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Betsy, Mary Jane and Ester receive some political photos about lobbying methods from Roger Robach, Democratic assemblyman.

Classes Diversified In Teaching Programs

St. Agnes classes have been involved in a variety of learning experiences. Mrs. Ann Marie Van Son's advanced placement history class, with the aid of lawyers Gary Van Son, her husband, and John Glavin, father of class member Colleen, staged a two-hour mock trial. The hearing concerned a number of legal issues, centering on a runaway teenager.

background, such as the Greek or Russian Orthodox. The historical split with the Roman Church, he explained, was a matter of cultural and political forces, rather than religious doctrine.

Miss Mary Lou Wenthe's art students, on a one-to-one basis, had the opportunity of teaching perspective to a teacher. Several faculty members signed up for this tutoring and according to Miss Caldwell, librarian, the most interesting aspect was the role reversal. "I think it helps both, seeing each other as individuals rather than a student-teacher barrier."

Students in the health, psychology and theology classes walked in the shoes of the handicapped for a few minutes, when Ray Geary from the Red Cross conducted a workshop on handicapped awareness. He provided blindfolds to enable students to try being blind, and twine to help them experience getting along without the use of limbs. After the role playing, the students expressed their feelings about the reactions they observed in other students.

In the Social Justice classes, Miss Jean Smith from the Rape Crisis Center cautioned students that education and awareness are the only weapons against rape. In a Child Development class, Mark Head, from the Convalescent Hospital, spoke about abused children and the importance of good parents in the lives of children.

While presenting the history of the Orthodox Church as part of his Emerging Church course, Lucien Cayer invited Father Cyril Stavrenskyon, from St. John the Baptist Catholic Orthodox Church in Rochester, to deal with the history and characteristics of his church. He explained that it is an error to connect his church with ethnic

Many State Laws Born Through Youth Proposals

By Joan M. Smith

Democracy must be learned by each generation, so says the handbook for the New York State Youth and Government Program, sponsored by the YMCA. This project is a citizenry education program for high school youth and its concept assists young people in identifying areas of critical community need that can be alleviated by state level legislation. The program begins in the local communities and among the participants, in the Rochester area, are three Nazareth Academy students; Ester Williams, Elizabeth Hinkleman, and Mary Jane Tomasso.

it; and the improper disposition of persons not guilty by reason of insanity.

Elizabeth went on to explain that the basic issue is, is there ever a time when a person should not be held responsible for his or her actions? She further noted that psychiatry with its emphasis on causes can make it seem as though a person is never really responsible for his or her actions. The young lawmakers, through their proposed bill, hope to keep this complex situation from clogging the courts.

Is there logic in young people putting time and effort into preparing a legislative bill for a mock government session — isn't it a little like playing a game? Not at all.

The project's handbook points out that the final stage of the Youth and Government Program occurs when the state delegates return to their local communities. Appointments are then made with their state representatives to lobby the bills passed by the youth legislature and according to the program's statistics, over 65 current New York State laws were first introduced in the New York State Youth and Government Legislature.

Aside from this concrete evidence of young government at work, Sister Joan McDowell, moderator of the Nazareth group, voiced the girls' opinion when she said, "It's a very good learning experience for both them and me."

The girls became interested in the program through Ricardo Osborne from the Monroe Avenue YMCA. They attended pre-legislative sessions and parliamentary procedure seminars, and last June began formulating a legislative bill. Recently they spent a day at City Hall observing the workings of city government, and Dec. 7-9 will be in Albany to participate in a model youth legislature based on the actual New York State Legislature — and it is there they will present their bill.

Their legislative proposal is to repeal Section 30.305 of the New York State penal code, relating to the insanity defense and enact a new section in its place. The proposal has four sections one of which designates — the plea "not guilty by reason of insanity" shall not be entered in any court of the State of New York, nor shall any evidence relating to the defendant's insanity be admissible to trial.

According to Elizabeth, the intent of the bill is to bypass many of the current problems of the insanity defense, including misunderstanding; the expense of establishing insanity which makes the defense difficult for some who should be using it; its use by some who shouldn't be using



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Ice Ballet

While Rochester crowds and the BK band watched, Mercian Lisanne Marie Noon performed in ceremonies that opened the Xerox skating rink, Nov. 19. She is a member of the Genesee Figure Skating Club.

Speaking Out

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Picture this: A metal shop within a large company like Eastman Kodak with 20 young males exploring a career in metal fabrication — but look closer — there is a girl there, working right along with them, operating machines, bending and shaping metal according to the specifications of a blueprint.

This wasn't always a common sight. Until a few years ago, the Explorer Program, a branch of the Boy Scouts of America, was only available to males. It was not that females weren't allowed to participate in this program — they simply had no desire to "tread on male territory."

But now, things are changing. In the past decade, young women have begun to show a growing

interest in careers concerning the many facets of industrial arts. The Explorer's Program has been around for a while and it's about time women took advantage of the opportunity.

Participation in this program gives girls as well as boys a taste of different careers. As a member in an explorer post, a female can experience first hand what operations, duties and procedures are required for a career she may be interested in.

Many of the post advisors agree that more girls should experiment with this orientation program. They agree that it helps an individual see what he likes or dislikes, which in turn, influences the decision he will make about his life.

Last year, my post advisor made an interesting statement: "Having both males and females in an Explorer Post tends to in-

crease the productivity of the group as a whole, as well as develop the single person. Also, having both sexes present initiates a sort of healthy, friendly competition with other members and yourself."

There are still many aspects that must be altered if the Explorer's Program is to work equally well for both males and females. I have noticed that the program, especially the technical, industrial, and engineering posts, is made more attractive to the young man; it is not presented in a way that is appealing to young women.

Because this program, in the past, has been "male-dominated", many girls feel reluctant to get involved in it. But I strongly urge that more girls should try and break the barriers, be confident and sure of themselves, ignore narrow-minded views, and do what they want to do.

JA Sale

The first Junior Achievement of Rochester Trade Fair of the 1979-80 program year will be held at the Wilson Commons, University of Rochester campus, Dec. 8, 10-5 p.m. Achievers from 25 companies will offer for sale such items as pen and pencil holders, aluminum coat hangers, wall plaques, candles, jumper cables and games.

Food Drive

Aquinas senior Theology students are collecting food for the benefit of the Action for a Better Community, now through Dec. 7. The project, sponsored by Mrs. Havens, will replenish stocks for the elderly and those faced with crisis situations.

Casting Call For BK Kabaret

There will be a meeting for Bishop Kearney parents and alumni parents who either wish to participate in the Kearney Kabaret, or serve on the various committees, in the auditorium, Dec. 11, 7:30 p.m. Experienced regulars as well as new faces are welcomed and encouraged to attend.

The Kabaret "Show of Shows" will be presented, Feb. 1, 2, and highlights will include a special portion of music featuring songs from World War II and the music of Anthony Newley.

Those who are unable to

attend the Dec. 11 meeting, may volunteer services by calling Vincent S. Parks, Jr., 671-6899.

Aquinas Concerts

On Dec. 13, the Aquinas Band will be playing at Midtown Plaza. The school's Christmas concert will be on Dec. 16, 3 p.m., in the school auditorium. Coordinating the event are Pat and Paul Turck and Clara and Robert Illingworth. Tickets are \$1 and may be purchased from Father Cerretto, or at the door on the day of the concert.