

OL Schools celebrate centennial

Campus reaches out to community

EVEN THOUGH the Orchard Lake Schools are 100 years old this year, few people know anything about them or their grounds on the east shore of Orchard Lake.

The Rev. Jim Mazurek, chairman of the schools' centennial celebration, realizes the schools suffer from an identity crisis. That's why many centennial festivities are geared toward bringing together alumni, friends, visitors and neighbors of the schools.

"It's an opportunity to come out here and say 'wow,'" Mazurek said. "Alumni need to experience that because they may be living out of a framework of what it was like in 1945 or 1951. And members of the community who say 'We don't know what's out there' will have an opportunity to learn more about us."

For the record, Orchard Lake Schools is the umbrella name under which three schools — St. Mary's Preparatory, St. Mary's College and SS. Cyril and Methodius Seminary — operate.

"It's hard to keep clear," Mazurek conceded, "because while each school is distinct, they are sister schools. They help one another, share faculty, the library and a dining hall. But most constituents identify only with the seminary."

THE SEMINARY, a Roman Catholic seminary and graduate school of theology, prepares men for the priesthood, and it offers a variety of programs to prepare men and women in both religious and lay, for pastoral ministry and religious education.

The Polish Seminary, forerunner of Orchard Lake Schools and SS. Cyril and

Methodius Seminary, was founded by the Rev. Joseph Dabrowski 100 years ago. The cornerstone of the original building on St. Aubin and Forest on Detroit's east side was laid in July 1885.

Dabrowski, according to a Detroit Free Press article dated July 23, 1885, said at the time: "I have in view the education of the Polish candidates for the priesthood and the education of others. . . . We Poles have the right to enjoy complete liberty in this country, but liberty cannot be enjoyed fully by uneducated people."

TWENTY-FOUR YEARS later, in 1909, the seminary transferred to Orchard Lake, occupying the grounds of the former Michigan Military Academy.

"It was a bold move in those days because there was nothing out here then," Mazurek said.

The seminary that stands on the 60-acre grounds of Orchard Lake Schools was built in 1914-15. Twenty-one men are preparing for the priesthood there this year. Forty-four others are involved in graduate studies.

The seminary still trains priests to serve the needs of Polish-American communities — "If we ever lose that, we have no reason to be here," Mazurek said.

"But you don't have to be Polish to attend," he added.

ST. MARY'S College is a four-year, co-educational, Catholic liberal arts college. It offers bachelor of arts, science and business administration degrees, and 264 students are enrolled there this year.

"The college has gone 50-50 commuter in the last few years, and we're getting more adult education students," Mazurek said.

St. Mary's Preparatory is a boarding school that offers a four-year program for boys in pre-college studies. It has 195 students.

Starting in the fall, a day-only option (in addition to boarding) will be offered. "That's an example of how we're reaching out more to the community," Mazurek said.

All disciplines include studies in ethics, said Judy Holmes, the schools' public relations director. "That way we provide a bridge between one's relig-

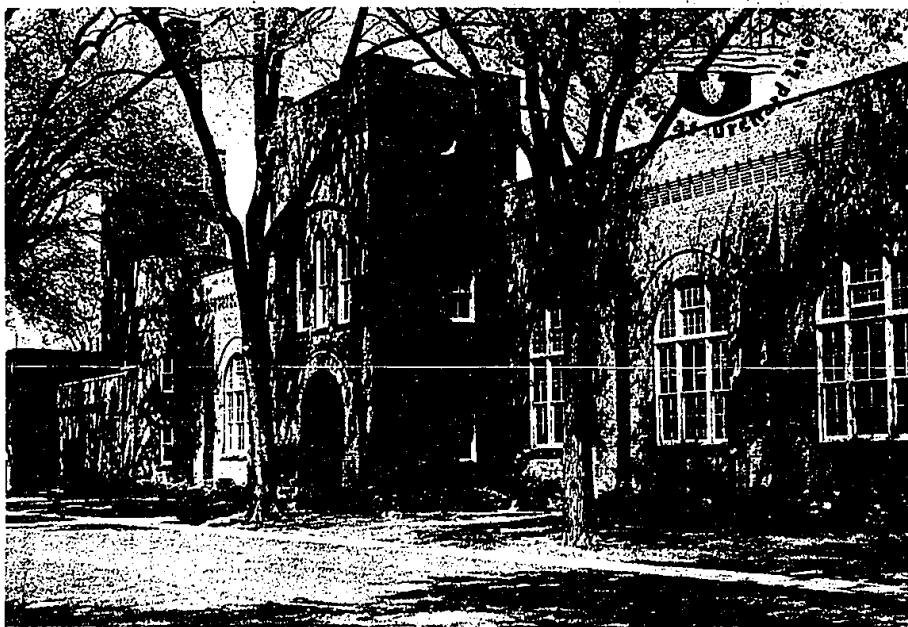


photo courtesy of ORCHARD LAKE SCHOOLS

The auditorium-gymnasium on the Orchard Lake Schools' campus originally was used as a dormitory for prep students in 1909. It measures 156 feet by 60 feet. This picture is reprinted from the 1959 Yearbook of the Orchard Lake Schools. The lettering in the upper-

right corner is part of a 50-year anniversary seal. The educational complex on the corner of Orchard Lake Road and Commerce Road celebrates its centennial this year.

ious convictions and the work-a-day world."

The schools operate on a \$3 million annual budget, more than half of which is derived from contributions.

Mazurek said, "The seminary is the principle — but not the exclusive — reason contributors send donations." But all funds, unless earmarked for a specific purpose, are distributed among the three schools, he added.

THE HIGHLIGHT of yearlong centennial events, Mazurek said, will come

Thursday, July 25.

An outdoor Mass will be celebrated that day by Archbishop of Detroit Edmund Szoka. All American and Polish bishops — about 440 of them — have been invited to attend, as have alumni, friends and neighbors.

"The celebration will bring people from all over the country," Mazurek said. "The hotbeds of Polish-American communities — Buffalo, Syracuse, Pittsburgh, Cleveland, Chicago — have been very loyal to us."

"The Archbishop of Detroit has per-

sonally written and invited the bishops — and asked them to consider in the future sending students from their diocese to attend Orchard Lake Schools," Mazurek said.

THE PRIMATE of Poland, Jozef Cardinal Glemp, has been invited, and "we hope he will be here for the 25th," Mazurek said.

"It depends on conditions (in Poland) at the time. If he feels he can leave and get back in, he'll come, but we may not know until right before (July 25)."

Archbishop of Philadelphia John Cardinal Kroll, the highest ranking Orchard Lake Schools alumnus, will be on hand. And Pio Lugh, "the representative of the Holy Father, will bring special greetings."

"But we do not anticipate in anyway" that Pope John Paul II will attend, Mazurek said. "If it happened, we'd be as surprised as anyone."

The Pope visited the Orchard Lake campus twice before his installation, in 1959 and 1976, Mazurek noted.

... members of the community who say "We don't know what's out there" will have an opportunity to learn more about us.'

— Rev. Jim Mazurek, centennial chairman

Hundreds will converge for anniversary events

MANY EVENTS are scheduled throughout 1985 to commemorate 100 years of Orchard Lake Schools.

The biggest event, the centennial observance, is Thursday, July 25. An outdoor Mass will be celebrated with Archbishop of Detroit Edmund Szoka presiding.

"The Primate of Poland, Jozef Cardinal Glemp, is expected to attend depending "on conditions at the time (in Poland)," said the Rev. Jim Mazurek, centennial chairman.

All, or about 350, American bishops have been invited to attend, and thousands of alumni and friends of the schools will be on hand, Mazurek said.

A banquet will follow.

Here is a list of other important events. For a complete list and more information on all events, call Judy Holmes, director of public relations, at 682-1885.

● **MARCH 3:** Polish Sunday — Mass celebrated in Polish, followed by a tour of the campus and "Music at the Galleria" with harpist Onita Sanders.

● **March 16:** Centennial St. Patrick's Day party, sponsored by the Moms and Dads Club.

● **March 21-24:** Presentation of Pope John Paul II's "The Jeweler's Shop," a play about the sacrament of matrimony.

● **APRIL 12-14, 19-21:** Presentation of "The Inheritance," a play by the Rev. Clifford Ruskowski featuring an alumni cast. The play, directed by Father Ruskowski, looks at a Polish-American family.

● **April 13:** "Dimensions of Polish Culture: The Comic and the Serious," a conference on classic Polish writers Aleksander Fredro and Zygmunt Krasiński, presented by the Center for Polish Studies and Culture. Guest speakers include professors Harold Sek of Columbia University and Zenon Kuk of the University of Toledo.

● **MAY 4:** Seminary and college commencement exercises, with Arch-

bishop of Detroit Edmund Szoka delivering the commencement address.

● **May 5:** Polish Sunday — Mass celebrated in Polish, followed by a tour of the campus.

● **May 9:** Concert of Capella Cracoviensis in Shrine Chapel.

● **May 10-11:** Midwest Regatta on Orchard Lake.

● **May 19:** St. Mary's Prep commencement exercises.

● **May 24-27:** The Polish Country Fair.

● **JUNE 2:** Polish Sunday — Mass celebrated in Polish, followed by a tour of the campus and "Music at Galleria" with pianist Diego-Cortes Escobar.

● **June 5:** Gratitude Day for priests of the Archdiocese of Detroit.

● **June 19:** "The Greatest Men's Party in the World," a Centennial Founder's Day fund-raiser.

● **June 23 to July 12:** Polish American Heritage Workshop, a series of lectures, tours and language workshops, including a series on Polish-American folk culture.

● **JULY 6-7:** Ladies Auxiliary National Convention, with the presentation of the "Woman of the Year Award."

● **July 15-18:** Alumni National Convention.

● **July 25:** Centennial observance: see above.

● **AUG. 4:** Polish Sunday — Mass celebrated in Polish, followed by a tour of the campus and "Music at Galleria" with Opalka, Jones and Fehring in concert.

● **Aug. 7:** Centennial Ladies' Dinner Benefit.

● **Aug. 9-11:** Polish ethnic festival on the Detroit riverfront, dedicated to the centennial.

● **SEPT. 2:** Hamtramck Polish Parade, dedicated to the centennial.

● **Sept. 9:** Mass in honor of the centennial, celebrated on campus by Bishop Patrick Cooney.



Know someone doing something notable? Let us know. Write: Inside Angles, Farmington Observer, 33203 Grand River, Farmington 48024.

DAVID JOHN WEIGEL, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Weigel of Farmington Hills and a 1981 graduate of Farmington High School, interned in the Washington office of the U.S. Sen. Thomas F. Eagleton of Missouri. He was one of 12 Evangel College (Springfield, Mo.) students who took part in the annual Washington Studies Program sponsored by the Evangel Department of Social Studies. A senior, Weigel is majoring in an accounting. He was awarded a Business and Economic Scholarship this year and has made the dean's list the last five consecutive semesters.

DAVID GUNDERSON, Paul Polus, Darryl Smith, Todd Scott and Laurel Walker achieved a 4.0, or straight A, grade point average at Michigan State University.

REGISTRATIONS for the 1985 South Farmington Baseball and Softball Program will be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, March 2; from 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, March 6, and 2 p.m. Saturday, March 9, at Farmington High School (Gibbawasse Road between Orchard Lake and Powers roads). The program is open to boys ages 7-16 years and girls ages 9-18. For further information call Jim Hudson, 474-5709.

AIR FORCE STAFF SGT. STEVEN SCHLEMBACH, son of Fred and Nancy Schlembeach of Farmington Hills and a 1979 graduate of North Farmington High School, has been chosen as outstanding communications technician of the quarter chosen as outstanding communications technician of the quarter for the 96th Airborne Warning and Control Training Squadron at Tinker Air Force Base, Okla. He was selected in competition among contemporaries for professional skill, duty performance and exemplary conduct.

JIM ZAMOYSKI, a Farmington Hills resident and a trustee for Allie Theatre, was one of the hosts for "Art for Art's Sake,"

a thank-you party for all Allie Theatre contributors. Among the contributors, and consequently guests of honor were Mr. and Mrs. Gabe Werba of Farmington Hills. Food, and a handsome Detroit riverfront site were donated by Louise Motollin, of PR Associates. Service was provided by representatives of several area arts organizations.

SARAH UNGER, of Farmington Hills, was named to the dean's list at Valparaiso University.

PVT. BRETT HARRETT, son of Thomas and Sharon Harrett of Farmington Hills and a 1984 graduate Harrison High School, has completed the basic field artillery cannoneer course under the one station unit training program at Fort Sill, Okla.

BARBARA MAJOROS-MOORE, S.W., of Farmington Hills, counselor with the office of Majors and Associates, recently attended a workshop on "Chemical Dependency and Youth" at Madonna College. The workshop, which addressed methods of assessment and intervention, covered issues related to the development and structure of a school-based program for early recognition of problems related to alcohol and drug use. It was organized and presented by the Fairlane Health Services Corporation, a subsidiary of Henry Ford Care Corporation.

A TOTAL OF \$7,000 was raised by students at Power Middle School during their Jump Rope for Heart held earlier this month, according to Patricia Messina. Members of the winning team which raised \$109 are: Cheryl Casaroli, Shannon Dudley, Kristen Kluber, Jennifer Herman, Kristina Soper and Kristen Urwig all 6th grade students. The school conducted the event as a community service project which was developed by the Michigan Association Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance to promote the importance of physical education. Proceeds from the event will benefit the American Heart Association of Michigan in its efforts to combat heart and blood vessel disease through research, risk factor education, CPR training and professional education.

The Only Thing Better Than Our Golf Is Our Golf Package

\$139
per Married Couple

\$79 others/per person
double occupancy

**3 days/
2 nights**

Additional days \$35 per person



Our special golf package includes 3 days and 2 nights in one of our fully furnished homes, not just a single room. Each has complete kitchen facilities and daily maid service.

Play 45 glorious holes of golf, including 27 holes of Robert Trent Jones-designed golf at Carolina Trace, and 18 more at Carolina Lakes. We're just 9 miles from Moore County, home of Pinehurst, golf capital of the world! You

get guaranteed starting times each day! Plus, you can play tennis and swim.

Fine dining is available in the Carolina Trace Clubhouse.

* Call or write today for reservations or further information.

Carolina Trace
Post Office Box 2250
Sanford, North Carolina 27330
Telephone: (919) 499-5103