

Rap Around Rap Around Rap Around Rap



Photos by Terrance J. Brennan

Students are enrolled in the McQuaid HAP program on recommendations from school guidance counselors and while they attend the five week sessions they participate in a varied curriculum. In upper left hand photo, Jack Giambrone (HAP teacher) and Frederick Douglass students Alan Brown, Keith Love and William Watson match wits during a chess game. In the Art class, Joe Wiater, also from Frederick Douglass, received a few pointers on drawing dimensions from Marc Jaromin while down in the cafeteria Bob Schwartz, McQuaid teacher, runs through the graduation music with Ed Morgan at piano, Isaiah Stephens and Ernest Frazier on guitars. Back in the Art room, Peter Satter, Frederick Douglass and Michael Mangus, Blessed Sacrament, meticulously draw from a book cover design.

HAP Offers Summertime Challenges

"I think regular school should be like this," smiled Keith Steward while finishing his lunch in the McQuaid cafeteria — and there was quick verbal agreement from his luncheon companions. Keith, an eighth grader at Frederick Douglass, was one of the 42 young students who participated in McQuaid's summer Higher Achievement Program (HAP).

The project, started 12 years ago by former McQuaid teacher Father William Poortens, is still going strong. It is now under the direction of Gerald Jaromin who is in his second year as director and 15th as McQuaid English teacher.

The project blends academics, sports and creative projects into a five week period of experiences for boys who this year represented, Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Our Lady of Lourdes, Blessed Sacrament, St. Philip Neri, St. Monica's and Frederick Douglass. The program gives them the opportunity not only to improve their educational skills but to expand friendships and develop through sportsmanship.

Morning sessions were set aside for the basics — Math,

English, Reading, Science. Then after lunch there was a wide variety of activity which kept them busy; gym, art, music, chess, newspaper duties, radio announcements, photography, sports and game competitions. Two afternoons were reserved for swimming at Genesee Valley Park pools and during the last week of the program, a field trip to Letchworth State Park.

The 11 teachers who staff HAP include McQuaid faculty and college students, two of whom were HAP graduates themselves — Marc Jaromin and Jack Gaimbrone. Both gentlemen are also McQuaid graduates and Marc will enter Canisius College this Fall while Jack returns to Dayton University as a junior.

Marc came back to teach in HAP because he enjoyed being a student, was impressed with the teachers and knew he'd enjoy it as a teacher.

Jack who directed the chess activity credited his experiences as a HAP student with helping him to cope with the goals he wanted to meet in the eighth grade and explained his coming back as a teacher as "You can't beat it. You work with the kids and

the people you enjoy being with." HAP Graduation '79 was last Friday night and in talking with the boys a few days before, it was evident they were going to miss the challenges as well as the comradeship of the teachers. They were all definite about what the program did for them. Keith said he learned good sportsmanship and how to get along with people.

Robert Wolosz, from Frederick Douglass, said, "It's helped me a lot. I've improved

a lot," and went on to say he was glad of having had the opportunity to work on the HAP Chronicle writing articles. "I like writing them," he explained, "I enjoy doing good articles for people to read."

Director Jaromin is proud of the success of the summer program and said his job satisfaction came from seeing the kids being successful and enjoying it. "They like school," he noted and attributed this attitude to the fact the teachers are able to day with the students all day

participating in all activities from the classroom to the playing field. Jaromin is quick to point out, however, this is possible only because of the flexible nature of the program and that this flexibility would be an unreality in regular school.

Though it meant getting out of bed early to make the HAP school day which started at 9 a.m., the tribute to the program is that the 42 students who started with HAP were still hanging in there five weeks later.

Who's Who

McQuaid senior John Ryan, attempting to defend his New York State Junior Amateur golf title, was upset in the second round of the tournament last week at the Soaring Eagles Golf Club in Horseheads. Ryan lost to Brian Jorgensen of Clinton, 1 up in match play. Ryan defeated Kit Cieri of Plattsburgh, 5 and 3, in the first round.

Phil Lanzatella (ex-McQuaid) won his second straight United States Wrestling Federation Greco-Roman national title at the USWF championships last week in Iowa City, Iowa. Lanzatella, Section 5 champion this past year, pinned Pennsylvania's Joe East in the 178-pound title bout. He also finished sixth in the freestyle competition

and East Rochester's John Zito placed fourth to lift New York to the junior freestyle team title.

Rich Salamone (ex-McQuaid) was eliminated from competition in the Spartacade Games in Moscow when he lost his first two matches in the 105-pound class to Soviet wrestlers.

Dick Buerkle (ex-Aquinas) finished eighth last week in the 1,500-meter run at the National Sports Festival in Colorado Springs, Colo. Tom Duits of Western Michigan University scored a front-running victory in the race in 3:45.44. Buerkle, who finished nearly 200 meters behind Duits, was timed in 4:17.9.

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