

# The Enrichment Group

The Enrichment Program was an organization that few of us really knew about. It was a group of academic achievers chosen to exercise their creativity in the media arts.

On Tuesdays, Mr Ronald Hoodak joined our faculty as the Enrichment advisor. He worked with students from grades 7-12, teaching them skills in the media. In the lower grades, students were taught the basics of media-good communication skills, research skills, creative writing, and how to operate a video camera. Then, Mr Hoodak guided them through the process of producing quality pieces of work. Final projects included poetry, creative sound, and short films. The films were produced with the help of Rich Preston, the Media Specialist at BOCES. He taught them how to edit video tape, add special effects, and use sound effectively.

In the Spring, the Enrichment students attended two regional shows of the New York State Youth in Media Arts Festival. The first was held at Elmira College and the second at Ithaca College. At both shows, their projects competed strongly and won high praises. Entries included such projects as these: Silver-

sound by J. Hoxie, D.Slusser, B. Tague, and R. Hendrickson, SADD, by the seventh graders, and a film on Cornell University's Natural Resources Youth Action Program by C. Foley and W. Pelchar.

After the excitement of the two festivals, the entire group organized to produce a live news broadcast. Once again utilizing BOCES facilities, an actual live taping of a news show was produced. The scene at the studio resembled that of the 1987 movie hit Broadcast News, as the eight man team hustled and bustled to get every camera angle, sound bite, story, and the credits just right.

The Enrichment Program was extremely beneficial to its

members. Said freshman Julie Malnoske: 'I never would have gotten the experience in media if it weren't for Enrichment.' Their learning went beyond running a camera; they learned important communication skills that helped them in everyday life; several students received inspiration from their Enrichment activities. Said senior C. Foley, 'I think that all of us gained knowledge that we can apply in the real world. We learned to use our minds creatively and to express ourselves in ways in which we make people listen. Our experiences in the program will not only work to our advantage in the media arts, but our future education, careers, and lives.'



Front: S.Tague, D.Irmischer, N.Demarest, S.Scott, D.Kelly. 2nd: P.Morgan, J.Malnoske, T.Eaton, N.Iven, L.Schweizer. Back: D.Slusser, J.Hoxie, C.Starkweather, Mr Hoodak, S.Scott, B.Tague, V.Bush, C.Foley, W.Pelchar.