

Move Climaxes Plans, Work

Our Dream Come True At Last

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At last the move is made and the students of O'Rafferty become students in O'Rafferty. Today climaxes months of work and planning.

The old red school served as headquarters for the immediate moving preparations. During the week of Jan. 13, the students faced the dual tasks of studying for semester exams and helping in "operation move". Last Wednesday and Thursday advisory was extended to one-half hour, so that students could learn their new room

and locker numbers, schedule divisions; the boys' wing, the girls' wing, and the "commons". Although there are sixteen classrooms in each wing, the boys' section has the physics and the chemistry labs and a dark room for photography. The latter contains a developer, printer, and dryer.

Gas, water, and electricity are piped to the individual desks in the chemistry lab. An emergency shower is available, just off the lab, in case of an accident in the use of harmful materials.

The girls' section has the home-first to the front of the building. It contains a storage room for audio-visual equipment and a room for the librarian.

Administration

The library is followed by the administrative section. This includes the offices of the principal, vice principals and secretary and the guidance rooms. Announcements will be heard throughout the school over a newly installed P.A. system. On special occasions,

music or programs will be piped into the rooms.

Chapel

The school chapel accommodates eighty students. The altar is placed in the center with the pews on both sides. It is on a pivot so that it can face in any direction. A sliding wall to the auditorium will enable five hundred more students to participate in the mass or special services. Four confessionals are provided for the students' use and an adjoining sacristy for priests.

The auditorium has sloped theater seats, in a semi-circle. There is a projection booth at the back of the auditorium and an art gallery before the cafeteria area. The cafeteria itself has two side walls of glass.

Tri-Level

At this point, the school is a tri-level. The cafeteria one level, the gym a second, and the lockers, choral and orchestra rooms a third. The gym features a white ceiling, walls light-blue to dark-blue at bottom, wooden floors and bleachers and a score-board in the school colors. The lockers connected to the gym have sections for both boys and girls who participate in sports.

The doors to all the rooms in the interior of the building are naturally stained wood. The face-brick walls and colorful entrances of apricot and aqua give the exterior a pleasant appearance.

These things, once a dream, are now reality as the students begin the first day at their new school—at their O'Rafferty.



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