

McQuaid Principal Tells Views on Education

By JOAN M. SMITH

Father John Boland, SJ, is a soft spoken gentleman who enjoys golf, reading and "when time permits," practicing a self-taught art, French cooking.

Father took over his new duties as Rector of McQuaid Jesuit High School on June 21 and is looking forward to continuing the school's tradition in deepening the spirituality of service. McQuaid puts high emphasis on value education — a combination of academic standards and spiritual growth through student community service which Father likes to call "skilled services."



FR. BOLAND

"That's why we're in education," he declared, "to help develop all the

talents God gave them (students)."

Before Father arrived at McQuaid in 1977, he had been involved in college management as administrator of St. Andrew's College (61-64) and the College of Philosophy and Letters (64-66) at Fordham University; Dean of Students at both St. Peter's College (66-69) and Rutgers University (69-71); Director of Athletics at St. Peter's (71-73); Special Consultant for Research and Planning, Association of Independent Colleges and Universities (73-74); Assistant Vice president for the University Resource and Public

Affairs, Fairleigh Dickinson University (74-77). Last year at McQuaid he served the Building a Scholastic Heritage Program as executive director and taught Latin and Religion. Though back in administration, Father is a firm believer that administrators, duties permitting, should teach at least one subject a semester.

Asked which was the greater challenge, college or high school he observed the latter was more so explaining, "This is the period of time a student is really seeking out the basic answers of life."

He went on to say that

each student would search in his own way and that it was important for teachers to recognize this individuality in helping the student not only academically but spiritually.

He sees discipline, as critical to the educational process but not used as an end in itself. Rather, used as a way for the school to accomplish the goal of seeing a student, after four years of high school, achieving self-discipline.

Father stressed the importance of making students aware that education was more than just knowing the facts.

That it also entails knowing how to think and interpreting the facts. In Father's view an educated person has two qualities — faith and a sense of humor.

"Faith in God," he stated, "and a sense of humor to accept one's shortcomings and to laugh at them, even when you boogie a hole," he quipped.

Father received his BA, MA and Sacred Theology degrees from Woodstock College, Maryland. He also attended St. Beuno's College in Great Britain. His teaching assignments have included Loyola High School and Rutgers University.

Liturgy Opens School

Horseheads—An opening-day liturgy will begin the school year for 250 students at St. Mary Our Mother School.

The registration is up slightly from last year, Sister Catherine, school principal, noted, with three grades full.

An addition to the program this year, she reported, is a remedial program at the junior high level. Staff changes at that level also have meant that more departmentalization of grades 6, 7 and 8 will occur this year, Sister Catherine said.

Physical education no longer will be the responsibility of the classroom teachers, sister reported, with a gym teacher being available this year for the first time.

The school also is getting involved in the Horseheads School District's Gateways Program, which is designed to benefit gifted and talented students. The federally-funded program will be beginning with the third grade this year, she noted.

Surprise Lunches

Do you hear a school lunch box lament from your kids more often than a cheer?

Heed nutritionists' advice that food presented with eye appeal and a bit of care will help children to eat the balanced foods they need.

Try adding a bit of fun in their lunch kits:

— Put in one of your prettiest cloth napkins to use as a tablecloth for a more elegant meal (but with the understanding it be returned each day.)

— Avoid huge portions. It's more fun to find a lot of little things — carrot sticks, a small cluster of grapes, half a cream cheese and half a jelly sandwich — than too much of one food.

— Hide cute note cards inside, perhaps with colorful drawings of animals or cartoon characters, to tell your children how great they are.

— For crunchy snacks, throw in small plastic bags of pumpkin and sunflower seeds one day and nuts and raisins the next.

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Age 24 years
 Campus 25 acres
 Grades 8-12th form
 Educators 67 (22 Jesuits)
 Average Class size 28 students
 Student Faculty ratio: 20 to 1

Student Profile

Student Body 800 men
 Demographics 28 school districts
 Religion
 College Matriculation - 90%
 Alumni 3,500
 Financial Aid Based on need.

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