

IMAGINATION SPARKS LEARNING

Class blends freedom, structure

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"It's times like that you feel blessed," Miss Nordberg said.

The children also conduct their own classroom surveys, which they write about when completed.

Natalie wanted to determine the class favorites. "Which do you like

best: vegetables, fruits or junk food?" she asked. Surprisingly, fruit ended up the favorite. Miss Nordberg credits this to the kids' knowledge of nutrition.

Other surveys included, "Where would you like to live: New York, Minnesota or Canada?" "Which do you like best: a bird, dog or

cat?" and "Which 'Kiss' album do you like best?"

"Of course the teacher doesn't know anything about Kiss," Miss Nordberg said. "But I learn."

And speaking of music, four of the boys recently dressed up like the rockers and gave the class a concert. Tickets even were available at the classroom "Ticketron" booth.

Kerry, Brian, Todd and Danny skipped recess for two three weeks to practice for the concert, Miss Nordberg said. They put on their own facial make-up, put on a Kiss album and sang and danced along.

To relate the interest in rock music to math, Miss Nordberg worked out problems adding and subtracting the listening times of the songs in Kerry's math book. A typical problem read: "If you listened to side II of Kiss Alive, but skipped the song 'Cold Gin,' how long would you be listening?" or, "How much longer is 'Cold Gin' than 'Let me go Rock and Roll?'"

The boys had so much fun, they gave another concert last month.

"Everything they learn is integrated into life," Miss Nordberg said. "It's the easy way to learn."

"The learning process is contagious," she added. "The older always help the younger. It's like a family in here."

There are very few problems in the class, Miss Nordberg said, and "discipline problems are practically non-existent."

Each morning the children spend about three hours learning on their own before they are brought together as a group. And they keep going, Miss Nordberg said. "They never run out of things to do."

"Everybody who comes in, learns," she added. "You can't help it — it's just an ongoing process."

The kids are assigned no homework, but they do take their work home with them. "Some demand to come when they're sick, and others want to come on weekends," Miss Nordberg said. They work on similar projects during the summer because, "it's a natural carry-over," she said.

The classroom frequently gets visitors, she said. One year a good 500 visitors came to see the room.

Miss Nordberg said she got many of her project ideas at workshops and extra classes she has attended. She credits the many pets to her childhood desires to have pets.

"I'm someone who loves

nature," she said, and so the pets have become a natural part of the classroom. And the kids that return after leaving the class always remember all the animals, she said.

Most children, she said, do not have problems returning to a regular classroom after spending so much time in her room.

"The kids get a good feeling about themselves and their learning," Miss Nordberg said. "And the main thing is that they have built a good learning foundation."

Dancing, wet or dry, keys YM classes

FULLERTON — Dancing, in the water or on land, will be offered in new classes beginning the week of July 27 at the North Orange County YMCA, 2000 Youth Way.

A four-week class in Synchronized Swimming will be offered from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Monday and Wednesday, and will cover various stunts, routines and stylized swimming. The classes will perform routines set to music and a recital is

planned. Swimmers are required to be at the Shark Level (Intermediate) or pass a qualifying swim test.

Classes in Aerobic dance, a cardiovascular fitness program which combines the basic elements of a good fitness workout with the fun of dancing, will be offered days and evenings.

A fee is charged for all classes. Further information is available by calling the YMCA at 879-9622.

Golfers tally match scores

FULLERTON — Maxine Lewis, Garden Grove, and Elda Berg, Anaheim, were winners in Fullerton Women's Golf Club play recently. In tournament play, first place group winners included Ms. Berg, Mildred Ogilvie of Buena Park, and Ruth Edwards and Donna Lee, both of La Habra.

In other summer matches, Esther Michel of Fullerton won the Ace of the Month for July. In Ringer play, April through July, winners were Ms. Michel, low gross; Jane Froeschle, Fullerton, low net; Mildred Ruhr, Whittier, B Flight low gross; Sylvia Balicki, B Flight low net; Louise Fountain, La Habra, C Flight low gross; and Shirley Foulger, Whittier, low net.

Eileen Doser, Paul Nagy are married

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Richard Nagy are at home in Alameda following their wedding in San Luis Obispo, which was attended by friends from Fullerton. The bridegroom, formerly of Fullerton, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Nagy of Leucadia, formerly of Fullerton. The bride, the former Eileen Frances Doser, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gerard Doser of San Luis Obispo.

The Rev. Dennis Gilbert officiated for the June 20 ceremony at the mission San Luis Obispo de Tolosa. The bride wore a gown of polyester satin and chiffon trimmed with seed pearls and re-embroidered Alencon lace. She carried a cascade bouquet of white cattleyas.

Anne Rice, matron of honor, wore a pink print gown. Sharon Gove and Ruth Nagy, the latter the bridegroom's sister, served as bridesmaids. They wore green print gowns and all carried cascade bouquets of pink roses.

Dave Kramer of Fullerton was best man. Keith Doser, Carl and Glen Nagy ushered. Daniel Blythe and Shannon Rice completed the wedding party. The reception was held at the Discovery Motor Inn in San Luis Obispo.



MR. AND MRS. PAUL R. NAGY

The new Mrs. Nagy is a graduate of San Luis Obispo High School. Her husband is a graduate of Troy High School, Fullerton, and of Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo, where he graduated with honors and was on the president's honors list. Nagy is an associate member of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers and is employed by the Naval Department of Public Works in Oakland.

North Orange County wedding guests included Lois Carson and Chris; and Ruth and Winton Peterson, all of Fullerton.

Counselors recruited

FULLERTON — Counselors are being recruited by the YWCA of North Orange County for its summer residential camping program. The session, at Camp Osceola in the San Bernardino Mountains, runs from Aug. 22 to 29.

Applicants for the counselor positions must be 18 years of age or high school graduates who are interested in developing leadership skills through work with girls

ages 8 to 17. Experience in resident camping or recreation, although helpful, is not necessary.

Hiking, swimming, horseback riding, boating and crafts are among planned activities that week. Each cabin group includes eight campers and one counselor.

Further information may be obtained by contacting Linda Brackett at the YWCA, 871-4488. Applications are available at the Y-House, 321 N. Pomona Ave.

Engaged

Loesch-Rubenstein

LA HABRA — Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Loesch have announced the engagement of their daughter, Gayle Marie Loesch of Fullerton, to Arthur Alan Rubenstein of Los Angeles. The bridegroom-elect's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Charles Rubenstein of Los Angeles.

Miss Loesch is a graduate of Lowell High School, Whittier, and earned the bachelor's and master's degrees in special education at Cal State Fullerton, where she also is an instructor. She also teaches the visually handicapped at Neff High School, La Mirada. She is a member of Phi Kappa Phi.



GAYLE LOESCH ARTHUR RUBENSTEIN

Her fiance, a graduate of Fairfax High School, Los Angeles, is a representative of LaBarge Co., Irvine. Both are volunteers at the Foundation for the Junior Blind.

An Aug. 30 wedding at Throop Unitarian Church in Pasadena is planned.

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