

Teens Organize For Education

By PETER K. MENG

A statewide student conference on education, the Regional Youth Conference, was held in Rochester recently.

The Conference was sponsored by the Teen League of Rochester, a student organization representing all Monroe County high schools which has been involved in community service and action for the past six years. The conference, chaired by James Bower a junior at McQuaid High School was attended by 85 delegates representing 40 high schools.

"Among the many goals of the conference," says Bower, "there were three main objectives, to bring students together from across the state to exchange feelings, ideas and knowledge about the educational system as it exists today; to produce specific proposals for education reform in five areas: grading, elective courses, independent study, relevant education days, and student grievance systems; and bills of rights, to determine follow-up action and to establish a statewide student organization to effect that follow-up."

"In all aspects, the conference was a definite success," said Bower. All of the 85 delegates, coming from schools from Buffalo to White Plains, were involved.

Resource information on the

five areas was provided, and heated debate preceded the adoption of the five proposals.

"The delegates recognized the need for constructive student involvement in education reform," it was reported by Bower. "Therefore, a detailed program of followup was enthusiastically adopted." A statewide student education association, "The Student Education Association of New York" (SEANY) was formed. A structure for the new organization was adopted and plans to support the delegates in their individual schools were coupled with a program to enlist support of state education officials. "Further plans called for a second conference in October to involve more students from more schools in adoption of a broader range of proposals for educational reform," he said, "which we hope will be even more successful."

The future for the Regional Youth Conference and SEANY depends on the students themselves, because they are both entirely organized and directed by students.

"The direction that the organization takes is completely determined by the students themselves," commented Bower. He also added that "any student could participate; all that is necessary is a desire to improve education in New York."

'Boy Friend' Bows At Mercy

"The Boy Friend," a musical comedy set in the Roaring 20s, will be presented at Mercy High School on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, May 6, 7 and 8, at 8 p.m.

Written in the 1950s by Sandy Wilson, "The Boy Friend" is currently being revived in film in England with Twiggy playing the lead. Julie Andrews popularized the play in the 1950s when she had the lead.

"The Boy Friend" is not merely a spoof of the 1920s—it is the 1920s. The setting is the French Riviera where Polly, a millionaire's daughter, is attending Madame Dubonnet's Finishing School for "perfect young ladies." While all the girls are looking forward to the costume ball that evening, Polly sadly admits that she has no one to take her. In comes Tony, a delivery boy; they immediately fall in love and plan to attend the ball together. Because Polly believes that all young men are after her money, she poses as Mme. Dubonnet's secretary.

When Polly's father comes to visit his daughter at school, he discovers that Mme. Dubonnet is none other than his old flame, Kiki, whom he knew in Paris years earlier. With the entrance of Lord and Lady Brockhurst the plot gets more complicated—and more amusing.

Mercy junior Debbie Hynes, plays Polly. Walter Pedano, a St. John Fisher College student, is cast as Tony. Cathy Bezek, another junior, is Mme. Dubonnet.

Others in the cast are Caro-



"Boop-a-doop," sings Dulcie (Sue Alfieri) in Mercy's production of The Boy Friend.

line Tallmadge, Robin Reid, Peggy Fleche, Sue Alfieri, Nancy Bissonette, Mary Jeanne Kenny, Sue Trevasin, Jim Orgely, Bill Oswald, Michael Mayer, Gary Monachino, Gene Harris, Gary Rossi and Jim Passantino.

An 18-member chorus rounds out the cast.

Miss Jane Garvin is the director. Senior Mary Jo Gerhardt is the student director, and sophomore Margaret Lane is the choreographer.

'Peoples Peace Treaty'

By TOM DOMALSKI

Bishop Kearney Correspondent

Mention the People's Peace Treaty to most people at Bishop Kearney High School and they will give you a puzzled stare and say, "What?" After you explain it they might then laugh, engage you in a debate about the Vietnam War, ask to read a copy and then sign it, or ask to read it then engage you in a debate on the Vietnam War. Very often, all of the above situations can occur with one person.

What is the People's Peace Treaty?

The "Joint Treaty of Peace Between the U.S. and Vietnamese People" is not a fraud. A short time ago, a group of 15 Americans led by David Ifshin, president of the National Student Association, constructed a treaty of peace with North and South Vietnamese students in Hanoi.

The main idea in forming the treaty was that the governments could not stop the war with their negotiations, so the people of the three countries must take the initiative.

The main provisions of the treaty state that: the war is carried out in the names of the

people but it is without the people's consent; the Americans agree to immediate and total withdrawal from Vietnam and publicly to set the date by which all American forces will be removed; and that the signers pledge to take whatever actions are appropriate to implement the terms of the treaty and to insure its acceptance by the U.S. government.

The treaty is being passed around by students from the three participating countries;

and is making the rounds, with faculty approval at Bishop Kearney High School.

It has been ratified by the 131 organizations and collectives of the National Coalition Against War, Racism and Repression (now called the People's Coalition for Peace and Justice), and by 2000 delegates of the Student and Youth Conference on a People's Peace which met in Ann Arbor, Michigan, Feb. 5-7.



Greece Goldenagers Entertain Students

Goldenagers Host Mooney Students

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Sunday, April 25, the Golden Age Club of Greece sponsored a return party for the members of Cardinal Mooney's Action For People Association.

The party was arranged by "goldenagers" for the teens who hosted them at a Christmas party on December 14.

"The Mooney cafe resounded with the laughter of meeting generations," said Sandy Hétler, "Everyone was reaching out, taking time to look behind the labels that society has assigned. The kids came to realize that a person remains a very

unique individual at any age, no matter if you call him a teenager or a senior citizen."

Music and refreshments were provided by the goldenagers, whose dance orchestra included a 79-year-old, piano playing, grandmother.

Plans are being made for another meeting this summer, a picnic; and a number of correspondences between the teens and goldenagers are flourishing.

Said Sister Virginia Wilson, AFPA moderator, "I think we've proven that the fastest way to close the generation gap is to fill it with love."

McQuaid Student Wins National Merit

Edward L. Staub, president of the McQuaid Jesuit High School science club, is one of the four \$1,000 National Merit Scholarship winners in Monroe County.

Staub, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter F. Staub, won the award sponsored by the Mobil Oil Corp. Staub is the director of the Odenbach Seismic Observatory, a member of the computer club and is the organizer for St. James Church, Rochester.



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