



Practice makes a triceratops

These third graders at William Grace Elementary School decided to put their studies into practice recently. They constructed this dinosaur, a triceratops, which is 14 feet long and five feet high. The real triceratops weighed 10 tons. (Staff photo)

Art legacy will remain to honor Sister "Iggy"

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vention and energy conservation," she said.

The students have sold paintings and sculptures to area businesses. Merrill-Lynch is negotiating for a sculpted bull now on exhibit at the Fisher.

"I will miss Mercy very much," Sister Ignatius says. "It has been my life for 30 years. It seems like yesterday I came here. I can hardly believe the time has gone so fast."

Through the years, she's seen changes in education. There's much more emphasis on the psychological angle of education today.

"Maybe it's because society has changed," she offered as reason. "Families aren't as stable. I think affluence is to blame for today's licentious living."

"Peer pressure is a lot stronger, too. Children are independent of their parents at an earlier age. There's a different set of values today, with more emphasis on mate-

rial wealth and pleasure."

That's not the type of upbringing Sister Ignatius remembers. She left home at 15 to enter Mercy Academy in Grand Rapids, finishing high school and college during her first years of service.

"I GREW UP on a farm in Pinconning, third from last in a family of seven children," she recalls. "My parents emigrated from French Canada over 100 years ago. They were hard working and they knew poverty. I was raised in a complete atmosphere of love."

She attributes her artistic talent to her mother. "My mother crocheted rugs out of discarded package strings, and made lovely clothes for us without using patterns."

"Art was always my great love. Every free minute I had as a child, I'd draw or paint. All I ever wanted for Christmas was paint and paper."

Her favorite contemporary artist is Andrew Wyeth.

Mercy will hold a reception for Sister Ignatius May 30.

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All persons 12 to 16 years old who

wish to learn safe operation of a motorboat powered by six or more horsepower should attend this clinic.

The Michigan Boating Safety certificate will be awarded to persons in that age bracket upon successful completion of the course.

Registration cost is \$3.

Pastry shop is sniff of Paris

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ple the fare for as little as 95 cents for a baker's dozen Palmier "honey butter-flies", 50 cents for croissants and rolls, and \$1.17 for fruit tarts and other pastries.

Garceau is a self-admitted health nut, who jogs and swims and was a champion diver in France.

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