

RapAround

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Week's Aim: Caring Causes

By Joan M. Smith

Excitement ran high at St. Agnes last week. And for good reason. Students were in the midst of a Human Development Week, Nov. 12-19, which the promoters had declared a success. The Human Development Committee, moderated by Mrs. Marie Casciani and Lucien Cayer, was responsible for the week of activities that spanned a wide spectrum of human concerns. From the Nov. 14 assembly that was shared by Jane Haney from the Association of the Blind, and Sylvia Thompson, Amnesty International, to a Handicapped Awareness Day, Grandparent's Day, and ending with a Clown "Fools for Christ" Day, the goals of

the organization came through loud and clear — to make students aware of human needs and to motivate them to share their time in answering these needs.

Plans for the Human Development Week began in mid-October when the student committee members began their individual tasks. Heidi Foerg, along with RapAround coordinator Liz Flow, coordinated the Grandparent's Day. Senior Anne Bluntzer took charge of the bulletin displays that featured the Week's theme, "Reaching In; Reaching Out." Peggy Crowley handled plans for the Clown Day. Rebecca Culp coordinated the Handicapped Awareness Day. June White, Theresa Campaniello, and

Chris Glavin also worked on plans.

Committee members told RapAround that the focus this year of Human Development is on sharing time and service rather than fund raising projects — although if financial opportunities present themselves, all well and good. They agreed that the organization is a moving force within the school and influences the character of the school. "People realize," explained Heidi, "more about what the Human Development Committee is doing." And publicity they feel is the answer. Through the St. Agnes Intercom, Courier-Journal, the school's radio station WTNT, and school

displays, students are made aware that there is a place and a need for their time and talents.

Although Human Development Week is over, the committee's work has just started. Planned projects include the school's blood drive, Dec. 1; visits to nursing homes; the sponsoring of the Christmas Formal; Christmas baskets for the needy; and working on Operation Bread Box.

Describing the Human Development Committee, Mrs. Casciani said, "We are an organization of individuals who care about themselves and others to make the St. Agnes community and their environment a better place to live in."



Photo by Terrance J. Brennan
Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Budinski sit in on granddaughter Angel Schneider's (in beanie) class.

What Generation Gap?

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Mrs. Mary Goforth was having a great time! She had just come from Music and Business Math classes and was surrounded by a group of students. When asked which one was her granddaughter they said they all were. Mrs. Goforth laughed and said it was all right with her.

Mrs. Goforth (granddaughter, sophomore Deanna Cole) was one of some 30 grandparents who joined their grandchildren at St. Agnes for Grandparents Day, sponsored by the Human Development Committee. Although the first snowstorm of the winter dumped six inches on Rochester, it didn't deter the grandmothers and grandfathers from venturing out, and seeing through their own eyes what today's

school life was all about.

What did Mrs. Goforth see as the biggest change since her school days? "The freedom," she answered. "The kids are freer and I think that is good. There's more unity in freedom."

The biggest change for one grandfather was the size of the school. He recalled having attended school in a one-room building that contained all eight grades. He was warned by a fellow grandfather not to get caught in the halls between classes!

It was a Math class that had Mrs. Elizabeth Blanda shaking her head over the new teaching methods, but granddaughter Eileen and friends told her not to worry; they weren't getting it either!

Mrs. Kathleen Schultz, Erin Maxey's grandmother, had just come into the cafeteria to have a quick cup of coffee before she started on her heavy schedule — classes in Afro Asian History, Latin, and Art. She found the uniform to be the biggest change since her school days. As a Nazareth Academy graduate, she remembered only too well the black dresses, black stockings, and "those long bloomers we wore for gym suits," she laughed.

The grandparents had a delightful time meeting their grandchildren's friends and teachers. One grandmother confided to RapAround that she wouldn't mind enrolling at St. Agnes but she would come in as a senior. None of this coming up through the ranks!



Enjoying a break in the festivities are seated from left: Louise DeLaroche with her grandfather Casper Dambra; Lucy Cala with granddaughter Lenore Cortese; Marion Welter and granddaughter Mary Buggie; Kathleen Carson with her granddaughter, Koleen Koerper standing behind her. Standing are members of the Human Life Committee: Heidi Foerg, Chris Glavin, Rebecca Culp, Anne Bluntzer, Theresa Campaniello, Liz Flow, Mrs. Marie Casciani.

Viewing Vocations

Brother Raymond Powers, CSC, Father Robert Wiseman, CSC, and Sister Kathleen Mary O'Connell, RSM, will present a Vocations Awareness Program, Dec. 9, in the Brothers' residence at Cardinal Mooney High School. Twenty-five seniors who are interested in Church ministry as a future career will participate. The day will feature a film, group discussions, time for quiet prayer and reflection, lunch, a penance service and a liturgy.

CAM Adds to Holiday

Mercy's Christian Action Movement (CAM) sponsored a Thanksgiving collection for the Melita House. Students brought to school small personal items including soap and toothpaste that were delivered to the Catholic Worker, Nov. 25.

Little Irish Grad Playing Strong For Yellowjackets

University of Rochester freshman linebacker Willie Southerland, filling in for the injured Dave McVicker, was named Eastern College Athletic Conference (ECAC) co-Rookie of the Week for his performance in the Yellowjackets' 17-17 tie against Alfred Nov. 8. He was the key tackler on 12 separate defensive plays.

Southerland is a 1980 graduate of Aquinas Institute and has been playing the strong side linebacker role since Oct. 4 when McVicker, a sophomore, injured his back. According to coach Pat Stark, "Willie has really come on strong and the enthusiasm he conveys on the field is catching."

Southerland shares his weekly honor with Charlie Richardson of Bates College.



WILLIE SOUTHERLAND



Photo by Joan M. Smith

Computer Challenge

Paul Allan and Randy Shean, Bishop Kearney teacher, watch as Dave Reinhart puts the school's new computer through its paces. The machine is a TRS-80 and according to the computer enthusiasts it can do just about anything. Shean teaches Computer Science and Biology.