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## Busing Funds Reinstated

By JOAN M. SMITH

Due to a last minute reverse vote by Beatrice Paul, president of the Rochester Board of Education, transportation will be provided for Rochester students who attend private and parochial schools outside city limits. The busing issue, however, is not dead.

\$330,000 from the state (according to Ms. Morris this is "up-front" money — the normal reimbursement which would be received in April), accept \$20,000 offered by the county legislature which according to Ms. Morris doesn't have to be paid back and paying the difference, \$78,000, from local surplus monies.

All in all the busing issue remains in a tangle and with every round fought, keeping the funds in the budget becomes more difficult.

In fact, as this article goes to press the matter has become more complex. According to sources, the county's offer to aid the Rochester School District may be illegal. Also, the plan by the school board to pay its share of the busing expense may have hit rough waters. The money for this use would be made available by not paying the city of Rochester's new refuse and street lighting fees. City officials have indicated that this bill cannot be left unpaid, legally.

Timothy Leahy, superintendent of Rochester diocesan schools, is relieved by the decision noting, "It buys us time to deal with the situation." But he admitted the vote assured one thing — the issue would be around again next Spring.

The busing issue has been a dilemma for the last three years and Ms. Morris indicated that it has caused a lot of damage this year. She said because of the extended battle, arguments against busing grew stronger and programs were pitted against programs.

School board member, Anne Morris was of the same opinion. She explained that unless legislation is passed either concerning mandating cities to transport these students, or state reimbursement for this service be given in the beginning of the year, the issue will definitely be around at budget time.

There are those who feel that dropping the funds from the budget should never have occurred because the transportation program is reimbursed by the state. The fact, however, that advanced reimbursement is being requested for the current year could lead to an empty busing account for the 1979-80 year. A fact which will make the issue even more problematic.

In reinstating the funds last Thursday, the board will cover the cost by borrowing

## Bishop Hogan Recovering

Bishop Joseph L. Hogan is at home recovering from bronchial pneumonia. He hopes to resume his busy schedule as soon as his health permits. Prayers for his speedy recovery will be deeply appreciated.



Photos by Susan McKinney

## Homecoming

Tony Russo rides a hippopotamus and snacks at the same time, photo at right, while other youngsters line up for refreshments, photo above, at the first alumni homecoming ever held at St. Joseph's Villa. The reunion Saturday, Sept. 9, featured a picnic, games, movies of alumni and a liturgy for alumni and their families.



## DSC Year Opens

By JOHN DASH

Sister Molly Brown who is on the staff of Genesee Mental Health Center outlined last week for the Diocesan Sisters Council her work toward a "psychotherapeutic community." Such a community, she said, would provide "a transitional living service" for sisters returning to community life following hospitalization for mental disorders.

Vicar for Religious proposal which the council is presently working on.

"Spirit House" would be the first such establishment in the United States, Sister Molly said.

The sisters also heard from Sister Marlene McQueeney last week. Sister Marlene is the body's official delegate to the National Association of Women Religious. She reported on the recent national convention which passed, among other resolutions, support of the boycott against Nestle products "because of the

unethical promotional practices of advertising infant formula," and support of the extension of the time limit for the ratification of ERA.

She noted that the convention's major thrust was present and future ministry of women in the Church.

Last week's council meeting was designed to orient new members on the council and to lay the groundwork for the year's action.

Sister Mary Jean Smith, elected president of the council at its June meeting, chaired the event.

She also said that the community would provide "primary prevention," perhaps obviating the need for hospitalization for sisters.

Sister Molly is heading a team researching such a place. She said that she expects to bring a proposal for the foundation of what she termed "Spirit House" to the heads of the diocesan sisters' congregations by September of 1979.

She told the sisters her reason for bringing her work before the council was to avoid "duplication of research, inventing the wheel all over again."



Sister Molly Brown, foreground, addresses the Diocesan Sisters Council. Others in the photograph are (from left to right) Sisters Francella Quinn, Marlene Vigna and Mary Jean Smith.

In the "Spirit House" proposal are elements similar to parts of the developing

## Parish Council Congress Slates Famed Author

By JOHN DASH

Rosemary Haughton, the internationally famed writer and lecturer, will be the principal speaker at the diocesan Parish Council Congress slated this year for Oct. 6 and 7 at St. Agnes High School.



ROSEMARY HAUGHTON  
 director of Sage Chapel at Cornell.

Diocesan officials estimate that more than 1000 members of parish councils and interested parties will attend the congress.

Mrs. Haughton is the author of 30 books, and is the recipient of an honorary degree from Nazareth College, an honorary Doctor of Divinity from the University of Notre Dame, and has won the Avila Award.

She has garnered kudos for her work from the late Thomas Merton from author Daniel Callahan, and from W. Jack Lewis,

coordinating staff. "Our new Holy Father, in his first address, has called on us to better understand our responsibility as 'salt of the earth and light of the world,' and to be ready to give witness of our own faith to the world. In the light of his call this year's Parish Council Congress takes on new importance. It is a timely opportunity for all of us in parish leadership to deepen our faith and share ideas that will point us to renewed future."

Further information on the congress is available through parish rectories, the presidents of parish councils, or the Office of Pastoral Ministry, 1150 Buffalo Rd., Rochester, 14624, (716) 328-3210.

Plans are being formulated to help those who are in need of overnight accommodations for the congress.

In addition to Mrs. Haughton's addresses, the congress also will feature eight workshops ranging in topic from Planning Assistance to Christian Stewardship.

According to Sister Jean Rodman of the congress