



Stephanie Cole, St. Mary's Academy student, on the cello



Michelle Mitchell (in foreground) joins the oboe section.

Orchestra develops youthful music talents



Linda Brown (center) concentrates on her music

By Kathryn Bogle

The Metropolitan Youth Symphony and Preparatory orchestras were heard in a Sunday matinee concert at Jefferson High School Auditorium on December 2.

The opening performances of the sixth season of the Association was well attended with a very nominal admission fee an incentive expected to attract more family groups.

Membership in the orchestra is made up of young musicians ranging in age from elementary school through college. Placement in either the preparatory or symphony is based on ability by audition. Students come from the greater metropolitan area.

The young musicians develop their talent every Saturday morning under the directorship of Mr. Lajos Balogh (Symphony) and Sister Con-

stance Lovick (Preparatory orchestra).

Musical education scholarships are available to musician members. After competition before qualified judges, awards are made according to present ability and future potential.

The camera found three girls of families we know concentrating on their music scores, among the nearly one hundred young people who belong to the orchestras.

We picture Linda Brown, violinist, student at St. Helens Hall and daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Webster C. Brown, Michelle Mitchell, oboist, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Mitchell. Ms. Mitchell is a freshman at the University of Portland. Stephanie Cole, an accomplished pianist and cellist, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joshua Cole. Stephanie attends St. Mary's Academy.

Mediation Center solves neighborhood squabbles

By Stephanie L. Michael

Concerns about neighborhood problems such as noise, trespassing, harassment, property damage, etc., can now be handled without seeking expensive legal help. A Neighborhood Mediation Center has opened in the King Family, Suite 20, 4815 NE 7th Avenue.

The Mediation Center provides mediation and conciliation services for neighborhood disputes. Originally, three such centers were established in Portland during 1978 as pilot projects. The facilities were then funded by the federal government through CETA (Comprehensive Employment and Training Act). It's been estimated that all three

agencies over the government an estimated total of \$150,000 in funding. But, more than 750 disputes from 82 different local government agencies, citizens and neighborhood groups were handled. Out of those cases 78 percent resulted in successful resolutions. The center's success rate showed there was a need for such agencies, but the 18 month funding contract soon came to an abrupt end. Taking note of the excellent programs the Portland City Council decided to support one of the centers through the general fund budget. The center is expected to cost the city about \$50,000 annually.

Since city funding began on October 1st about 150 cases have been

brought to the center, about 55 criminal and 45 civil cases. The agency has a full time staff of three trained mediators and 15 part time workers. All part time workers are community volunteers who indicated an interest in mediation work. All center workers have been instructed through classes provided by a training unit from California.

Linda Roberts, program coordinator for the Metropolitan Human Relations Commission says the center volunteers represent all areas of the city. She says this way, neighborhood residents with complaints feel like people on the panel can identify with them.

Roberts says, "It is the job of the

mediator to assist neighbors by coming together and solving their own problems. In a neighbor against neighbor situation often times someone will call the police and in most cases the authorities can't do much about the problem."

"Since the program's beginning a number of persons have referred cases to the center. The police, social service, the city and private agencies have contacted the agency about existing problems. The prime goal of the Neighborhood Mediation Center is to solve the problem in such a way to make both parties winners."

Roberts says persons can call the Mediation Center at 284-2829.

Board committee meets parents

The Portland Board of Education's special committee on discipline will hold a series of public meetings to discuss problems and solutions surrounding student discipline. The committee consists of school board members Herb Cawthorne and Sarah Newhall.

Committee Chairperson Cawthorne says, "All children must learn that no progress is made without self-control, a sense of direction and a disciplined personality. "But," he continues, "children will not learn this unless the discipline involves the effective communication between parents and schools."

Earlier this year, the Metropolitan Human Relations Commission released a study reporting a disproportionate number of suspensions among administrative transfer students.

Prior to that report, the Community Coalition for school integration addressed the issue of discipline. It recommended new categories of discipline and time limits, which the Board of Education adopted.

The Black United Front included equity in discipline as one of its demands. The Board's short term resolution on school integration promised to "expeditiously" consider the Commission's report and seek ways to reduce the number of suspensions.

The committee's six step plan calls first for hearings with parents and

students. Following these will be meetings with principals, teachers and teacher organizations.

Based on these hearings, ideas for possible recommendations will be prepared. At the same time, the district staff will prepare an analysis of discipline activities in the schools. This analysis, with the proposals drawn by the committee will be sent to many local groups and organizations with a request for comments and suggestions.

Finally, taking all of the considerations put forth by the community, the committee will prepare its final report and present it to the Board.

Letters will go to all parents and administrative transfer students, announcing the hearings and indicating that parents can be heard in public meetings.

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