

# BK Readies Welcome For 1550 Students

On Sept. 8, the doors of Bishop Kearney High School will open to 1550 students. While the teachers new to Bishop Kearney will have special sessions, all teachers report the day after Labor Day. Students from all classes will be in at various times during the same week, but not until Friday will they first run through the complete schedule.

The students will find a new computer lab outfitted with 24 Sinclair mini-computers. This will enable an entire class to experience "hands on" instruction during each session. The students' greater interest has necessitated the enlargement of these facilities. Bruce Miller, head of the computer department, is already preparing the groundwork for a follow-up Lab II program in September of 1982. Miller has been instrumental in using the computer to facilitate the work of the guidance department and the administration department of summer school.

Some of the incoming freshmen will benefit from a two-year developmental reading program. Instead of a second language, these students will concentrate on perfecting reading skills to prepare better for other scholastic endeavors.

The start of a Life Skills Program with this year's freshmen is the largest long-

range program beginning this year. During the past summer, working on a curriculum development committee were teachers: Anita Apostale, Jean Hoffman, Mrs. Judy Finn, and Mrs. Sue LaFica. In the word of Brother Brian M. Walsh, principal, the Life Skills Program, a four-year discipline, will be a "series of required courses that provides the student with learning experiences in areas that help foster self-actualization and decision making."

The first-year students will be attending these classes for three periods per week one semester and two periods per week the other.

Some of the topics to be discussed in this new program are an orientation to high school, particularly to Bishop Kearney, and skills needed for scholastic life, such as listening, reading a textbook, studying, coping without alcohol and drugs, the art of discussing, and note-taking. These topics will be taught by Mr. and Mrs. John Finn and Brother Ron Howe.

A few of the topics to be developed for the future years in this curriculum are computer literacy, career awareness, how to pick a college, and personal money management.

Brother Walsh, in his message to the students for the year, says: "The start of

each school year is a time to pause and reflect on what has been, what is, and what can be. While what has been was important in forming the person we are now (with our strengths and weaknesses), it cannot be a focus for our lives.

"What can be is our cause for hope. What can be is the focus of what is in the here and now. What we do from now on will be the chief determiner of the effect in our lives of what has been and the former of our can be's."

# McQuaid Opens With Changes

McQuaid Jesuit High School will open its doors on Sept. 11 to welcome 830 students for their first full day of school. In anticipation of their arrival, many physical improvements are being made.

A new section on the lower level will house a biology classroom and an advanced placement biology classroom, plus a small gym. To complement this addition, a series of classrooms has been redesigned for better integration of the earth science and IPS classes.

On the same level, the art room has been enlarged and the typing room and bookstore have been modernized with new ceilings and floors.

The seismograph room has been renovated. The system is expected to be functional and in full operation in the near future.

Another exciting improvement is the refurbishing of the gym, which includes new mercury arc lights, new bleachers, a coat of paint and a refinished floor.

On the academic side at McQuaid, innovation comes in the form of new programs. The history department will be strengthened with the introduction of two electives: anthropology and modern European history. It will also expand its economic

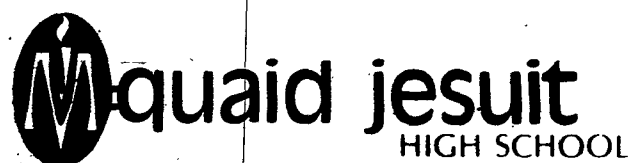
course to cover both semesters. Because of the popularity of Latin, five sections will be offered this year. Humanities will be a new addition to the English department.

To encourage scholastic excellence, academic letters will be awarded to deserving students at the end of each semester. A point system, devised by the students and teachers, will determine the recipient of the award.

The counseling center, which was new last year, has been expanded to include another office and a new counselor, Father Thomas Kenny, SJ. The center provides more space for college and career reference materials, more space for students using them and the capacity for adding new technology and services as they become available.

This summer the school completed the 13th summer session of its Higher Achievement Program (HAP). On the recommendation of elementary schools in the greater Rochester area, pre-eighth grade boys participate in a five-week program of academic and athletic activities.

The purpose of the program is to prepare these boys for college preparatory courses in high school by challenging them to higher levels of academic and personal achievement while reinforcing their self-confidence.



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