

The HORIZON

MARIST BROTHERS INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL
 KOBE, JAPAN

MARIST INVADERS : AWAJI COLLEGE PREP.

On Tuesday, September 18th, blessed with excellent weather, the high school started their orientation to Awaji Island. After 30 min. on the ferry and an hour and a half in the bus we got to the Awaji, "Seinen no Ie," where we stayed for the next two days.

After having lunch, the 7th, 8th & 9th graders went cycling while the higher class graders went hiking. Some students went to play tennis. The junior high students cycled for about 2 miles to reach the top of a steep hill. "Coming down at full speed was the best part," said one. However, they all confessed that it was very tiring. The 10th, 11th and 12th graders walked for many miles under the scorching hot sun. All the students returned exhausted.

The next morning, all high school students rowed with all their might on cutters. Altogether there were 7 cutters, with 8 oars in each. Each boat consisted of no more than 25 persons, with 2 people on each oar. The rowing was a rather strenuous task. Due to a lack of time, we did not have races on the cutters like last year.

On the same day after lunch, the 7th, 8th and 9th graders went hiking this time while the other classes went cycling. Some students, like the day before, played tennis. In the evening, the 7th, 8th and 9th graders had their campfire. The higher classes had theirs on the previous evening. There were many enjoyable performances including Brother Vincent's ghost story.

The orientation was a pleasant one although the food was not too good and the rules of the Seinen no Ie were very strict. Most students thought that last year's trip was more enjoyable than this one. But the campfire was more organized this year. On the whole the orientation was a success.

Piyusha Jhaveri



As is the case every year, most juniors and seniors will be preparing to go to college and making important decisions. Starting next month, plans to help them do so are awaiting them.

The first college seminar will be held on October 26th, for Grade 11, 12, and maybe Grade 10 students and their parents. Father Del Campano, Dean of Joche Daigaku International College, will probably address the students after whom Father Macdonald and the high school teachers will answer questions that the parents have about going to college.

We may have another seminar at about Christmas time so that our students can have a chance to meet Marist graduates back from college on vacation.

On the 23rd of October, Grade 11 students will write their PSAT test, which are practise college entrance tests. Father Macdonald hopes that the juniors have begun thinking about which college they want to attend.

On November 3rd, the Seniors of M.B.I.S. will write the Scholastic Aptitude Tests (SAT) of the College Entrance Examination Board (CEEB) for universities and colleges of the United States at the Canadian Academy. The major areas tested are mathematical and verbal skills, both in English so English vocabulary and reading skills are important.

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JAMBOR LEADS TO US

On August 5, 1979, 15 students of our school, accompanied by Mr. Jambor, boarded a PanAm airplane at the Narita Airport in Tokyo. The 15 students, from grades 2 to 11, were participating in the Mr. Jambor - sponsored - arranged - supervised summer trip to the U.S. The basic reason for the camp was so that the students would get a chance to improve their English by living with English-speaking children of the U.S. and have fun while doing so.

Upon arrival in Los Angeles, the Marist group headed straight for Cotton-tail Ranch, 1 hour from LA by car, situated near the sea. During its two-week stay at this ranch, the group participated in various activities—namely, horseback riding, archery, swimming, minibike riding, ball games, pottery making, and dance parties—together with about 100 international students comprising chiefly of Iranians residing in America and French students from Paris.

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Oct. 26	Dance Party
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Mar. 21	Dance Party
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EDITORIAL; INT'L YEAR OF THE CHILD

"The child is father of the man."
—WOODSWORTH

This year, 1979, has been declared the International Year of the Child (IYC) by the United Nations. This statement applies to children throughout the world. Most children in the world today are not well-fed, unlike us. Many are not given the basic necessities of life, leave aside the luxuries we have. Many are left without any choice but to toil in the fields from an early age. The International Year of the Child declaration is basically intended to start a movement among nations to abolish child labor and feed our children.

However, even in an advanced society like ours, children are usually overlooked. Opinions of children don't seem to count, if they are even given the chance to express them. Many of us forget that the children have opinions.

At our own school, the younger ones are left out, not given the chance to become an active member of the student body.

Comparing the number of activities for the high school with that of the grade school clearly shows that the grade school is underprivileged—almost all MAA sponsored activities are for the high school. Dances, which the grade school can not attend, will account for one-third of all Student Council sponsored activities this year: in this newspaper, THE HORIZON, most articles concern grades 7 - 12. A typical grade school student comes to school, studies, and goes home while the high school student has an option of staying after school and participating in something he or she likes to do. As high school students, it is our duty to change this and to give them move voice in our school.

We can mark the International Year of the Child by giving the children in our school more respect, for they control the future of this school—and of the world?

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COLLEGE BOUND—ffrom pp. 1

Fourteen days after they take the SAT, the Seniors will write the TOEFL (Test of English as a Foreign Language), an oral and written test, at our school on November 17th. If you see any students wandering around with their faces hidden by a book before these two dates, you will know that they are seniors getting ready for the SAT & TOEFL. Father suggests that anyone interested in going to college should start as early as possible. Getting a College Handbook (US\$8.00) is a good idea. Father Macdonald, our college counsellor, is the right person to go to if you have any question about colleges.

Good luck!

SUNIL MIRAPURI
ACTIVITIES

BOOGIE WONDER-DANCE

Hard-working and orderly as usual, the Student Council held its first dance party in the school cafeteria on September 14th. This was the Student Council's first activity held this year.

The dance party seemed to be get off to a low start to little advertisement and also due to student's lack of interest.

The dance party started at 6 and ended at 10:15, a 15-minute extension. After 1.5 hours had passed since the dance party had began, only 20 people came. The president of the Student Council, Karambir Sethi, was worried for if no more people came, he would get criticized for the failure of the dance. As time passed, however, more people

came making the Student Council reach their minimum goal of 50. President Karambir Sethi was the only Student Council on who was satisfied. At last year's first dance party, an attendance greater than 100 was recorded but this time not even half came.

Many dancers say that the preparations were good since the Poster Club helped the posters made a tropical mood.

The Student Council is now planning to hold 3 more dance parties, one early next month on October 28. The Student Council wants all of you students to attend the dance. We hope to see everybody at the next dance party.

CHIH-MING KWOK

POPS MOVE AGAIN

As in past years, the Fathers' Club should be successful. There are five activities this year, the Sports Day, the Food Fair and Bazaar, Father and Child Outing, Setsubun, and the Sports Awards Night.

The president of the Fathers' Club is Mr. Ross, the vice presidents are Mr. Ueshima and Mr. Biniwale, the secreterie are Mr. Barozzo and Mr. Hayaishi, and the treasurer is Mr. Yagami.

The Fathers' Club wants more fathers to join the club because of two reasons. One reason is to improve five activities, and the other reason is to increase the number of the activities.

Activities,
Tahal YUSUF

SC; WHAT'S UP ?

The Student Council of 1980 made a good start and may become one of the most active Student Council in Marist history. One outstanding difference in the club this year is the fact that two girls—one each from the 8th and 9th grade are in the organization. So there are two female Student Councillors. The number is small compared to all the girls in the school but it is enough for now.

The Kentucky Fried Chicken orders is going on smoothly, at the moment. The candy services which were halted for two years ago because of students who ate on the 2nd floor, may recommend if the students are much obedient. The London Bakery services stopped because of poor demand. Presently, only the icecreams may be ordered through your Student Council representative.

Jamboree - from pp1

On the 25th, everyone from Marist made a diurnal visit to Disney Land, after which they returned to the ranch.

The older students spent 4 days of their last week's stay in the U.S. at a summer resort in the Catalina Isle, while Mr. Jambor and the little children visited Big Bear Lake, situated 8000ft above sea level.

Kenneth Jambor, a 2nd grader, recalls, "There were many boats on the lake, but we didn't go boating." He continues, "We slept at the Y.M.C.A. cabin. In the morning we went to the zoo and saw the raccoon, black bear, red fox, deer....., and we also smelt a skunk."

After the two-day stay at the lake, Mr. Jambor's group returned to the ranch. There they rendezvoused with the older students where they all took off for Japan. The 26-day summer trip concluded—and, of course, the students had much to say about it at school later on.

Wan Joon Kim

The dance parties are the most successful Student Council activity. Because of these dances are the Student Council able to show a huge profit.

Karambir Sethi hopes the student body becomes more active for the success of the Student Council depends on the students in school. The skating party, hiking, and the talent show will include the grade school. The next activity is the dance party on Oct. 28th. The Student Council would like to see everyone in the cafeteria jiving.

Activities,
IQBAL YUSUF

MOMMY!

Mothers' Club started off with brand new executives this year and Mrs. Sumi as president. Elections took place on Sept. 6th at the school cafeteria.

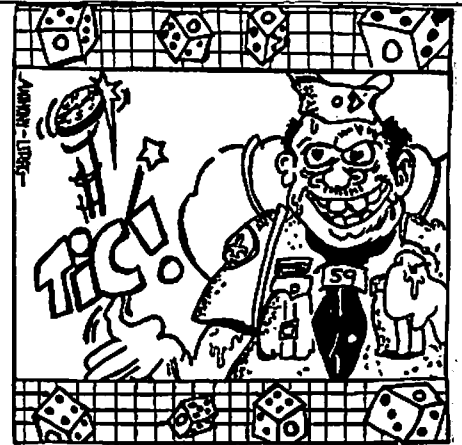
The already established "thrift shop" provides only one of the premonitions that hint us of the flood of activities that will be sponsored by the Mothers' Club this year.

Prospects for the future are very good as the President comments to make this year, "a wonderful one" for the mothers.

The Mothers' Club is, at present, busily occupied preparing the Dinner Dance, which is to be held at the Kobe Club on Saturday, Nov. 10th. Mrs. Sumi invites all parents to this occasion because it will be a good chance to "build friendly relations between parents and teachers."

The Handicraft Committee of the Mothers' Club, to which about 8 members are allocated, is already making items to be sold at the Handicraft Booth during the next bazaar. The mothers meet every Thursdays, during which they do "sashiko" and patchwork and make items for the Booth.

Wan Joon Kim



S. O. S. : TROOP 59

This year makes our Marist troop, Troop 59, exactly 20 years old. And it may be this very year that the Boy Scout troop will collapse, if something isn't done about it very quickly.

The Boy Scout meeting is held every Friday at the KR&AC's gym but most of the time, the meeting is interrupted by Student Council's activities and basketball games.

After the last year's Senior Boy Scouts left, the troop was left only with inexperienced scouts, with the exception of Tomohiro Takahashi who is the Senior Patrol Leader of Troop 59. He is training the present 10th graders of our school to become future leaders of Troop 59 since Tomohiro is leaving the Boy Scouts in December. He hopes the remaining scouts will keep up the active and honorable troop. At the present moment, there are only 8 Marist scouts (mostly 9&10th-grade) and about 10 6th and 7th graders from Canadian Academy.

The troop is presently in a state of turmoil due to the departure of the most spirited leader, Matthew Reames who had practically run the entire troop by himself. Last year Troop 59 had about 6 or 7 staff members but this year it has only two.

Troop 59 welcomes all boys from ages 11 to 18 on to come to our meeting and see what scouting is all about. The troop wants you so if you are interested, see Tomohiro Takahashi right away.

CHI-MING KWOK

SPORTS IN MBIS

EXCITING BASKETBALL

M.A.A.

The first intramural of the year started with basketball replacing softball, the annual sport, because of the strong requests from the students and also from the M.A.A. members. The first game started on Sept. 12 and the final game ended on Sept. 27. The tournament system was adopted in this intramural. That is the winner keeps on playing until the finals while the loser cannot play again.

All the games were won with a near score except the first game and the final game. The first game was fought between the Bumping Bee-bees, with captain Michael Ross, and the Bloody Fighters, with captain Karambir Sethi. The victory finally fell over the Bumping Bee-bees, by a score of 47 to 36. Micheal Settsu shot 31 points in this game to become the most point getter.

The next game was held on Sept. 13 was a dead heat fought among the Drunk Monkeys, with captain Hiroo Soyama, and the Flying Hawks, with captain Tomohiro Takahashi. The close game ended over a victory towards the Drunk Monkeys by a score of 36 to 28. Hiroo Soyama shot 25 points to help his team to win.

Since six teams were able to form, the winner of the next game was given the privilege to go to the finals. The next game was between the Super Jets, with captain A. Aoyama, and the Zimvabevie Yakhos, with captain Y. Ogura. The score was 55 to 52 for a close victory to the Zimvabevie Yakhos. This games was very close and exciting but many players were also injured. A. Aoyama got an muscle pull on his leg and Tsu-Shin Ching spraining his left foot.

The semifinal game was held on Sept. 26, between the Drunk Monkeys and the Bumping Bee-bees. The game ended in a near victory over the Drunk Monkeys by a score of 56 to 48. The game gave no luck to the Bee-bees because M. Settsu was fouled out the first 10 minutes. Captain Michael Ross was also fouled out, which resulted to the victory for the Drunk Monkeys.

The final game took place on Sept. 27, with an easy victory for the Drunk Monkeys. The score was 73

BASKETBALL!!



to 38. H. Soyama again shot a marvelous 47 points to help the Monkeys to win. As a result, The Drunk Monkeys with H. Soyama, F. Baswani, H. Vaswani, R. Go, S.Go, K. Goshima, and M. Mayani, proudly became the champs to receive a pennant for the series.

The M.A.A. of 1980 has showed great effort from the beginning of the school year. Mr. Anderson, the moderator, had ordered sports equipments during this summer in order to let the students enjoy more of the M.A.A. activities. From this year, before each intramural, each M.A.A. member has to learn the rules and take a test so the judgement will be fair in the games. This has never been done so far in the Marist M.A.A. history. As many of the students may notice, there are many female members in the M.A.A. this year, three from the 11th grade and one from the 10th grade. Mr. Anderson looks very pleased and he wishes for more girls to participate in the M.A.A. because he believes that girls can do the job as well as the boys.

The main plans of the M.A.A. this year are mostly intramurals and special events, like the Sports Day and the Records Days. President Zou-Wei Ma says, "Since many of the records were made by the same individuals, I think that everyone should try to challenge them."

Mr. Anderson looks very optimisticly to the future. The M.A.A. seems that it will promise us a lot.

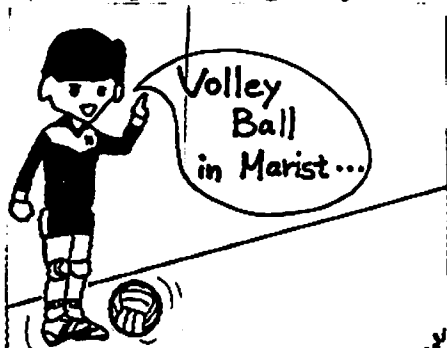
Tsu-Shin Ching



VOLLEY! A NEW START THIS YEAR

During the months of September, October, and March to June, it is the season for girls' volleyball. They go through hard training, every Tuesdays and Fridays, held in the Marist gymnasium.

The team consists of over 20 members, 20 varsity and a few other grade school girls. The coaches are Mr. Kei and Mr. Anderson, though Mr. Anderson is quite busy with the school activities so he has not much time to coach. Also Mariko Hori in the 11th grade, who is experienced in volleyball serves as a coach. This year, the members have elected Yuriko Hatanaka in the 11th grade for the captain. For their practice the grade school girls are separated from the high school girls but they are both practicing very hard.



They have learned lots of things but, of course, have to practice a lot. Mr. Anderson said, "I would like to see more blocking, set up, and spiking". Mr. Kei said, "Since we have not yet had too much time, the team is not excellent, but we can do it. And I would like the girls to come down as soon as possible after homeroom and quickly get dressed, and be ready to practice, especially the high school girls". Mariko Hori and Yuriko Hatanaka says, "The team is not yet too close, but we can do it. If it is impossible, I would not have joined the club from the beginning. But we all like volleyball, and if we have that in common, we would be able to".

As you all know, the volleyball team just started last year and so, of course, they have not yet experienced playing against many teams, but they would be playing quite a lot of games this year. One of the big games is the one against the Nagoya International School. It is planned to be held on November or December. All the members are excited about this exciting game. They are also worried if they would be able to participate in this exciting game but Mr. Kei is hoping to take every member to the game. It is for sure that this big game is going to be an exciting one. Mariko Hori and Yuriko Hatanaka says, "As long as we are playing against N.I.S., we would like to win". Mr. Kei says, "We would try hard and we want to win, of course". Mr. Anderson says, "We will win!", for their goal this year is to win EVERY game.

Li Ching Huang

NEW GADGETS FOR GYM!!

As the new school year has started, the school administration is putting in its best efforts to improve sports in Marist. To give an example, the school has purchased over 20 different kinds of necessary equipment.

Right now, the equipment is being used in P. T. classes and activities. First, the new high jump with mats, donated by the MAA, and the indoor goals are used under supervision of Mr. Anderson and Mr. Lee.

Many people can notice the new electric score board in the MAA basketball intramural. The score board was bought by Bro. Matthew while he was in the States so it could be used at basketball games.

The MAA also has 10 different kinds of record and activity boards that is put up at the entrance of the gym and at the bulletin boards. The boards will give the students some news of the activities that will take place.

The soccer balls used by the soccer club are also new. Six new ones were bought with a new air pump and a gauge meter.

Other new equipments that will be used in the near future are as follows:

- 1) complete indoor hockey set for the 5,6,7,8' grade.
- 2) shot put
- 3) 20 new basketball
- 4) new clock for basketball games.
- 5) pitching nets for T-ball and Little League.
- 6) portable timing watches
- 7) first aid pack with a first aid manual.
- 8) ice-packs
- 9) footballs for grade schools.
- 10) safety ball
- 11) portable soorer
- 12) indoor bases
- 13) jumping hurdles for grade school
- 14) skipping ropes
- 15) markers
- 16) big fitness ball
- 17) ball cages

As the school year deepens, let us hope Marist will become more active with the help of this new equipments.

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THE NEW COMERS !! '80

MISS. STRIGHT

Everyone knows our new blonde-haired, blue-grey eyed, attractive math teacher, Miss Stright right?

Prior to coming to Japan, Miss Stright had lived in Pennsylvania and graduated the Clarion State University there. She has now been in Japan for 2 years but she says is not get fluent, not having chances to speak the language. When asked if she had any difficulties in language when shopping, she answered, "When, not really, because I usually know enough Japanese and the clerk know enough English to just squeeze through the situation."

Miss Stright has several hobbies. She likes sewing, traveling and sports like tennis and floor hockey. Miss Stright is a real traveller. Some of the places she has been to in Japan are: Tokyo, Kyoto, Ise, Nojiriko, Hiroshima, Tottori, Nara and Meiji Mura. Her travels outside of Japan are: Singapore, Bangkok, Hong-Kong, Bali, Malaysia, India, Spain, Portugal, Morocco, London, Mexico and Canada. "Some of the trips," says Miss Stright, "were just car trips taken when in the states like Canada and Mexico. When asked if she liked the trip to Awaji, she replied that she had enjoyed it but thought that it would have been more fun if the students should have been more in charge, like taking over the cooking of their own meals and arranging their own activities etc..."

Miss Stright thinks that Marist students are friendly, but she says that she'd be happier if she heard some more English spoken by the students.

Miss Stright, as is suggested by the miss, is not yet married. To the question when she will marry, she answered with a little smile and shrug, "I'm waiting for the right guy to appear."

Helen Kim

BRO. VINCENT

Our giant, Bro. Vincent, arrived in Japan in July, from America. Before coming to Japan, he had taught English and Spanish in schools in New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania. He had been guidance counsellor for 15 of his 25 years of teaching. Right now, in Marist, he is teaching Reading Comprehension for the 7th, 8th, and 9th graders.

When asked for Brother's opinion of Marist, he answered, "I am very impressed with the politeness and the friendliness of the students. I am also happy to note that most of the students are eager to learn; they seem to do a lot of reading too." He also added that he was amazed at the manner in which the students are dressed. He thinks Marist students, especially the girls, are very well dressed. "I mean American school girls (students in schools without uniforms, of course) just can't be seen wearing dresses or skirts; most of them wear dungarees or slacks most of the time," explained Bro. Vincent.

Brother says he enjoys being in a school with 300 students after having been in schools with thousands of students. Says Brother Vincent, "It's nice getting to know all the students, and everybody's -knowing everybody else creates a friendly atmosphere."

Although Bro. Vincent is leaving Japan next year, he says he hopes to be back because he likes Japan. One thing he likes very much about Japan is, he says, the clean streets, buildings and extremely clean subways. Another thing Brother likes about Japan is the food. "I love Japanese food, especially sushi and yaki-meshi," says Brother. Japanese culture, religion, etc. seem to interest Bro. Vincent very much: he says that he finds visits to shrines and temples very interesting. Brother is most interested in learning Japanese. He says that he is studying the language very hard presently.

Did you know that Brother is a great jogger? Well, he is. He jogs 4 miles daily which he has done for the past seven years!

HELEN KIM



MR. & MRS. OEHLER

Besides our good ole' Mr. and Mrs. Jambor, we have a new couple in Marist: our good ole', cops, not ole', I mean new Mr. and Mrs. Oehler.

If you took a look at Mr. Oehler and supposed that he liked sports, you are right. His hobbies are jogging, tennis, dancing and he plays just about every sport with the exception of soccer. Mr. Oehler is from Las Vegas, Nevada. He went to Washington, however, for college. He graduated Whitworth College in Spokane, Washington majoring in sociology. Mr. Oehler is also interested in photography which he took as his minor in college.

Mr. Oehler teaches history B, photography (elementary), and reading comprehension in the high school. He says that he is glad to teach in Marist because he likes the students. Mr. Oehler first got acquainted with Marist students during the trip to Awaji. (he came to Japan just in time for the trip.) Mr. Oehler is thinking of starting a Drama Club in Marist since many students want it and also because "some show definite talent".

Mrs. Oehler likes jogging too. She says she likes jogging especially because it makes her feel good whenever she manages to run a greater distance than the last. Mrs. Oehler also likes music. Playing music, classical, pop or jazz, on the guitar is one of her favourite hobbies.

When asked what she felt of Marist students, she answered, "I think Marist students have a sense of responsibility and are respectful. She also added that Marist students are eager to learn. At any rate, she seems

MISS KAKIHARA

Miss Kakiyara teaches Special English in the Grade School. For her, it is her first teaching experience, and the first impression of her students was, "They are quiet compared to American students, but they should be more aggressive in other fields, and more active in class."

to have formed a favourable opinion of the students.

Mrs. Oehler graduated the same college as Mr. Oehler, Whitworth College. There, she majored in English education. Mr. and Mrs. Oehler, so, met each other at college. Presently, they have been married for a year.

Mr. and Mrs. Oehler say that they both like Japan a lot. They came to Japan expecting something quite different from what it actually is; they expected to see far more of oriental things and far less of big, grey buildings than there actually are in Japan. "I had no idea that there would be so many various products and foodstuffs of many countries in the Japanese department stores," says Mrs. Oehler. Mr. and Mrs. Oehler are planning to stay at least



two years in Japan and they are living in Ashiya right now.

When asked what Mr. Oehler liked about Mrs. Oehler, he answered, "Well, first of all, she's good-looking, she has a good sense of humour and she likes to travel like I do." To the same question, Mrs. Oehler replied, "He's athletic and really understanding." They seem to be a wonderful match, don't they?

Helen Kim

cont. (Miss Kakiyara)

She had interests in education, and this led her to study for two years abroad in an American college as a transfer. She is really a grade school and junior high school teacher (from first grade to eighth grade).

When she first came to Marist, she was surprised that the people here were all very kind and taught her all she needed gradual-

MISS HADA

Who is that teacher who looks like Miss Rumidior and what does she teach, or is she just a student's mother? No, she is Miss Hada, our new Japanese teacher from Stella Maris.

Miss Hada had taught for 9 years in various schools including Stella Maris. She successfully graduated from Sacred Heart College and entered Konan University to major in English. For further studies, she went to Cornell College to take a degree in Japanese. She taught and learned Japanese at the same time.

Miss Hada says that the Japanese level in Stella Maris was higher than in Marist. She is usually soft for students who work, but for the ones who don't work she is strict.

After she came to Marist, she was shocked to see that her classroom had no desks and chairs but only garbage all over. She was also upset to see the lack of Lady's rest room. But she says that she enjoys teaching at Marist because it seems interesting, although some students disappoint her by displaying no intention to study Japanese. Miss Hada says that she is willing to teach at Marist for a few years.

Zuo-shin Ma

cont. (Miss Kakiyara) ly, and not all at once. "The other teachers guided me when I needed help. Marist is very much like home, and I like it."

Miss Kakiyara is the tall Japanese lady with long, silky black hair. At lunch break she can be seen in the faculty, typing tests diligently. She must be a very hard-working teacher in her class. I think her students are lucky to have her.

She currently lives in Ashiya.

Tomoko Kimura

THEY'RE SO CUTE!!

Our school now has a pre-kindergarten class for wee small children to enter before going in kindergarten. The former language room was changed during the summer in order to serve as the pre-kindergarten classroom this fall. The room has indeed undergone a drastic change. What that had once been a drabby, quite ordinary classroom is now a bright fantasy-land with its bright yellow curtains, and wee little chairs and tables. Mrs. Yorozu and Miss Fujita say that they worked hard for the decorations of the classroom.

The two teachers say that they find getting the children to sit still and listen the hardest thing to do during the course of teaching. The children's ages vary from $3\frac{1}{2}$ to $4\frac{1}{2}$. There is a total of 9 students of which 6 are Japanese, and 1 Indian, Korean, and Chinese respectively.

The children started their school year without

any knowledge of English, but already, they are showing rapid improvement in the language to the contentment of their teachers, Mrs. Yorozu and Miss Fujita.

To the question of how Miss Fujita liked teaching in comparison to her former secretary job, she replied that she had enjoyed her secretary job as much as she does her present job. "But now that I'm not in the office, I do miss the contact with the high school students because they used to make me feel young. It is true, I like the children, but I can't help feeling like a mother, in other words, feeling older, when I'm with them," added Miss Fujita with a laugh. Miss Fujita says that she had wanted to become a kindergarten teacher when she was a grade school student. I did once teach in a Japanese kindergarten before I came to Marist.

The teaching is done in both English and Japanese. The children sing, draw pictures, listen to stories, nap (that is, during nap-time) and learn simple English. The dearies, at any rate, are trying really hard!

Helen Kim

Pre-Kindergarten



MENU COURSES

Photography, bookkeeping, math skills. These are some of the varied and interesting mini courses for the 10, 11 and 12th graders this year. One period set aside for the courses every day, these are given to enable the students to acquire skills/knowledge outside the usual school studies.

Now finished with the introduction, let's get on to the main part: who is teaching what? There are 10 exciting(?) courses in all. First with all the Brothers. Math skills is taught by Bro. Augustine,

and bookkeeping by Bro. Walter. Bro. Thomas teaches advanced science. Spanish conversation is currently the only foreign language taught in the mini courses, and that's by Bro. Ramon.

Photography is divided into two courses this year, the elementary course by Mr. Oehler and the advanced course by Bro. Thomas. Mrs. Barozzo is teaching the girls home economics, and they seem to be enjoying it very much. Fr. Macdonald is teaching art appreciation. The subject discussed now is the Baroque arts (that's when Michaelangelo lived). The textbook used for this course is beautiful with many coloured pictures.

Last of all, there is chorus and singing, subjects taught annually by Mrs. Hobbs.

Looking over these courses, you can group them into 3 groups: hobbies, higher studies, and extra skills. Elementary and advanced photography, choral and singing, home economics, art appreciation.... all of these can be taken up as hobbies or pastimes. Math skills and advanced science fall under the second category, higher studies. Last of all, Spanish and bookkeeping can be filed under extra skills.

Bro. Timothy, who planned these courses says, "The purpose and the reason for giving these mini courses are to give the students a greater variety of subjects."

Tomoko Kimura

FOR THE BOOKWORMS

This year our school library has a lot of new books like in the past years. According to Bro. Timothy, the library is expanding rapidly every year, and now, as of Sept. 25, there are just under 6,000 books in the whole library. Most new books are recommended by the teachers to be used as study reading for the textbooks. This library has a lot of books on English and social studies for the High School and on English for the Grade School. You may have noticed the library has a lot of social studies and history books. In addition to that, the library has a lot of new fiction books used mainly for book reports. The fiction story books in the Grade School section are approved by Junior Plots. The story books in the High School Library comprise mainly of those written by major authors of England and America.

Altogether the library got about 500 books over the summer and a lot more since then (1 package per week). It also got 2 new sets of encyclopedias. The library has 50 magazines for the students and 11 for the faculty.

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