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education of members of the Felician order. Its charter was amended in 1947 and its name changed to Madonna College. For the first time, lay women

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The school, which has a student body of 4,100, became cood in 1972. Sam Chunn III, 23, a psychology major who plans to became a priest, is one of 930 male students. He also is the chaplain of the men's soccer team, the Fighting Crusaders. "While they play, I pray," he said,

said,
Chunn will miss Madonna
when he returns to Sacred Heart
Major Seminary to complete his
studies after graduation. "I've
enjoyed everything here, particularly my involvement with the
teachers and other students.

name," he said.

A history of preparing women for careers put Madonna ahead of its time as a liberal arts college, according to Sister Lauriann and Sister Danatha.

Referring to a founding objective, Sister Danatha said:



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"What was important was to give women a chance to move on in the work force. It was a time when the soon was favored over the daughter. Most of the students were from blue collar backgrounds. Most of them were on scholarships."

Laura Standbardt of Birmingham, a 1967 graduate, was a membor of Madonna's second nursing class. "We were an experiment. What they didn't do for the first class, they did for us," she said. "I felt I got a well-rounded education. When I got my first job at Beaument Hospital, there wasn't anything I couldn't do. They went out of their way to compensate for being a new program."

Throughout the years, Madon.

na has remained true to its Catholic and Franciscan mission and requires students to take six credit hours in religious studies. Courses like Comparative Religions are comenical in scope.
Fourteen percent of Madonna students are foreign, representing 14 countries. Madonna's Center for international Studies has made it possible for students like Martha Rios, 29, a new citizen originally from Columbia, to realize her dream of becoming a teacher.
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Financial and and various awards fund much of her educa-tion. "It's nice to see the hand of God in a place where you get your higher education," said Rios. "Madonna is like home, 1,000 miles away."

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Two board members fretted at the low scores in inner city

"Districts still blame low minority students' scores on low socioeconomic status. We need to look at financing," said Barbara Roberts Mason, D-

"The feeling builds up," said board vice president Marilyn Lundy, R-Detroit, "that it's not

'cool' to learn, it's not 'cool' to be smart. I think you'll see a big difference next year."

Ellis praised the State Board for setting high "cut" standards on the tests. "The board showed true leadership," he

"The criteria for proficient performance reflects high expectations for what students should know and be able to do by the end of the 10th grade. The criteria for novice perfor-mance reflects a lesser expec-

tation, but one that is still rig-

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Test results were reported by school district, by race and by gender but not by public versus nonpublic school.

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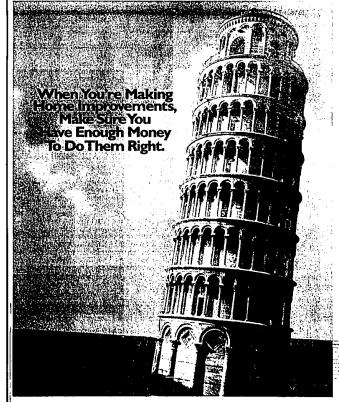
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