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The Met Entertains at Schools

By Joan M. Smith

Although the vibrant, rich tones issuing from the building were reminiscent of the Metropolitan Opera House in New York City, it was Nazareth Academy. Recently, Gwendolyn Bradley, Met soprano, was at the school for a concert, and like all professionals was warming up before her performance. Along with the melodic sounds echoing through the halls, there was a bubbling anticipation and there weren't two people as excited as Sisters Maria Elena Mariana and Donna Marie Cuoci, music director. It was through their efforts, along with the Office of Black Ministries, that the concert was arranged.

From the moment Miss Bradley took the stage, the audience was, all hers. She interspersed her performance with personal tidbits about her

life and profession, and gave the students an opportunity to ask questions. Her graciousness and sense of humor put them at ease and they had no qualms about asking those questions.

"What types of music do you like?" one young lady asked. "Depends on my mood," answered Miss Bradley, "but I like most types." She received an applause of approval when she mentioned Stevie Wonder as one of her favorite recording artists.

She recalled her trips to Europe, Greece, East Germany and a study tour in Italy, when asked if she travelled a lot. "I have a hectic schedule," she said, and explained that over the next few months she would be in Seattle for a concert, Detroit for a five-week engagement, and then back to New York for a November recital at Carnegie

Hall. Because, however, of the present strike that has forced cancellation of the Met season, her debut in L'enfant et Les Sortilèges by Ravel scheduled for Feb. 20 is in question.

"What advice do you have for aspiring singers?" was another question.

"You have to know you have talent," she observed, "and then you have to have the will power and patience to develop it."

To the question "Can you break crystal?" Miss Bradley laughed, "Not with my voice but with my hands."

They were curious about the stars she has met during her career and she mentioned opera colleague, Beverly Sills; the TV Hogan Heroes personality, Walter Klemperer; Smokey Robinson; and Leonard Bernstein, former

conductor of the New York Philharmonic.

There was no doubt the students were impressed with her performance. Denise Barone, senior and member of the Perosians and Choral Belles, said she was amazed at how easy singing came to Miss Bradley. "No trouble in hitting the high notes," she said. Denise was also impressed with Miss Bradley's talk about stage nerves.

What impressed fellow classmate and Perosian, Maria Bellavia, was the emotion Miss Bradley put into the performance.

Miss Bradley has been performing in the area under the sponsorship of the Rochester Philharmonic, the Sears-Roebuck Foundation, the National Endowment for the Arts, and the Artist Affiliate Inc. Her appearances have included concerts at St. Stanislaus, St. Bridget's, St.



After her performance Miss Bradley took time to chat with the students. Photos by Joan M. Smith. Pius X, The Genesee Country Conception, and Cardinal Museum, Immaculate Mooney High School.

JA Drive In Progress

Harris H. Rusitzky, chairman of the local Junior Achievement Board of Directors, has announced that Robert F. Sykes, Chairman of the Board, Sykes Datronics, Inc., will chair the JA of Rochester 1980-81 Operating Fund Drive. Sykes was formerly on the Board of Directors of JA and several years ago headed up a successful fund drive for the organization.

The campaign will be in progress from Oct. 1 through Oct. 30 to raise funds for the fiscal year's operating budget according to Floyd A. Tekampe, president of the local Board of Directors of JA.

Mercy SGA Plan Events

Rosemary Blair and Eileen Gallagher were elected chairpersons of the Student Exchange at Our Lady of Mercy. During the year Mercy students will visit various Catholic high schools to see just how "the other half lives." As an exchange program, the school will also host students from other area schools.

Despite the fact that the Christmas season is nearly three months away, the Student Government Association, under the direction of Moira Mahoney, president, has started organizing and making plans for the annual New Years Ball. Elected as chairpersons were Lisa Kenny and Margaret Chittaro.

Plans are being made to continue the SGA sponsored movie nights which offer popular movies to the Mercy community.



Coordinating the mag drive are in front row: Patty Schmidt and Jeanette Lumpkin; back row, Dave Kommeth, Rosa Ferrara, and John DiMarsico.

BK Students Aim For Magazine Goal

According to a press release, Bishop Kearney students will come out roaring like lions to promote the school's magazine drive that starts tomorrow and will continue through Oct. 28. Over 300 popular and specialized magazines will be offered along with a special listing of 24 Catholic publications.

The Kearney students are aiming for a sales goal of \$80,000 and the profits will go towards curriculum development, new band uniforms, computer hardware and software, and improvements to school grounds and playing fields.

Prizes for the salespeople will include Kearney stadium blankets, concert tickets, Kearney gusto mugs, stereo systems, and a disco roller skating party.

Mercy Fete Oct. 17

Our Lady of Mercy High School's Alumnae Association is holding their annual Alumnae Banquet, Friday, Oct. 17 at the Burgundy Basin Inn, Marsh Rd., Pittsford. Cocktails at 6:30 p.m. will be followed by the dinner at 8 p.m.

ordering magazines or renewing current subscriptions, call the school, 342-4000.

BK Students Utilize Library

While their classmates were enjoying the freedom of summer vacation, 17 members of the Bishop Kearney Video and Library Clubs volunteered two days of their vacation to participate in a library workshop at the school, in July.

Sister Maryann, librarian, offers the workshop every summer to teach club members the library skills they need to give competent assistance to teachers and students during the school year.

At this summer's workshop, Library Club members learned how to shelve books,

check materials in and out, keep library records orderly and up-to-date, and help teachers and students locate books and resource material. Under the supervision of Brother D.B. Wright, club members learned how to operate and repair audio-visual equipment.

The students agree with Sister Maryann that the workshop is beneficial and an enjoyable experience. As senior Rosa Ferrara said, "Attending the workshop is a good way to prove the saying 'learning can be fun'."

A Spirited Weekend

The Cardinal Mooney Homecoming Weekend, Sept. 25-28, was preceded by four days of enthusiastic activities. It started with a Crazy Hat Day on Tuesday, a Dress-up Day on Wednesday, and a Red and Gold Day, Thursday. Friday's pep rally kicked off the official opening of the weekend celebrations. That evening the "Backstreet Band" played for 300 students who danced and waited for the arrival of the homecoming king and queen candidates. Larry Blum was crowned king with Steve Johnson as runner-up. Katie Rombaut was queen with Carla Colopietro as runner-up.

On Saturday the floats paraded down Maiden Lane to the football stadium at 800 Maiden Lane where the senior float took first prize. Although East won the game, 7-6, it was agreed by all that the weekend served to encourage the spirit at the school.



Grr! we're going to get 'em, warns Scott Pavone (52) as the Cardinal mascot is ready to attack. Dan Timmermin (42) gives a hand to the Mooney football team as it is introduced to the students. Photo by Joan M. Smith.



King Larry Blum accompanying the queen, Katie Rombaut.

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