

Counselor Offers Some Tips On Selecting Your College

By the time the tulips bloom, most high school seniors planning on college in the fall have been accepted and have probably started packing.

But the scramble for college admission has become a year-round project, and students just finishing their junior year are already well into the planning and plotting stage.

We asked Robert Southgate, director of guidance and counseling at Plymouth High School, to talk about the college admission process, and particularly about some of the things students could do during the summer that would help in making college choices in the fall.

He advises that students begin by spending an evening or two with their noses in a good college guide book—the standard is Lovejoy's College Guide.

Then, on some of those warm summer afternoons, a little soul-searching would be a good time investment. Each student must decide for himself, Southgate emphasized, what type of college is going to be best for his personality and educational plans. "Soul-searching" isn't going to produce a list of colleges, but it may help the student decide whether he's heading for a large university or a small college, private or public, coed, women's or men's.

Visiting colleges is one of the most important steps in the student selection process, Southgate suggested. He advises students to see as many colleges as they can, preferably with a student guide.

Summer, he pointed out, is not the best time to visit a campus, but a summer visit is a lot better than no visit at all.

If a student remembers that any college has a different atmosphere during summer school than in the fall, and takes time to talk to several students, if a summer visit can be a valuable plus.

Southgate has a few suggestions for the student in the stage of choosing the college to which they will submit applications.

"First, students should realize that there is not necessarily any one college that is the college.

"It may be that students emphasize many of the wrong things when they choose a college. I have the feeling that for many undergraduates, the important factor is choosing among the personalities of colleges, rather than choosing on the basis of student-teacher ratio, number of graduates in the student's field or the other



factors that can be put into a guidebook.

"The problem with choosing a college by personality is that most students just can't learn enough about a school to evaluate this kind of a vague factor.

"A large university may turn out to be a very good environment for a kid who isn't particularly outgoing, but he may not realize that the university is too big, or he may not realize that he isn't going to be able to function very well in it.

The point, Southgate says, is that choosing a college not only requires a lot of knowledge about colleges, but a lot of knowledge about the student. And it may be easier for students to be realistic about institutions than about themselves.



AFS International Set Next Weekend

An American Field Service International Festival is planned on May 4 and 5 at Kensington's Antique Village on the site of the old Scripps Estate on Joslyn Road is colorfully representative of early America, and International Festival will be added by the 72 AFS students from all parts of Michigan. They will wear native costumes and will participate in panel discussions, talent shows and exhibits.

The program begins at 10 a.m. Saturday and will close at 5 p.m. Midway and booths will open on Sunday, starting at noon.

In addition to the AFS students who will entertain and educate those attending the Festival, there will be activities available for all ages: midway games, booths with home-made goods, foreign foods and gifts, and beautiful handmade items; hay rides, pony rides, refreshments.

This year the American Field Service scholarship program has enabled 3,080 qualified teen-agers from 60 countries to spend the senior year of high school in United States communities.

Since 1947 the aim of AFS has been that these potential leaders of tomorrow will return to their homelands with a better understanding of the United States and eventually create better relationships between nations. AFS also handles an American Abroad Program which sends outstanding students from U.S. high schools to foreign countries to live with families.

Metropolitan Detroit AFS is sponsoring this fund-raising event, with the cooperation of Detroit area adult AFS chapters and high school AFS clubs. Proceeds will support the International Scholarship Program.

The Redford Township residents who have been active on the Metropolitan AFS Board are: Mrs. V.G. Mundy, Mrs. Charles Haynes and Mrs. Edwin O.H. Thurston High School is sponsoring Mario Duran, Guatemala, living with the Edwin Ott family, 11324 Marion, Detroit; and Yulmusa Thungsubut, Thailand, living with the Bruce Cottony family, 26078 Westfield, Detroit.

Redford Union High School is sponsoring Janet Sebright, England, who is living with the David Schochter family, 17373 Beech Daly, Detroit.

Redford High School is sponsoring Gilles Bottine, France, who is living with the Richard Barzler family, 15332 Ashbin, Detroit; and Maria Itanez, Argentina, who is living with the Cyril Mitchell family, 17305 Northrop, Detroit.

The Livonia residents who have been active on the Metropolitan AFS Board are: Mrs. Forest Chaffee, Mrs. Ortar Mette, Mrs. Gordon McJoby, Mrs. P.A. Blacklock, Mrs. Sidney Wilson, Mrs. Raymond Claiten and Mrs. Walter Nevill. Clareville High School is sponsoring Felipe Cuhartan, Farmington High School is sponsoring Bright Nielsen, Denmark, who is living with the Wesley Robertson family, Livonia.

Garden City High School is sponsoring Michel Pfing, Switzerland, who is living with the Louis Hager family, Garden City.

Stevenson High School is sponsoring Giorgio Antonolotti, Italy, who is living with the William Massey family, Livonia, and Estela Ines Villase-nor, Argentina; who is living with the William Schmitt family, Livonia.

Bentley High School is sponsoring Gábor Akabócs, Iran, who is living with the Charles Maddox family, Livonia, and Per Sandberg, Sweden, who is living with the William Bolin family, Livonia.

The Farmington residents who have been active on the Metropolitan AFS Board are: Mrs. W.P. Dunell, Mrs. S. Steele Cox, Mrs. Irene Young and Mrs. James Read.

Farmington High School is sponsoring Bright Nielsen, Denmark, who is living with the Wesley Robertson family, Farmington, and Marco Tres, Brazil, who is living with the John Clappison family, Farmington.

Safety Road Rally Set For May 5

A safety-promoting road rally for young drivers is being sponsored by the Achievers Association of Junior Achievement of Southeastern Michigan. Scheduled for Sunday, May 5, the event will start at Northland Center and end at Mt. Gramplan Ski Lodge, Oxford.

Bible College 'Preview' Set

Local high school students will be able to participate in a special get acquainted with college program during "College Preview" scheduled May 3-4 at Detroit Bible College.

This unique two-day event, sponsored by the DBC Dormitory Council, is open to all high school juniors and seniors.

"College Preview" will feature brief class sessions Saturday, May 4, on such subjects as theology and psychology. According to Norm Davis, student-dorm supervisor, overnight accommodations will be made available to the first 75 to 80 applicants. The remaining participants will begin a full day of activities at 10 a.m. on May 4. There is a nominal registration fee. For further information, call Norm Davis at UR 4-8400.

Also planned for Saturday is a tour of the DBC campus along with varied recreational activities such as swimming.

Highlighting the evening will be a banquet at 6 p.m., followed by a singing rally which will feature musical selections performed by the DBC Chorale. A brief talk by Dr. William A. Bevier, interim president, will conclude the two-day event.

Each contestant will be handed a list of mystery clues to the route to be followed and will be clocked at checkpoints along the way. Prizes will be awarded to the top performers during a dance climaxing the day's activity.

Entry blanks for the road rally may be picked up at any Junior Achievement center or at the takeoff site. Starting gun will be fired at 12 noon in parking lot K at Northland.

Plymouth Girl Wins Bentley Scholarship

Judy Ray, daughter of Mrs. Stella Ray, 2100 Morrison, Plymouth, has been named winner of an Alvin M. Bentley Foundation Scholarship Award for Excellence in Scholarship performed for the academic year 1968-69.

The scholarship amounts to \$500 and is one of the major awards presented to 10 Michigan colleges and universities by the Foundation this year.

Commenting on the selection, Bentley said, "The choice of Miss Ray for a scholarship by Scholcraft College results not only from the attainment of an excellent academic record, but also from her achievement in extracurricular activities, which exemplifies the ideals of the scholarship policy of the Foundation."

Debaters Honored

Several outstanding high school debaters in Observerland have received Certificates of Merit after participating in the Michigan High School Forensic Association debate series, sponsored by The Detroit Free Press and the University of Michigan.

Area students honored are: ELYN GUTHRIE—Sue Leonard, Steve Lyttle, James Warren and Michael Belzins.

REDFORD UNION—Shirlee Dushko, Jill Dyer, Jack Ewing, David Ervin, Larry Good, Kevin Huntsman, Syd Rooks and Doug Savich.

FARMINGTON -- William Bailey, Robert Warren, Pat Harrigan, Joe Schaefer, Greg Smith, William Spence and Shirley Wheelock.

OUR LADY OF SORROWS -- Brian Follins, Gary Maximinko, John Abowd and James Mitchell.

LADYWOOD -- Marianne Nagorsen, Carmen Blanchard, Marie O'Brien, Margo Arcand, Mary Chris Moraced, Paula Paldino, Sue Durivage and Cathy McAllister.

STEVENSON—James Chisholm, Alan Helmkamp, Mary Ann Zander, Stanley Beck, Cheryl Stewart, Joy Hojlan-azian, Paul Sleafat, Jack Kay, Stewart Cohen and Mordecai Abramowitz.



THE PLYMOUTH TEEN CLUB donated a dozen large animal posters to Plymouth State Home this week. The posters, a project of about 15 club members, were finished during Easter vacation. Above, with two of the posters, are (left to right) Pamm Swanson, Sue McKenzie and Carl Barber.

The College Whirl

JONATHAN D. ADAMS, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas T. Adams, of 1441 Woodland, Plymouth, was elected recording secretary of Delta Upsilon Fraternity at Eastern University, Granville, O. A sophomore, he is a graduate of Plymouth High.

LINGA J. LYNAS, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John A. Lynas, of 644 Harding, Plymouth, has just returned to Michigan State University after attending the 15th National Angel Flight Convocation in New York. The Angel Flight is a national women's organization which supports the Arnold Air Society, an honorary association for outstanding Air Force ROTC cadets. Miss Lynas is a 1965 graduate of Plymouth High.



ROMANCE SWEEPS OVER the head this spring, and as far as fashion goes, the closely cropped, straight hair of the last few seasons is a thing of the past. Two of the new looks are sketched above. One is a simple wavy style that can be

worn at any time. The other, with long curls, is achieved by adding a hairpiece and is designed for evening. Wear it with a long, flowing gown or perhaps a mid-evening skirt and blouse.



ROCKY BARRA, an Eastern Michigan University senior who lives at 35244 Parkdale, in Livonia, is the first edition of his new magazine, "Strictly Elvis." Rocky, who is 22, claims that Elvis is not in any sense out-dated; that 1968 may be his biggest year yet. Apparently Rocky's not the only one who thinks so — he already has 600 subscribers to the monthly publication.

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