

# St. Augustine's Expands Variety of Programs

St. Augustine School is looking forward with eager anticipation to some enriching programs for the 1977-78 school year.

classical dance to all the girls from third to eighth grades. The Bottom of the Bucket Dance Group will teach dancing to the boys in these grades on a weekly basis.

Over the past several years the parish staff, school board and the parents' organization have been researching ways and means to provide extra curricular activities for the students. Lack of funds, facilities, space and personnel have delayed the implementation of these plans for better physical education and for music and art instruction.

Continuation and expansion of the present vocal music program is under the direction of Miss Mary Jo Mulligan who started the program last year. This program included instruction in theory, music appreciation, performance, and participation in choral groups. During the coming year the choral groups will be increased from two to three divisions. Training for religious ceremonies and kindergarten instruction have also been added to the vocal music program.

Last year with the help of the parents' organization's fund raising activities and a garage sale, funds were made available for a physical education program for boys at the YMCA, dance instruction for girls and for a vocal music teacher for the entire student body. These programs proved so popular and successful that the decision was made to expand them.

All the programs have been built into them periodic demonstrations for families and neighbors. It was felt that these performances would help to promote community solidarity and unity. The YMCA has a family night during each semester. The musical group puts on performances at Christmas and in the Spring. These are designed to show appreciation for various ethnic cultures

This coming year the physical education program at the YMCA will be expanded to include all students. It is under the direction of Ron Fortune, director of the YMCA. The dance program will continue to be taught by Mrs. Helen Rupert who will be teaching both modern and

Funding for the new programs has been obtained from government grants, diocesan grants, and from parents' fund raising activities.



Spiritual friendship and involvement are the key words for St. Augustine's School in Rochester. The school plans many programs that offer spiritual togetherness which adds to the academic and personal growth of its students.

## Fisher Project To Be Published

A team of John Fisher College students recently simulated the yearly dilemma of ABC, CBS and NBC as part of a Fisher communication/ journalism course entitled, "Radio, Television and Cable. History, Development and Issues." Their conclusions are expected to be published soon in Television International, a Hollywood trade magazine read in 142 countries.

theories used by hundreds of TV executives, advertising agencies, rating services and newspaper critics every year.

The result was an in-depth study of the proposed Fall '77 television schedules of the three major commercial networks. It outlined who will win and who will lose the viewer attention in nightly prime-time — 7 to 11 p.m.

class examined the history of television and radio technology, development of media systems (networks), as well as practices and philosophies of TV programming

Each person in the class chose a night of prime-time television to evaluate and was responsible for determining which shows would rank number one, two and three in the various time slots. Each had to justify his or her reasons to the entire class.

"There are two opposite reactions when some people

see courses listed in college catalogues that deal with television," O'Brien said. "One is amused regret that colleges are teaching what we already know. The other is bemused wonder about what can be taught about such an enormous topic

"We argue that television has a rightful place in the academic world because it exists as a powerful force in the world outside the campus," he continued. "It helps shape our dreams, sell our products and services and choose our political and personal heroes."

Dennis O'Brien, special lecturer in communications at Fisher, explained that his eight member class put into action the principles and

The survey, a final project for the course, evolved after several weeks of intensive research on the electronic media, said O'Brien. The



### Painters

School may be out at Aquinas Institute for the summer months but paint brushes, scaffolding and paint cans are much in evidence. Some of the crew who have worked hard and long to make the school look like new for the opening on Sept. 7 are; Lower row: Jim Bonner, Mike Ehmann, Joe O'Donnell, Bill Bellor and Brad Zimmer. Second row: Tim Tierney and Nick Zeitvogel. Top row: Don Bates, Darren Elam and John O'Donnell.



### Clean-Up Crew

Diane Augsbury, right, a Senior at St. Agnes High School, and Meg VanHuben, left, a Senior at Bishop Kearney High School, work trimming shrubs on the parish grounds at Corpus Christi Church. Both girls graduated from Corpus Christi School.

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