



Fashion Show

The Bishop Kearney Mothers Club will present their annual Spring Fashion Show at 8 p.m. on Thursday, March 19, at Bishop Kearney High School, 125 Kings Hwy. S. Students and their mothers will model clothes from Casual Corner, shoes from Altiers, and jewelry from Hershberg's. Hairstyles will be courtesy of Shear Ego. Above, from left, Kearney student Kristy Gau shows off a blouse that will be part of the show to Brother John O'Brien, Mary Gau, Kathy Krowl, president of the Mothers Club, and Mary Jean Herberger, chairman of the fashion show. A limited number of tickets at \$3 each will be sold at the door and can also be purchased in advance by calling the school at 342-4000.

Dialysis

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meals that "I don't go around gnawing at the woodwork."

As for many others, a transplant holds the hope of an end of the treatments for Mrs. Aker. Tissue samples are sent to the Upstate Medical Center in Syracuse each month, and she waits for the call to go there for a transplant. She tries not to place too much hope in a transplant, she said; even after getting the call, additional tests may indicate that she and the donor are not closely enough matched, and the transplant won't take place.



Making change for a snack bar customer at the Arnot-Ogden Hospital is kidney dialysis patient Fran Aker. Mrs. Aker is a volunteer at the hospital.

Mrs. Aker is one of 43 patients currently getting regular dialysis at the Arnot-Ogden Hospital. An additional six patients are using home dialysis. Mrs. Shields explained that there are several reasons why more patients don't do home dialysis. A second person at

Dialysis Is Costly

The life-saving dialysis treatments would be a financial burden few persons could bear. The three weekly treatments typically cost \$130 each, giving the average patient an annual bill exceeding \$20,000.

To insure that the treatment is not stopped for financial reasons, in 1973 a special rider was added to the federal Medicare program which provides Medicare coverage for nearly all those who have suffered permanent kidney failure, regardless of age. Dialysis, transplant and other medical costs of the kidney patient are all covered. Kidney disease is the only illness to receive such special treatment.

Medicare pays 80 percent of the "reasonable charge" for all such services. Often a private health insurance pays the remainder.

Approximately 45,000 persons nationwide are kept alive by dialysis; their Medicare coverage costs the federal government more than \$1 billion annually.

home must be able to do the treatment, she said, and some other patients don't want to learn the procedure.

A few patients who have no home backup learn to do the treatment and then treat themselves in the hospital. Susan Dana, hospital Community Relations director, noted that that gives the patients more control over their treatment, and they tend to then be more conscientious about their diet.

The patients tend to be more disabled than their doctors would like, Mrs. Shields said, placing the blame on employers who won't hire

them, and on Medicare disability rules which make it difficult for patients to take a job. Several dialysis patients do volunteer work at the hospital.

Dialysis is only available at regional centers, and patients often have to travel many miles to get to the Arnot-Ogden for treatment. That can be a problem, especially in the winter; Mrs. Shields said that they have had patients arrive in ambulances, police cars, and, during the Agnes flood in 1972, patients were flown in by helicopter. She supports additional dialysis installations at other hospitals to reduce travel problems.



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Associates Exchange Parishes

The Pastoral Office announced last week that Father Stephen R. Kraus, associate pastor of St. Joseph's Parish in Penfield, and Father Robert C. Doell, associate pastor of St. Mary's in Waterloo, will exchange their pastoral assignments, today, March 11.

Career Seminar Scheduled

A Life/Career Planning Workshop, aimed at helping "people learn about themselves and occupations," is planned for 7:30 p.m., Wednesday, March 14 at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, corner of East Ave. and Vick Park B.

The series, hosted by Boike Counseling, Inc., is "recommended for homemakers wishing to reenter the job market, career changers, liberal arts graduates, and mid-life or retirement-age career changer," according to a release.

Heading the six-week course will be Dr. Mary Hodgson, Ph.D., a Boike Counseling associate; and Paul Wurtenberg, an employment counselor with Management Recruiters of Rochester, Inc.

To register or for further information, those interested may call Boike Counseling, 385-1952.

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 What's a Marriage Encounter weekend all about? Basically, it's a 44-hour experience (Friday evening to Sunday afternoon) designed to give married couples the opportunity to celebrate their lives together. It's a time to share feelings, hopes, joys, frustrations and dreams. In a private atmosphere — away from all the tensions and distractions of everyday life.

A time for us to be alone
 There is no group discussion. On a Marriage Encounter, you concentrate on your spouse to such an extent that you're hardly aware of the other couples present. The presentations are given to the group as a whole. After each presentation the husband and wife have time in the privacy of their own room for their own personal sharing. Marriage Encounter is not a marriage clinic, a sensitivity session, or a retreat. It's unlike anything you may have heard about or experienced before.

A time to look at ourselves
 What happens at a Marriage Encounter? A series of talks are given by a team of trained couples and a priest. Each talk gives a husband and wife an opportunity to look at themselves as individuals. Then they examine their relationship together, and how to build on the love they already have.

A marriage encounter weekend is not something you need — it's something you deserve.
 Up-coming weekends:
 March 13-15; 27-29;
 April 10-12;
 May 1-3; 15-17
 A \$15. registration fee is required to insure reservations. Couples are asked to make a contribution on the weekend. However, we do not want money to be the reason for any couple staying away from the Encounter. An anonymous blank envelope contribution is asked for on the weekend, and more details given then.

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