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Dunya, Cindy, Eileen and Shari reading career pamphlets made available through the school's guidance department.

## Early Opportunities To Pursue Interests Can Open Door to Careers

By Joan M. Smith

An effort is being made over at St. Agnes to introduce the students to the availability of non-sexist careers. Since federal legislation in the early seventies, classes in electronics, auto mechanics, carpentry, plumbing, etc., are no longer closed to women; and home economics, child development and nursing classes are no longer off limits for the male. It is this fact that is being focused on in a vocational awareness project spearheaded by the St. Agnes guidance department.

Parents, students, faculty have all been exposed to what is involved in the career planning process. Vocational instruction was discussed at a parents meeting in February and in March there was a workshop "Career choices in a changing world; options of the 80s" under the direction of June Hubner, originator of the funded project that includes the Board of Cooperative Education Services (BOCES); Sperry, Roth and St. Agnes high schools.

Growing from this workshop, career learning sessions have been available through St. Agnes' English and theology classes. Recently, Ms. Bettie Geen's sophomore English classes had the opportunity of hearing about vocational offerings at the Foreman Center, Fairport, where 16 St. Agnes students are presently taking various classes. The BOCES speakers, James Decker, Teri Capozzi, and Matt Murawski, explained the availability of and the opportunities offered in the non-sexist vocations.

But whether it's a non-traditional or traditional job that beckons an individual, career awareness is an evident concern for all students right down to the freshmen. And according to the students, it is parents, close friends and guidance counselors who influence them most in their vocation decisions.

Her mother's work with the

Urban League prompted freshman Dunya Johnson's interest in criminal justice, especially the probation aspect of law enforcement. She is actively involved with the Urban League's Law Enforcement Minority Manpower Project (LEMMPP), and also works with the league's Outreach Program.

Sophomore Eileen Blanda became interested in landscaping by a sister who worked for a landscaping company. "I've always liked being outdoors," Eileen said, though noting that landscaping is seasonal work. However, she has a backup interest — marine biology and is contemplating joining an explorers club to learn scuba diving.

Junior Cindy Zamites and freshman Shari Claus know their automobile engines and are both intrigued by machinery. Cindy used to watch her father repair the car

and now they both work on the engine. Shari's interest came about from visiting her cousin's farm where she said there is heavy machinery that has to be kept in working order. Right now these two girls think of mechanical capabilities as hobbies. The computer field intrigues Cindy as a career possibility, and Shari is investigating the aviation field for her future.

Though all the girls have high school to finish, and their career ideas may change, they are at least thinking about their futures and the alternative vocations that are open to them. They all agreed this was the important factor — allowing time to investigate their interests and plan for career opportunities rather than suddenly being seniors without knowing what they want to do or what training is needed in order to take their place in the labor force.



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## Swinging into Spring

Seniors Ken Delafraier, band president, and Dan Korn practice for the Bishop Kearney Spring Concert, Tuesday, May 20. The musical agenda includes "The Sinfonians Symphonic March" by Clifton Williams; music from "Chorus Line," and the theme from "Superman." The bands, under the direction of Ray Shahin, will have a busy May. The marching band will perform in the Lilac Festival, May 17; all bands will participate in the concert, May 20; the marching band will be on hand for the Memorial Day Parade, May 26 and will perform again at St. Ann's School May 27, and at St. Rita's May 30. All bands will turn out for the Irondequoit Band Day, June 1.

## On Stage At Mercy

"Feiffer's People" by Jules Feiffer is a satirical look at life and people of the 60s and 70s, and will be presented in Our Lady of Mercy High School auditorium, May 9-10, 8 p.m. Tickets are \$2 and may be purchased at the door.

## Speaker Discusses Parenting

Geneva — Frank Petrus, youth counselor for Ontario County, spoke on parenting skills to DeSales high school seniors in a program sponsored by the guidance and religion departments.

He reported statistics about today's parents and explained how times have changed. Today, he said, many people place material things ahead of personal relationships, such as having a car rather than a good marriage. He mentioned that one of the priorities of most people in 1957 was to have a good, fulfilling job while in 1979 the priority was a job that paid good money. Top priorities of most people in 1979 were physical things, he said.

Petrus explained how this current trend is affecting families, saying that the average parent spends only 37 seconds a day in actual conversation with his/her child. He said children need more positive influence in their lives to overcome the effects of materialism of today.

## Senior Night Out

It will be Senior Citizen night over at St. Agnes tomorrow evening. Seniors will be treated to a presentation of the school's play, "Li'l Abner." Performance is at 8 p.m. at the East River Road school.



Mary receives her typing pin from Sister Dolores.

## Nazareth Notes

At the recent banquet sponsored by the Greece Recreation Swim Club, Blue Marlins, Nazareth student Lynn Pittway received a certificate for her first year of swimming, a patch from the Genesee Valley Swimming Association signifying that she participated in more than two swimming league meets, and a certificate for her participation in the Swim for Lives event. This latter award was given by the New York State Division of the American Cancer Society for Lynn's sponsored swim that earned \$150 for the organization.



LYNN PITTWAY

All Nazareth Academy business students are members of the Future Secretaries Club which is moderated by Sister Ruth Magin.

## Memories At McQuaid

McQuaid parents, faculty, and alumni, under the direction of Father William O'Malley, will be singing and dancing in an exuberant production, "The Happy Time," this Friday and Saturday, 8 p.m. The stage show will be held in the school gym.

## Last Curtain

This weekend will be the last performances of the Cardinal Mooney stage presentation of "Fiorello." Curtain goes up at 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday nights.

## Winner

Sue Powers, a senior at Nazareth Academy, was the recipient of the Winner's Circle \$5 for week of April 23.

## On The Go

### BISHOP KEARNEY

Thursday, May 8 — Sophomore PAX Day, B-221, 7th period.

Friday, May 9 — No classes, faculty meeting; Junior Prom, Burgundy Basin Inn, 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, May 13 — Freshmen PAX Day, A-102, 8th period.

### CARDINAL MOONEY

Friday, May 9 — Carnation and baked food sale.

May 9-10 — "Fiorello" presentation; CCD May 9-10, 9:10-15 a.m.

May 12-13 — Cheerleading tryouts in gym.

Monday, May 12 — Men's Guild Board meeting.

Tuesday, May 13 — Girls Athletic Association baked food sale.

### DeSALES

Saturday, May 10 — Parents, friends and alumni Spring dance.

Monday, May 12 — Board of Trustees meeting.

### McQUAID

Friday, May 9 — No classes, faculty conference day.

May 9-10 — Parents' show.

Monday, May 12 — AP exam, English.

Tuesday, May 13 — AP exam, Physics.

Wednesday, May 14 — AP exam, Calculus.

### NAZARETH

May 8-9 — Student Council elections.

Thursday, May 8 — Band concerts in elementary schools: St. Charles, 10 a.m.; Our Lady of Mercy, 1 p.m.; Edison Tech parent conference; roller skating party, Olympic Roller Rink, 7-10 p.m.

Sunday, May 11 — Mother's Day, PATON Communion breakfast.

Monday, May 12 — Alumnae banquet, Logan's.

6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, May 13 — Women's Career Day, 8:30 a.m.

Freshman Chorus and Soph Tones, 2:40-3:30 p.m.; Student Council rep meeting, 2:40-3:30 p.m.; department head meeting, Home Ec building, 3 p.m.

Wednesday, May 14 — Miscellaneous Day; Freshman Chorus and Soph Tones, 2:40-3:30 p.m.

### OUR LADY OF MERCY

Thursday, May 8 — Parents' Board dinner meeting, 6:30 p.m.

### ST. AGNES

Thursday, May 8 — "Li'l Abner" presentation for senior citizens, 8 p.m.

May 9-10 — "Li'l Abner," 8 p.m.

Monday, May 12 — Spanish III to competition at St. Bonaventure's.

Tuesday, May 13 — Issues assembly.

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