

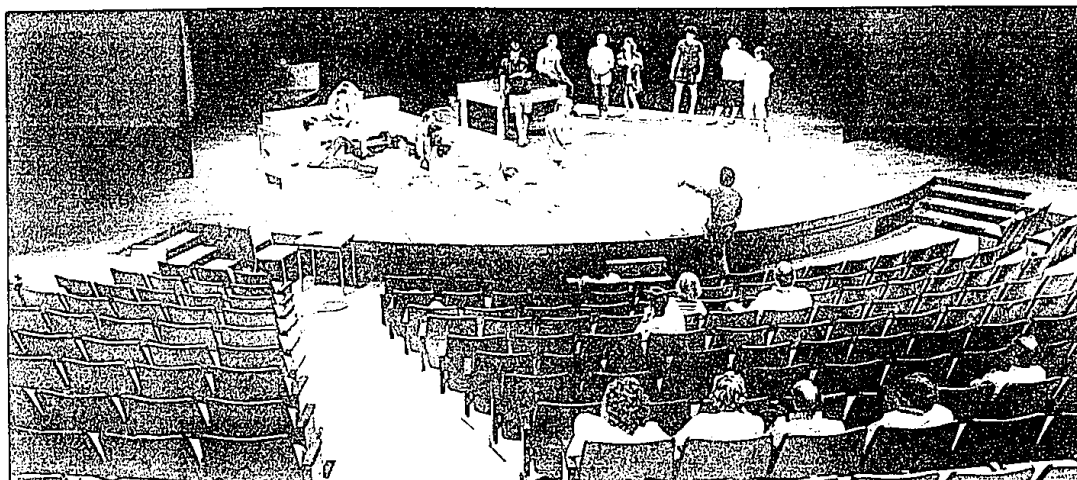
# Suburban Life

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Rehearsals for "Man of LaMancha" are in progress in Smith Theatre for the Performing Arts on campus leading up to performances set for two weekends in August. All of the instructors for the 13-18 year old cast are professionals in the many facets of theater.

## Summer enrichment

### Day campers fill up the Orchard Ridge campus

Every available nook and cranny that isn't used for credit classes on Orchard Ridge Campus is taken up this summer by the day campers.

Many of them are wearing their way around campus, wearing backpacks that might be filled with a change of clothes for swimming or karate or a dance or gym class. Or they might be carrying a tennis racket, some kind of sports equipment or a gasoline-powered airplane for another class.

"I just found out they're using up about 200 pounds of clay a week in the pottery classes so I've got to ar-

range for a bigger display case," said summer camp director Jamie Mason. "That's one of the most popular classes this summer, that and theater."

Mason teaches theater arts and manages Smith Theatre of the Performing Arts on campus during the school term. This summer he is using the campus theatre for six weeks of rehearsal leading up to a full-scale production of "Man of LaMancha."

Every student enrolled in the class has a part in the end-of-summer musical that will be produced the week-ends of Aug. 22-23 and Aug. 29-30 with the help of a large range of pro-

fessionals Mason has brought in to help coach the 13-18-year-old budding thespians.

"It's good training just to be able to interact with the pros," Mason said.

One performance will be given

with a language signer specifically for an invited audience of those with impaired hearing. Another performance will be given for senior adults only.

Ticket prices will be upped, Mason said, for those who attend opening night with an afterglow.

"Whatever money we make on those sales will go for camperships next year," he said.

This is the second summer the campus has offered its mixture of arts and sciences for enrichment to youth from 6-18 years and the first

year for Mason to assume total directorship.

All of his instructors are professionals who have come from school districts throughout southern Michigan. The instructors are aided with 24 high school or college student interns.



Sarah Voisin puts together a three-dimensional maze in the class for budding cartoonists. The 9-year-old, a student at Our Lady of Sorrows Elementary School, is in Don Nadol's class this summer.



Heldi Schultz (center) leads a class in creative movement for 6-9 year olds. The class is one of seven offered for various types of dancing and movement for different age groups.



Beth Leeman, a 13-year-old Farmington Hills resident, is learning computer graphics. Her teacher is Tim Batts, who teaches all levels of computer science to those with all levels of expertise.

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