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Isaiah Jackson conducting at McQuaid. He and the RPO also perform youth concerts for elementary school children at the Eastman. "We plant a seed," said Jackson about the concerts, "and hope it grows."

The Eastman Sound: A Morning Eye Opener

By Joan M. Smith

Amid the tuning-up of violins, cellos, and trumpets the students excitedly asked, "Who's conducting?" Their answer came as Isaiah Jackson, assistant conductor of the Rochester Philharmonic Orchestra, alert and jaunty on an early, wintry morning, took the podium. He immediately brought everyone to attention with a lively rendition of the "Stars and Stripes Forever" by John Philip Sousa.

He and the orchestra were at McQuaid High School for a concert, Jan. 6, one of a dozen such appearances they make to area high schools during the year. The "language of music" concert began in the march tempo and after the bombastic martial music of Sousa, Jackson presented his audience with a variety of march sounds: the exotic "Procession of the Sadars," the sombre "Funeral March of the Marionettes," once the theme song for the Alfred Hitchcock TV program; and an imperial Chinese March complete with the elegant sound of an imported Chinese gong.

The program also included a variety of dance music from the "Blue Danube" by Johann Strauss, to what Jackson termed "traveling music" from "Cinderella" by Sergi Prokofiev. And doing what he does so well, Jackson explained the music his listeners would be hearing and how the composers used the instruments to tell their story. He used as an example "The Royal Hunt and Storm" in which the French horns portrayed the hunting horns's call to hounds, and the bass drum rolled out the thunder.

What brings Jackson and the RPO out for student concerts? "We like to give them a taste of what we have to offer in the hope they will be curious to hear us again,"

he said, and added that the attentiveness and responsiveness from an audience like the McQuaid students, "makes playing for them a great joy."

There was no doubt about the response from McQuaid

especially when the orchestra swung into their final number, the theme from "Superman." A standing ovation greeted the musicians as the last note reverberated through the halls. More than one student exclaimed, "What a way to start a day!"



Talk on Justice

Lourdes Perez-Albuerne, program director for the diocesan Peace and Justice Commission, is shown here discussing social justice activities with St. Agnes students Joan McClean, Mary Katherine Jones, and Tanya McCray.

Youth Ministry Reps Push For Total Support

Diocesan Pastoral Council youth representatives Nancy Caswell, student at Our Lady of Mercy High School and member of St. John's (Humboldt St.) parish, and Maureen Ranney, Victor High School and from St. Patrick's parish in Victor, had a simple request at the January meeting: Help and support.

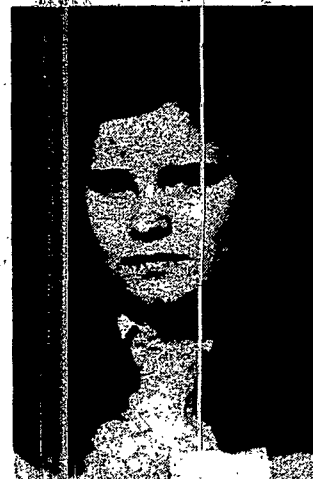
They asked the regional representatives to help obtain the names of two youth from every parish. To date only 51 parishes have sent in names to the diocesan Office of Religious Education.

"There are two reasons," said Nancy. "We are going to do a mail survey of parish youth activities and we are going to have regional gatherings of the youth delegates in the spring. We don't want anyone left out," she said.

In a plea for support, the two reminded the membership of the proposal for a diocesan Coordinator of Youth



MAUREEN RANNEY



NANCY CASWELL

Ministry. "We believe our survey and regional gathering will show the need for better parish ministry to youth," commented Maureen. "When we had our gathering in September 80 youth said 'we want better liturgies, better religious education programs, and friendlier parishoners.' As long as we're on the DPC we want to promote that," she added.

The survey will be distributed in February with a report due at the March meeting.

The proposal for a Coordinator of Youth Ministry was first given to Bishop Matthew H. Clark and the division directors in January 1980, by 12 diocesan departments that provide services for youth.

Best of a Tasty Lot

On Thursday, Jan. 8, the Home Economics students at Bishop Kearney High School donned their baker's hats for the annual BK cake contest. Each year the boys' Bachelor Survival classes challenge the girls' Foods I classes to a bake-off. For two days prior to the contest each group uses its Home Ec period to plan and bake what it hopes will be the winning entry.

This year the boys and girls entered two cakes each in the contest. The cakes were judged on taste, appearance, decorations, and creativity. Brother Brian Walsh, principal, along with Sister Evelyn Breslin, vice principal, and members of the faculty were on hand to judge the entries. After debate on each cake's merits (and a lot of editorial comments from the Home Ec students) the boys' first and second period Bachelor Survival class was declared the winner. As a reward for

their baking skill, the boys will go on a field trip to Le Champignon Restaurant for lunch.

According to Kearney Home Economics teacher Carol Cowan, the cake contest started in 1976 as a county-wide event sponsored by Buckman's Dairy. Bishop Kearney won first prize in this event from 1976 to '78. After

Buckman's discontinued the contest in 1979 the Home Ec students at BK decided to sponsor their own bake-off.

Ms. Cowan enjoys working on the contest with the students and is always pleased with the results. She is especially pleased with the creativity the students show and their pride and care in baking the cakes.

Candy For Sale

According to Aline Nguyen, chairman of the St. Agnes Student Senate, the organization, in order to raise money for activities, has coordinated an M&M candy sale which will begin Jan. 29 and end Feb. 5. The price of each box of candy is 50 cents. Homeroom representatives, class officers and Senate

officers will participate. There will be prizes awarded to those who sell 72 or more boxes.

Senate officers are presently working on several events: the father/daughter dinner dance, mother/daughter brunch, College Bowl, and the social assembly.

On The Go

BISHOP KEARNEY
Jan. 21-23 — Mid-term exams.
Monday, Jan. 26 — No classes, rating day.
Tuesday, Jan. 27 — PAX Day for juniors.

CARDINAL MOONEY
Jan. 22-23 — Regents exams.
Monday, Jan. 26 — Grades due.
Tuesday, Jan. 27 — Women's Guild meeting.
Wednesday, Jan. 28 — Faculty prayer meeting, 2:45 p.m.

MCQUAID
Wednesday, Jan. 21 — Dismissal, 1:28 p.m.; faculty meeting, 1:45 p.m.
Tuesday, Jan. 27 — No classes; seniors can sign up to join faculty at 9:30-noon and 1-3 p.m. for seminar on computers.

NAZARETH
Thursday, Jan. 22 — Department meetings.
Tuesday, Jan. 27 — Marks due, 3 p.m.; RC-DASSA at St. Agnes.
Wednesday, Jan. 28 — Faculty advisory meeting.

OUR LADY OF MERCY
Thursday, Jan. 22 — Sophomore retreat.
Jan. 19-23 — Mid-terms.

ST. AGNES
Jan. 21-23 — Exams.
Thursday, Jan. 22 — Aerobic classes.
Sunday, Jan. 25 — CYO basketball games.
Monday, Jan. 26 — Junior ring ceremony.
Tuesday, Jan. 27 — RCDASSA meeting; aerobic classes.
Wednesday, Jan. 28 — GAA bake sale; department head meetings.



Learning a Trade

Sophomores Dave Wehner, Jim Ferstein, Tim Lamagra along with Vince Dollard, English teacher, are involved in an Explorers Post Program at Gannett Newspapers, Inc. The students meet three times a week when a Gannett reporter or editor instructs them in the journalism trade.