

St. Agnes to Offer Expanded Courses

St. Agnes High School will reopen on Wednesday, Sept. 9, with freshmen only reporting for a half-day. Full sessions will be held on Thursday and Friday. A faculty meeting will take place on Wednesday afternoon.

On Thursday morning, an hour-long program on time management will be conducted for all students. This is the first in a series of programs to orient students to aspects of effective and Christian living. In each of the succeeding quarters of the school year, one of the following topics will be dealt with: stress management; listening skills, and manners of praying. Thursday's schedule will continue with half hour classes.

The mathematics department will begin the year with new reinforcement. Through funding provided largely by the Parents Club, six computers have been acquired. In addition, a new course, new facilities, and new programs will strengthen the department's effectiveness.

A computer programming course will be taught by Mrs. Rosemary Mahoney, department head. Sister Ann Concepta, new to the department, will teach remedial math, involving computers; she will also preside in the math resource room. Some units in physics, with Sister Anne Alderman as instructor, will draw on computer resources.



Students Bernadina Merante and Pam Agliata try out two of the new computers. Standing are Sister Anne, Ed and Mary Ellen Caster, Parents Club officers; and Sister Marie Castagnaro, vice principal.

Both calculus and math 12 are taught as college subjects, with credit granted by Nazareth College. Entering freshmen receive placement to match their level of achievement. The department, according to Mrs. Mahoney, will field a team to participate in the competitive activities sponsored by the Monroe County Math League. An opportunity to compete in the annual National Math Competition will also be provided for students.

The art department is opening an additional room, 105, as a special ceramics room. This new space will not only accommodate the larger number of students

taking art but also provide for a new emphasis on ceramics production. The "mud room" implies, according to Mrs. Patricia Sheridan, teacher, "bigger and more challenging projects." The senior art course will have the new title of "Graphics and Ceramics."

Interest in the Monroe County Mock Trial tournaments, during the past three years has led to the introduction of a new course in law. Mrs. Annmarie Van Son, dean of students, will be the teacher. The course will deal with fundamentals of law, as encountered in ordinary living.

The sports season will open with soccer competition in the Sodas Tournament on Sept. 11 and 12. St. Agnes, as a member of the Private-Parochial League, participates in all sports.

Familiar Face Leaves Mercy

When school reopens for the fall term at Our Lady of Mercy High School, a familiar face will no longer be present. Jeanette T. Culross, a secretary at Mercy for the past 23 years, has retired, effective Aug. 15.

Since her youth, Mercy has been a very important part of Mrs. Culross' life. She graduated from Mercy in 1933, a member of the second graduating class. After high school, she pursued a secretarial career, taking courses at the University of Syracuse.

In 1941, she was married to R. Peter Culross. Many years ago, she was president of the Mercy Alumnae Association and very involved with the school's activities.

During the late '50s, after

MOS Keeps Special Project

Two teachers at Mother of Sorrows School in Greece, Mrs. Mary Jane Brigandi and Mary Lou DiJune, have been implementing a State Education Department Mini Project Grant called Talents Unlimited.

The focus is on multiple talent training for all students in areas of productive thinking, planning, communication, forecasting and decision making. Students working with these higher skills should do well on the new PEP tests, it is hoped. This year, MOS will continue with Talents Unlimited. Anyone interested should call 633-1100.



JEANETTE CULROSS

her six children were raised, she returned to Mercy as a secretary in the main office. She has also been the attendance secretary, and, until her retirement, held the position of tuition secretary.

Looking back on her years at Mercy, Mrs. Culross said, "The people have been just marvelous; the kids — super. I have developed great friendships. Being with the girls at the school has kept me younger, more with it, up on the ideas of the younger generation."

Her future plans include vacationing in Florida during the winter months and spending more time with her husband, Peter, who is a retired photographer from the Eastman Kodak Company and Gannett papers. She hopes to learn and write braille and has offered her services to become a literacy volunteer.

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