Students take easy trip to 'South Pacific'

Many Farmington High School

Many Farmington High School students took an easier way to travel to the South Pacific. They signed up to join the Farmington Fostival Theatre.

Tonight, at 7:30 p.m., will be the debut of their adaptation of the Rodgers and Hammerstein classic. Additional shows are 7:30 p.m. Friday and 7:30 p.m. Saturday; all performances are at the school additorium.

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at the school auditorium.
"It's coming together pretty
well," said cast member Emily
Escott, during a break in Monday's dress rehearsal. "It wanted
to be part of it. A couple friends
did musicals before and said it
was really fun."

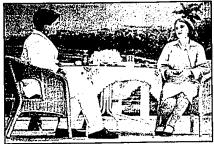
was really fun." Emily, portraying Polynesian

child Nagana, is one of 135 FHS
students to, sign up for the production—either making the cast
or working on the crew. Many
are participating for the first
time.

She is one of many cast members who in order to got i into
character will don bronzing
makeup and put on 'grass dressover their swim suits.

The offic of the largest productions we've done,' said director
tions of South Pacific was always a
soal. The show sends a good
message about prejudice and tolcenne, and this is a good time to
do that."

But, until this year, not



South Seas romance: Adam Pierce and Jessica Petrus run through a dress rehearsal for "South Pacific" at Farmington High School. Performances start tonight.

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to see solstered.
"It's real useful to people," said
Smith, who works in the library.
"Some (groups) have been represented for years and years. Others, like the YMCA, have drifted

away. We'd like to rope them back in."

Sharing information

Members are encouraged to bring handouts to share. A table

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in a corner of the basement meeting room held everything from filers touting the Concerts at the Costick series to. I list of books for eale by the Farmington Hills Historical Commission.

The meetings are informal in tone; members sit in a us-hape at tables and bantor freely. Lunch is a cold buffet served during the meeting. It begins with introductions and announcements of upcoming community events. Maliszeweki snys group dynamics change

says group dynamics change each time, depending on who's

each time, depending on who's
there.

"On continuing problem is
trying to get everyone to come
together, she said.

The Feh. I meeting, held out of
sequence to avoid a conflicting
engagement the last Thursday
in January, featured staffers
from the Farmington Historical
Society, Kay Briggs who chairs
the historical commission, and
representatives from the Farmington Exchange Club, Lions
Club, Optimist Club, Chamber of
Commerce, Farmington Hills
Special Services Dopartment,

Oakland County League of Women Voters, and Paul Barber, director of the Farmington Community Band and a founding member of the Interagency Council in 1988. In its first year, it had 50 paid members. Caren Collins told the assembly about the new cable contract that went into effect Jan. 1—There is greater system over age and our playback capability

nge and our playback capability has improved," she said. "Thanks to provisions in this new cable contract, Access TV is new and improved."

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For instance, new technology will allow Farmington viewers tuning in on Channel 10 to watch the Farmington School Board meeting at the same time viewers in Novi can see their local school board meeting on the same channel.

Collins also revealed that all 82 schools in FarmingtonFarmington Hills receive free cable television for the 15 year renewal term with Time Warner.

With Access TV, we have a very strong commitment to use television for to communicate. Channel 12, the public access

channel, is a free community resource," she said.

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"You can fax or mail your message exactly how you want it or submit a tape. If your group has an upcoming charity event, con-

au upcaming charity event, contact an Access producer."

SWOCC offers free television workshops monthly. Interagency member Brian Golden revealed that he recently completed a useful assaion there. The facility is located at 24021 Research Drive in Farmington Hills.

"Hundreds of volunteers have taken the course and are willing to run the cameras, to direct," said Collins. "You can be a guest or do your own show."

For those submitting tapes community events, "no special training is required," said Collins. "You can use your own camerder."

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munity."

Collins said that new software will allow SWOCC to have a published program schedule soon.

Collins introduced SWOCC production assistant Lisa Antu-

na as a contact person. She can be reached at 473-7266, ext. 15.

New calendar

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In the past year, the Interagency Council with help from the library has been working toward the development of a community calendar on the worldwide web. Cross links to organization profiles and web pages for those organizations will also be included.

ed.
Groups with no Internet access will be able to use library computers to input their data or create web pages of their own. Furi demonstrated how the calendar will work. Interagency members will be testing the calendar soon and once it's fully operational, other community organizations will be invited to participate.

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New and former members are welcome to attend Interagency meetings. The next date is Thursday, March 22 at 11:30 a.m. For more information, contact Joanne Meliazewski at 888-7366 or Marilyn Smith, secretary, at 474-47707 or e-mail her at smithmar@farmlib.org.



