

# BEST BETS

FOR THE COMING WEEK

**SATURDAY/15**

Before Matt Dillon, there was James Dean, and before "Rumble Fish," there was the classic '50s film about troubled teenagers, "**REBEL WITHOUT A CAUSE.**" A theatrical version of this story about the problems young people face as they come of age is presented at 8 p.m. at the Avery Theatre of the Wadsworth Atheneum, 600 Main St., by Youth Theatre Unlimited, a troupe of teenagers from the Greater Hartford area. Tickets are \$10 and include a wine and cheese reception after the play. Reservations: 523-4553.

## Students Act in 'Rebel' Production

Two Farmington Valley students have the lead roles in Youth Theatre Unlimited's upcoming production of "Rebel Without a Cause," a play based on the 1955 film of the same name.

Tim Ostendorf of East Granby and Allison Low of Farmington will perform in the roles of Jim Stark and Judy Brown, characters played by James Dean and Natalie Wood in the film.

Youth Theatre Unlimited (YTU) is a performance training group that sponsors acting and related classes for youths in the Greater Hartford area. About 100 youths are involved in the program.

The show will feature YTU's Teen Company, the performing arm of the organization.

Daytime performances of the play have been scheduled for eight area schools, including all Hartford high schools.

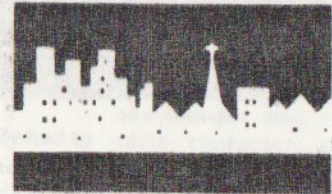
In addition to the daytime school performances, there will be a benefit performance for the YTU at the Wadsworth Atheneum in downtown Hartford on Saturday at 8 p.m. Tickets for the benefit are \$10 and include admission to a wine and cheese reception after the show. Tickets and more information are available by calling YTU at 523-4553.

Ostendorf, 16, is a junior at East Granby High School where he most recently played King Arthur in the school's production of "Camelot."

He has been accepted to attend the Greater Hartford Academy of the Performing Arts when it opens in January.

Low, 16, is a junior at Farmington High School. She has performed in several school productions, including "A Flea in Her Ear" and "Glimpses."

Other Farmington Valley students in the play include Jeremy Venditto of East Granby, and Todd Madar and Tara McCormick of Simsbury. Venditto, 15, will play the role of Jim's father. Madar and McCormick, both 14, are understudies who also appear as members of a gang.



### AREA EVENTS

Youth Theatre Unlimited will present a benefit performance of the play "Rebel Without a Cause" Saturday at the Wadsworth Atheneum's Avery Theatre, 600 Main St., Hartford. Tickets are \$10 and include a wine and cheese reception following the performance. Tickets are available by telephone only. Call 523-4553.