

Frederick student selected for leadership program

When Danny Maio came to Frederick nearly eight years ago he could only speak a few words in English.

Today, this bright, young articulate scholar is one of 43 students in the United States chosen to participate in the international Leadership Program — a "floating classroom" experience that will take them to six major cities in five European countries.

Danny, a junior at Gov. Thomas Johnson High School, is the son of Ching Tsai and Ming C. Maio, better known in Frederick as proprietors of the China Pearl Restaurant in Frederick County Square.

Born in Taiwan of Chinese parents, Danny Maio is a naturalized American citizen. He came to Maryland in 1971 when the family came to this country from Taiwan. He entered Maryland's public schools in the third grade at Cockeysville. In 1972 when his family moved to Frederick, he was enrolled in East Frederick Elementary School.

"I love the educational system here," Danny said.

Why? "Because there are so many opportunities; and I love the challenge to do things."

What "things?"

Then he rattles off a catalogue of learning activities that have challenged him—academic clubs to join, or "You can start a club."

He said, "Whatever you're interested in, it's here." He participates in a "Presidential Classroom" in Washing-



Danny Maio

ton, D.C., where the students meet with Congressmen and Senators. "It's an opportunity to see what this country is about."

It may come as a shock, but to Danny Maio, "learning English was a lot of fun." (He also keeps fluent in Chinese, both speaking and writing it.)

The college preparatory curriculum is his choice at TJ High, and his chosen career is understandably, "inter-

national trade and business." He plans to attend Georgetown University where, he points out, the principal teachers speak Chinese.

Danny has two brothers, Jackson, a student at Virginia Tech (VPI), and John, a student in California, both studying engineering.

All three Maio sons have worked with their parents at China Pearl. Many residents who frequented the restaurant when it first opened downtown in Market Place (behind City Hall) will remember that the Maio family had a "language problem." Listening to Danny today, and knowing of the achievements of his brothers, one begins to understand what is meant by "personal commitment."

To qualify for selection by the 1980 International Student Leadership Program, among other things, Danny Maio drafted a "participation statement" relating to his involvement with Student Council.

"The goal I had established for myself since junior high was to take advantage" of the opportunities available through the council program.

"I had always been interested in traveling to places, making friends and interacting with different cultures. I thought this would not happen until after my college graduation. This thought was proved wrong during my second year with Student Council" — when he became president.

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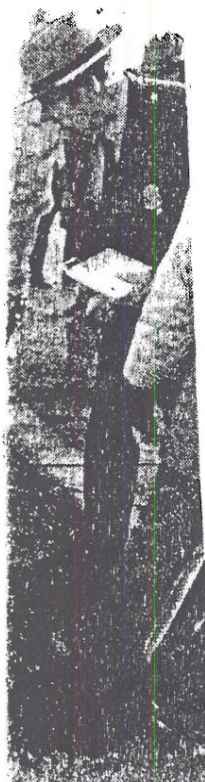
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participated in "countless activities, ranging from regional educational conferences to Winter Park — the National Student Council Conference."

Participation in these activities, he said, was "enjoyable, but it was more beneficial and rewarding when I contributed something from which other students could benefit."

During participation in the 1980 ISLP, he said his objectives would be to share the knowledge and experience he gains with not only Student Council, but also with other youth organizations which have helped him lay the foundation for his own future.

He would also like to present to other students "the things they can do with the knowledge and experience they have acquired while in school."

And to show Danny Maio is just as human as all his other fellow students, he adds this thought: "I would also like to see how Europe and her girls look."

Danny needs help to raise money for study trip

From his own work and savings, Danny Maio has raised nearly half of the \$3,000 the International Student Leadership Program will cost him.

As are most of the other 43 American students, Danny is trying to raise the balance of the full amount he needs. He has pledged of several hundred more dollars, but still needs help.

Anyone interested in helping this outstanding young man realize this project is asked either to contact him in person (663-0548) or send him a contribution to 122 E. 7th St., Frederick, Md. 21701.

The following is information about the program which is for students who have demonstrated through academic achievement the highest potential for further advancement by study and travel abroad with a group of their own peers.

What is the International Student Leadership Program?

• It is an innovative educational experience administered by the International Association of Secondary School Principals, Office of Student Activities. Students meet in London, England, and travel to European ports aboard a "floating classroom." Many other students aboard will be from Europe.

What is the program?

• The shipboard program concentrates on effective leadership skills and includes practical experiences in problem solving, organization, decision-making, and communication. In-port programs include meetings with student leaders and participation in cultural activities. The ISLP is a "traveling community" providing learning interaction 24 hours a day. Group sessions and classes are integral to the program, but the emphasis is on personal experience and involvement.

What is the Campus — S.S. Uganda?
• The S.S. Uganda is designed for educational voyages and can accommodate 950 students. The shipboard campus includes classrooms, laboratories, library, cafeteria, student union, offices, bookstore, swimming pool, sports facilities and sun deck.

The program selects 43 students from across the United States.

During the tour, the student will visit the cities of Visby and Stockholm, Sweden; London, England; Helsinki, Finland; Copenhagen, Denmark; and Leningrad, USSR.

• **What is the cost?**
The cost of \$3,000 includes room, board, tuition, in-port programs, insurances, visa fees, passport fees, travel from Frederick to England, and miscellaneous expenses.

BHS BAND BOOSTERS

The monthly meeting of the Brunswick High School Band Boosters will be held Tuesday, March 4, at 7:30 p.m. in the Brunswick High School library. All interested parents and students are urged to attend.

LARGEST SHRIMP BEDS

The largest shrimp beds in the world, discovered in 1948 off Marssaq and in Disko Bay, Greenland, are fished night and day during the summer months, until ice blocks the fishing grounds.

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Sizable crowd attracted to builder show

Despite snow and cold weather, the 1980 Home Show at the Frederick Fairgrounds drew a sizable crowd over the weekend.

Sponsored by the Frederick County Home Builders Assn., the show provided potential homebuyers or those wishing to improve their homes an opportunity to learn about the latest products and technology in the housing industry.

On Saturday, high school students braved the snow and arctic temperatures to erect small sheds and BBQ pits in competition for award from the association. Inside, exhibitors were judged for best booths on visual educational and originality points. Morgan Keller Builders received first place in the builder section, Barne Cabinet Shop for best associate member, and, for the fourth straight year, Harn Plastering Co. copped the best subcontractor award. Green Life Lawn Service won the most educational award for display of insect pests and advice on how to control them.

A complete rundown of the Buildg Olympics, crowd attendance and comments of the participants will appear later this week in the Business/Finance section of *The Frederick News-Post*.
—Ed Waters.



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