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Sister Nancy Whitley, guidance director at Mercy, reviews the conference's agenda with Mercians Juliann Green, Molly Meath and Molly Titus.

### Artistic Physics

Photos by Joan M. Smith

Painting another Sistine Chapel? Not quite. At right, BKer Fred Knauf is giving a unique face lift to Brother Wright's physics lab by painting a sky complete with stars and planets on the ceiling. The idea was brother Wright's, but it's David Hasenauer (class of '77 and an optics engineering student at the University of Rochester), who is handling the galaxy design that Fred is applying to the ceiling. They're all astronomy buffs who watch the skies and decided to bring the heavens into the classroom.



## Conference Studies Needs of Area Youth

By Joan M. Smith

Youth invaded Nazareth College, Nov. 7, and fanned out to the Otto A. Shults Community Center, the Arts Building and the library to attend the 25 workshops and panel discussions that addressed the Youth Forum theme, "Who Speaks for Youth — Who Listens?" According to committee sources, over 1,000 area young people registered for the one-day conference for youth and youth workers, sponsored by Urbanarium, Inc., and the Rochester Youth Directors' Council. Among those attending were students from area Catholic high schools who not only were in on the planning stages for the forum, but participated in the seminars and workshops and served on the resolutions committee.

There was Monica Jackson from St. Agnes who was a member of the Youth Abuse panel; Mercian Debbie Zakazewski who served on the Family Life panel; Nazareth students, Mary Jane Tomasso, on The Draft, or Alternative Services; Estrilla Williams, For Women Only; and Mary Foley, Youth Services.

Also on hand for the panel discussions were youth workers as well as community leaders in the field of education, employment, youth services, law, recreation and religion. Guest speakers were Ernest Green, assistant secretary, Employment and Training Administration, U.S. Dept. of Labor, and Robert F. Kennedy, Jr., spokesman for the Robert F. Kennedy Memorial.

That morning, the Arts Center auditorium was filled to capacity as Samuel Tramel, Urbanarium, Inc., and Robert Kidera, president of the college, opened the event. Kidera, speaking to the young adults said, "We share your concern about the problems facing youth of today." He went on to emphasize, "You should look ahead not only to tomorrow but to 20 or 30 years from now, and as leaders and decision makers, see what kind of world it is going to be."

After the opening speeches the young adults made their way to their particular areas of interest and while following them around, RapAround asked them why such a conference was important.

"It's right to have a say in what's going on," stated Molley Titus. "We're the people of tomorrow."

Fellow Mercian, Lois Doyle, said the importance of attending was that it was a way "to gain a better understanding of yourself and of society."

### Career Reps Visit Mooney

A career day, an idea originated by Father Haycock and coordinated by the Cardinal Mooney faculty, was held at the school in October. Representatives from numerous career fields — dentistry, computer science, physics, fashion design, cosmetology, human services, carpentry, transportation, journalism — were invited to participate. The program gave the students an opportunity to learn first-hand information about the various careers available.

According to senior Karen Kuhn, who talked with the students afterwards, they all agreed that the day was an informative and worthwhile venture.



### Papers Wanted

The Bishop Kearney paper drive will be Saturday, Dec. 8, from 9-4 p.m. in the school parking lot. For further information contact the school, 342-4000.



Lisa, Emily, Veronica, and Emira prepare for their leadership duties as freshman class officers.

## Speaking Out

By Celeste Schantz  
Our Lady of Mercy

"No one lights a lamp and then puts it under a bushel basket or under a bed; it is put on a lampstand so that whoever comes in can see it."

(Luke 8:16)

As Pope John Paul II entered the White House gates during his visit to America, banners were pointed towards his limousine reading, "The Vatican is not an equal rights employer" and



"Women are God's children, too." The Pope's own view on the ordination of women is in accordance with the church's traditional decision not to call women to the priesthood.

Tradition, that customary, habitual tradition of ours, that although in many cases serves good and sensible purposes, suddenly turns to immovable rock whenever winds of change start to blow. Pope John Paul II, mingling and involving himself with the peoples of the world, has done much good as church leader.

However, I believe that the Holy Father's view on the ordination of women is wrong.

Imagine an observer looking at another world where there is intelligent life and this form is divided physically into group A and group B. Group A is allowed to fulfill their religious vocation to the fullest extent. The latter is not, simply because they are B, and not A. Ridiculous? Yes.

Many take their Bible literally, saying that if God had wanted women to be priests, he would have had

some as apostles. Back then, who do they think would have listened to them, except for a chosen few. Throughout the Bible, women weren't seen as important enough to draw crowds, (except for an occasional stoning.)

Perhaps the most pathetic part is that this cause does not have wide support, even among Catholic women. Many would settle for being nuns. But those women of faith who would like to be priests, the door should be open. No one should have to keep their lamp hidden under a bushel.

## Freshmen Class Elect Officers

After a month and a half of getting to know each other, Nazareth Academy's freshmen went to the polls and elected as their class officers: Veronica Ross, president; Emily Zicari, vice president; Lisa Farrell, secretary; Emira Woods, treasurer.

Veronica is a graduate of Wilson Junior High and was

active in the student government and drill team. Emily was an officer in her eighth grade class at St. Ambrose and at Nazareth she participates in the Drama Club, Freshman Chorus and Speech Club. Lisa was also an officer at her former school, Holy Cross, and was a member of the cheerleading squad. Emira attended St. Stanislaus where she was captain of the basketball team.