

## High School Notes

# Summer Programs Set For Thousands in City

School will end for most students next week, but many will be back in classrooms, workshops and laboratories this summer to take advantage of summer programs that range in purpose from giving youngsters a little help toward college admissions to simply providing something to do.

Many of the summer programs, which will enroll thousands of young people, will offer special help in making up subjects that were missed during the regular year, or that the student failed. For example:

The Board of Education will be running a citywide program for 1,800 students who need help in sharpening their reading and math skills. It is called the College Bound Summer Program. It starts Thursday and will be offered at these high schools: George Washington, Charles Evans Hughes, Walton, Morris, John Jay, Samuel J. Tilden and Bushwick.

Saint Brendan's High School in Brooklyn, meanwhile, will again be running its own Higher Achievement Program, open to 150 students from all high schools who want to prepare for the pressure and competition of the state Regents examinations and the College Board tests. St. Brendan's started the program in 1963, when the school's principal noted that few of the students were winning scholarships. In two years, the number of Regents scholarship winners at Saint Brendan's jumped from 15 to more than 90, according to the school.

Martin Van Buren High School will offer free instruction in auto repairs, home maintenance, woodworking and cabinet-making, starting July 2. For Van Buren students, the program will be good for a half credit toward graduation.

For the last 40-odd years, Sarah J. Hale Vocational High School in Brooklyn has been training girls in vocational and professional skills.

Next fall, the school will have a new name and a new purpose. The school will drop the word "vocational" from its name and open in September to boys and girls as a comprehensive high school, with both vocational and academic, or college-oriented programs.

Students will follow the same academic course in the 9th and 10th grades, and then decide whether to follow the career-training program in such subjects as business administration, cosmetology and health services, or to continue the college-preparatory curriculum.

The last month of high school brings out a number of student-written and produced art and literature booklets.

At Washington Irving High School, one of the city's last all-girl high schools, the art and creative writing students have published a glossy professional-looking "Sketch Book," with poems in several languages, drawings, stories and even a one-act play, by Lisa Santiago, which has Eve assert her liberation and Adam become a plaintive and meek "sex object."

Hillcrest High School, in Queens, meanwhile, has published "Jabberwocky," whose stories and poems include an "Ode to the Hot Dog."

And John Dewey High School's "Streams of Conscience," a compilation of art and writing by students from throughout the school, won the Columbia Scholastic Press Medalist Award.

The end of the school year is also the last day of classes for many retiring teachers. Sam Troiky began teaching high school students 42 years ago, for example, and will retire from his position as chairman of the physical science department at James Monroe High School in the Bronx this summer. His 20 students in Advanced Chemistry 241 recently signed this tribute to their teacher:

"To he who has been patient and persevered through all of our questions, tempers, uncooperativeness, and laziness; who, despite all of this, has remembered the good in us and given us the benefit of the doubt; and who has borne many pressures and problems as a chairman and a man that we, being unaware of, were insensitive to, our many thanks and eternal gratitude."

This is the final High School Notes column for the academic year now ending. The column will be resumed in the fall.

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