m.  
Saturday, Oct. 23—Oktoberfest, Krazy Firemen Band.