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1,100 Farmington Graduates Leaving Five Area Schools

Graduation may be an annual ceremony for administrators and teachers but for more than 1,100 students it's a once in a lifetime thing.

Graduation 1970 will see diplomas given to more than 1,100 Farmington Area students who have waited 13 years (or more) to wear their caps and gowns and keep step with the graduation march.

Realizing it's a one-time thing for students, administration and faculty members at the five school systems serving the Farmington Area have been busy trying to make the events successful.

THIS YEAR, Farmington School District will graduate 1,045 seniors — 622 from North Farmington High and 423 from Farmington Senior High.

Our Lady of Sorrows will graduate 88 seniors. Our Lady of Mercy 290, and Clarenceville School District will graduate 180.

FOR NORTH FARMINGTON High calaureate services will be held at 8 p.m. June 7 in the NFHS auditorium. Speaker will be Dr. David E. Hershey,

associate director of admissions and scholarships at MSU.

Commencement ceremonies for NFHS will be held at 8 p.m. June 15 in the Ford Auditorium. Speaker will be Dr. Woodburn O. Ross, dean of the Montiel College of Wayne State University. Gary Lichtman, vice president of the Farmington Board of Education, will present the diplomas.

"Swing-Out," the honors program, will be held at 9 a.m. June 4 in the NFHS gym. The North seniors will have their prom June 4 in Greenfield Village's Lovett Hall.

FOR FARMINGTON SENIOR High, baccalaureate services will be held at 8 p.m. June 7 in the FHS auditorium. Robert Stone, of the Voice of Christian Youth in Detroit, will speak on "Scar Tissue."

Commencement ceremony for FHS will be held at 8 p.m. June 14 in the Ford Auditorium. Speaker will be C. Russell Wentworth, an associate director of admissions and scholarships at MSU. Richard Peters, president of the Farmington Board of Education, will hand out diplomas.

The "Swing-Out" will be held in the FHS gym at 1:15 p.m. June 4. Farmington High seniors already attended their prom. It was held May 8 in Lovett Hall, Greenfield Village.

BACCALAUREATE service for Our Lady of Sorrows will be held 8:30 a.m. June 7 in the church with the Rev. Msgr. Thomas Beahan officiating at the mass.

Commencement for the 88 OLS graduates will be held at 4 p.m. June 7 in the church. Speaker will be the Rev. Thomas Puzio of St. John Seminary. Monsignor Beahan will hand out the diplomas.

Mark Pokryfki is valedictorian at OLS with a 3.51 grade average and plans to attend U-M. Dave Peck, salutatorian with a 3.45 average, will also attend U-M. The honors program will be held at 8 p.m. June 2 in the OLS gym. Prom was May 6 in the Raleigh House.

BACCALAUREATE service for Our Lady of Mercy will begin at 7:30 p.m. June 4 in the OLM auditorium. The Rev. Father Joseph Hopkins will be the chief celebrant.

BACCALAUREATE service for Clarenceville High School will begin at 8 p.m. June 7 in the Louis E. Schmidt Auditorium at the school. Speaker will be Rabbi David Jessell of the Jewish Community Council of Metropolitan Detroit.

Commencement will begin 8 p.m. June 11 in the Clarenceville High auditorium. Speaker will be John W. Stewart, assistant dean of academic affairs at Hope College.

Clarenceville seniors held their prom May 22 in the Metro Inn, at Romulus.

Commencement for the girls will be at 2:30 p.m. June 7 in the OLM auditorium. Speaking will be the Rev. Robert Monticello, in charge of Catholic Services for the Detroit Archdiocese. Sister Mary Camille Kelly, OLM principal, will hand out diplomas.

Co-valedictorians at Mercy High are Helene Dombrowski and Marie Hackett with a four-point (A) grade average. Both will attend U-M. Judith Buersmyer, salutatorian with a 3.99 average, will attend St. Mary of the Woods college in Notre Dame, Ind. Prom was held May 9 at the Rooster-tail.

today's hot line

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what's inside

142 Years Lost

Today's special graduation issue includes a feature on an aunt and nephew graduating together, report on retirements totaling 142 years experience, and winners of the scholarship awards offered by the Farmington Area PTA.

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More Than Money

The fire at Eagle Elementary School in Farmington caused more than \$200,000 damage. Included in the destruction, believed caused by an arsonist, were items whose value cannot be estimated. Today's editorial discusses the real tragedy of the Eagle fire while Daniels Den goes fishing.

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What Candidates Say

Because the school election is just a couple weeks away, the Farmington Enterprise & Observer will continue to be printing statements of school board candidates. You won't have to wait until election eve to read how candidates feel about education issues. The views of three are given today.

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Annexation

A bill that passed the House in Lansing last week could do away with city-township squabbles over annexation. Here's the story of what changes it would make and how your lawmaker voted on it.

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Memorial Holiday

Owing to the Memorial Day holiday and our wish to give our staff this day off, your regular weekend paper is being delivered to you today.

Our offices will be closed Friday and Saturday. We will be open for business as usual on Monday, June 1.

Why Graduation's A Happy Time



IMPORTANT MAIL—Bob Hughes, North Farmington senior and state winner of the Elk's youth leadership award, receives the exciting news that he has been accepted by Harvard University and awarded an honorary scholarship. Bob is the first North Farmington graduate to be thus honored. He shares the glad tidings with his mother, Mrs. Robert Hughes Sr. (Evert photo)



TOOLS — Pamela Berryman, who is blind, prepares for one of her classes at North Farmington High with a textbook of outsize print and a record, which content she must memorize. (Evert photo)

A Senior Who Hasn't Stopped!

By ELIZABETH WISSMAN

At the tender age of 17, Pamela Berryman has come to terms with herself and life. She has had to. Pamela is blind.

BLINDNESS hasn't stopped Pamela from hiking eight miles with a 13-pound pack on a Girl Scout jaunt. It hasn't stopped her from riding horseback. It hasn't stopped her from playing the piano and accordion. It hasn't stopped her from putting on her own makeup.

It hasn't stopped her from doing volunteer work at Plymouth State Home. It hasn't stopped her from loving the Beatles. It hasn't stopped her from dating.

AND BLINDNESS HASN'T stopped Pamela from graduating this year in the top 27 students (out of 650) in her class

at North Farmington High. She has had straight A's this year and has never received a mark below B in high school.

The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Chet Berryman of 2370 Glen Creek, Farmington, Pamela suffered oxygen damage when she was only days old and in an incubator. She was born weighing three pounds two ounces. She has meager peripheral vision; her central vision is totally gone. She has been in training for two years for that Girl Scout hike. Where one student carries one textbook for one class, Pamela carries six. And her books are big—they are printed in extra large type.

IN ADDITION to the large print textbooks, Pamela studies with records and tape recordings from the Library for the Blind.

She explains her success as a student: "Memory-wise, I have no trouble. It's hard to read as fast as the other kids and listening to records is not like reading a book. I have to play them over and over in order to absorb them."

Pamela attended first through third grade in special education classes at Eagle School. She was integrated into classes with sighted pupils in grades four, five and six at Middle Belt School.

"They feel," said the blind girl, "that we get more experience in a sighted world."

PAMELA'S DEAREST teacher friend has been special education teacher, Mrs. Kay Briggs.

Mrs. Berryman cannot laud Mrs. Briggs enough. She says "Mrs. Briggs has bent over backwards to help Pamela.

There just aren't words good enough to say for her."

If Mrs. Briggs has been a mainstay for Pamela at school, her parents have been her mainstay in everyday life. Instead of over-protection, Mrs. Berryman has guided her daughter towards independence and acceptance.

The Berrymans have done such a good job on Pamela that the girl's philosophy about her blindness is: "Generally I just feel that God did this to me for a reason and maybe he has got something intended for me."

WHATEVER GOD intends for Pamela, she isn't waiting for Him to produce.

The afflicted girl is getting on with her life. In the fall she will attend Eastern Michigan University to study to teach the handicapped.

Eastern Michigan will be a totally new landscape and environment to her.

So what does she do? Just as she has with every new school she has gone to, Pamela will go up to Eastern before the semester starts and walk, re-walk and re-walk her paths to and from classes and the dormitory.

She probably won't carry her white cane. She doesn't unless she is on the street alone in Farmington.

IN ADDITION to everything else she has had to learn that normal beings take for granted, this girl with spirit has had to learn to have a big sense of humor.

She can laugh at tactless persons who ask her why she doesn't wear glasses or why her parents didn't offer an eye for her when she was an in-

fant. Both Berrymans offered an eye to their daughter when she was 15 months old. Her vision couldn't be salvaged.

Pamela has also taken lessons with a "mobility instructor" in order to learn how to get about on city streets.

ONE OF HER BEST laughs came from an experience with her instructor. The instructor told Pam to walk down a street and enter a store and ask the clerk for the junior department.

Pamela did as she was told, with the instructor following close behind. She didn't notice anything amiss when she spoke to the clerk who told her to wait for a minute.

The next thing the blind girl knew, police with sirens screaming pulled up to the

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