

Mercy administration expands school day to eight periods

The administration of Our Lady of Mercy High School has taken an exciting educational step in expanding the school schedule from a seven- to an eight-period day, beginning this fall. According to Sister Judith Heberle, principal, the decision will allow students more flexibility in their schedules, helping them to better meet the stringent requirements of the new Regents Action Plan and providing time to take more enrichment courses.

In implementing this change, the school also has expanded its art and music departments. In the future, the eighth period will allow for such further opportunities as a math resource room or an English writers room.

In addition to expanding the school day, Mercy High plans special "activity periods" to be inserted in the school schedule at least twice a month. These periods will allow students more time for extra-curricular activities. All Mercy students are strongly encouraged to become involved in at least one club or organization, in addition to a competitive sport. Sister Heberle hopes that this new period will eventually allow for such opportunities as a student dance group, more volunteer projects and a greater number of school clubs.

According to Sister Heberle, the thrust of all Mercy's changes is to help the students advance educationally, as well as physically, so-

cially and spiritually.

Sister Maureen Servas, campus minister at Mercy, is also making new plans for the 1987-88 school year. In the coming months, she will work to develop more community-service activities for the students, and to build more community within the student body itself. The traditional "Mission Days" will be expanded to "Mission Month" in March, in an effort to make students more knowledgeable about the 31 missions Mercy students help support and to provide students with more hands-on mission experience. Each year, the Campus Ministry board selects a theme for the upcoming school year, and for 1987-88, the theme is

"How beautiful are the feet of those who bring peace (Isaiah)." Sister Servas hopes this theme will inspire students to do some "walking."

In other school news, Mercy is planning such special events as a celebration marking the 200th anniversary of the U.S. Constitution, a drug/alcohol education program, and a career day involving local graduates.

Mercy also announces the appointment of Joan Brandenburg as director of recruitment and publicity. Brandenburg, former news and public-affairs director at WHECTV10 and anchor/producer of the noon news, joined the Mercy staff August 3.

Driving school stresses skills, responsibility; three Mooney teachers 'fish on golden ponds'

Although many of us think of summer as a period of little school activity, this summer has been anything but quiet at Cardinal Mooney High School.

"In driver education, it is our hope that the students come to an understanding of the serious responsibility involved in driving a car and that they develop skills and attitudes that will bring a ticket-free, accident-free life of driving," said Jerry Hertweck, instructor.

This is the philosophy upon which the summer driver-education program at Cardinal Mooney High School is based. The class ended in July, after only a month of training, but not until each of the 132 students had been put through the paces of classroom and on-the-road instruction. Driving a car is but one facet of the process; at Mooney, emphasis is placed not only on the skills of driving but on the responsibility of driving as well.

Students in the summer program hailed from seven area high schools. The New York state-approved course was monitored by five instructors; in addition to Hertweck, they are: Al Cretny, Mike Haugh, Tom Neary, Dick

Goeltz and Ralph Clapp.

While the driving instructors kept themselves busy on area highways, three Mooney teachers spent part of their summer on "golden ponds," fishing for information.

Eileen Malloy-Desormeaux, Susan Sullivan and John Walker were among 15 area high school teachers involved in a national research project at Braddock Bay. The project, which is funded by the National Science Foundation, involves environmental analysis of the bay area.

The teachers worked with the State Environmental Quality Review process, which is used to furnish information useful to government in considering various land-use proposals. In so doing, the teachers gained valuable insight into the environmental review process — insights they will soon be able to pass on to their science students.

"So far the project is demanding but fun," Malloy-Desormeaux said not long ago. "We have already learned techniques for sampling fish and invertebrates near the shoreline, and how to determine the amount of current in a stream."

New administrator, faculty mark changes at Nazareth

The forthcoming academic year will be filled with changes at Nazareth Academy. In addition to the new principal, Sister Ann Collins, SSJ, former principal of St. Ambrose Grammar School, Nazareth will welcome eight new teachers, including four Sisters of St. Joseph.

Karen Savella, who previously taught at Greece Athena High School will join Nazareth's English department, and Ruth Hauser, a 1987 master's degree graduate of St. Bernard's Institute, will bring her expertise in theology to the religious studies department.

The junior-high social studies department will welcome Kevin Brinkman, who previously taught at St. Andrew's School. Sister Mary Clouser, formerly the principal of St. Theo-

dore's School, will be teaching in the science department. Sister Constance Bickford, comes to Nazareth's Master Learning Program from special education in the Elmira Catholic School System.

Sister Anna Derouchie, who previously taught at St. Stanislaus School, will become a familiar face in the Nazareth library. Other new faces will be Sister Margaret Kunder, a former pastoral assistant at St. Michael's in Penn Yan, who will be charged with recruitment and fund-raising activities; and Sister Kay Nicosia, formerly associate director of public relations for the Diocese of Rochester, who will divide her efforts at Nazareth between public-relations duties and teaching in the art department.

Entering 63rd year, Aquinas Institute greets new principal

Aquinas Institute begins its 63rd year by welcoming Father Harry Gardner, CSB, as its new principal. Father Gardner brings with him a background in education and administration on both the high-school and college levels. He is looking forward to meeting the faculty and students, and working with them to maintain Aquinas' tradition of academic excellence.

Although the academic year will not begin for a few weeks, school activities are soon to begin for some Aquinas students. This month, many school athletes will participate in a Little Irish football camp in preparation of the fall season.

Meanwhile, members of the Aquinas March-

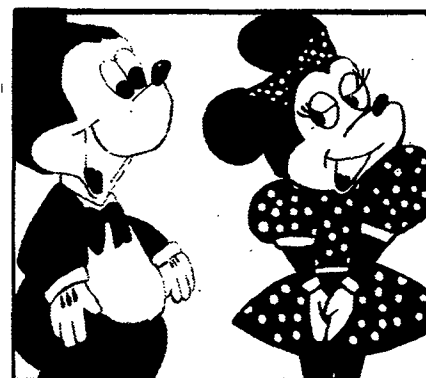
ing Band and Color Guard will be participating in a two-week band camp to get up for a season of field-band competition. The highlight of the season will be the Oktoberfest of Bands, which will take place at Aquinas on October 4.

Incoming freshmen will be the first to begin the academic year at Aquinas, with an orientation session for parents and students on the evening of September 8. The next day, freshmen will enjoy a field day and picnic, while the rest of the student body participates in an orientation session. The first full day of classes at AQ will be September 10.



Larry Mitchell of Rochester's Blackman and Farrell Electric Company installs a new fire alarm system at Nazareth Academy on Lake Avenue.

Catholic high schools undergo renovations for new school year



Theresa E. Gardner


Cardinal Mooney students displayed their artistic talents by painting Mickey and Minnie Mouse on the walls of the new babysitting room for faculty children at the Greece high school.



These piled-up chairs will soon be returned to their original classroom at Mooney.

HOUSE OF GUITARS

We received only 1 correct entry identifying The Supremes as the group with the most #1 records besides Elvis Presley and the Beatles.



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