

### 8 Residents On Dean's List

FARMINGTON Eight students from Farmington are among those on the Albion College dean's list for the spring semester. Included on the list are: Deborah K. Mann, daughter of

Mr. and Mrs. John R. Mann of 30018 Old Bedford; Bruce D. Cummings, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul K. Cummings of 34009 State; David A. Fleming, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank J. Fleming of 28203 Brandwynne; Rick Knock, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Knock of 29979 Valleydale Dr.; Larry D. LeBlang, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank J. LeBlang of 29545 Pipers Lane; Mark C. Pierce, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert B. Pierce of 32306 Baintree; David G. Thomas, son of Mr. and Mrs. John G. Thomas of 32027 Bonnet Hill Rd.; and Miss Christine M. Tierman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Miles Tierman of 31550 Lamar Dr.



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**GAINS AUTONOMY** - State Rep. Raymond L. Baker (R-Farmington) is shown at left watching Gov. Miliken sign into law a bill granting Oakland University its independence from Michigan State University. Donald O'Dowd, Oakland chancellor, is at the right. Baker was among the sponsors of the bill which becomes effective in time for classes this fall.

# 5 Residents Escape Death After Ship Hits Sloop

A group of Farmington vacationers survived an hour in the Atlantic Ocean Tuesday night after their charter sloop was rammed by a US Navy ship 10 miles off Florida.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Sherpitis of 28083 Meadowdale, their sons Joseph, 18, and David, 16, and Brenda Braubstein, 16, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Braubstein of 33009 Ind., survived the mishap with comparatively minor injuries.

IN HER Farmington home, Mrs. Braubstein told the reporter and Observer staff had learned that Mrs. Beverly Sherpitis had the most serious injuries - a broken collarbone and arm. The others escaped with cuts and bruises.

The Farmington family, Mrs. Braubstein said, had been vacationing in West Palm Beach, Fla., at the home of relatives for two weeks before chartering the boat.

She said the boat, piloted by Dennis Garratt, of Ind., Fla., sank after being rammed by the US Navy ship. Other reports said the USS B. Kelly

collided with the sailboat while on its way to Charleston, S.C. to be commissioned.

The destroyer escort was manned by a civilian crew. No reason for the collision was given. Mrs. Braubstein commented: "They apparently got their paths crossed."

AFTER THE sailing craft sank, the Farmington residents had to spend about an hour in the water before being picked up by the crew of the Blakely, who searched the area in lifeboats.

Mrs. Braubstein added that helicopters were also involved in the search. She praised the family who took her daughter along on their vacation.

"Frankly, I think he (Ray Sherpitis) deserves the 'man of the year' award," she said. "They love to help people."

SHERPITIS befriended her daughter while teaching at Farmington High, she said, and Brenda became a friend of the family. Mrs. Sherpitis teaches at Alameda Elementary School.

The group probably will return from Florida as soon as Mrs. Sherpitis is able to travel, she added.

The rear-tragedy had a curious parallel for Mrs. Braubstein. She noted a third-grade teacher of hers was a survivor of the famous Titanic sinking of four decades ago.

The teacher told many vivid tales of the accident which killed hundreds and dropped others into the North Atlantic, she noted.

Mrs. Braubstein was thankful that the Farmington group was much luckier, losing only their gear.

She commented the incident probably ended the vacation. "I don't think they'll be going out in a boat soon," Mrs. Braubstein said.

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## Peru Victims Need Aid

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story burst and the ground and water came up through the middle. There is now only about four feet of space between the floor and the ceiling, which is the floor of our second story. The walls are cracked below and above.

"We are not sure whether the house is safe, and being afraid of tremors every two hours, we are sleeping in the car and on the furniture we took out of the first floor. In our house everything is in good shape except the ominous cracks. The four rooms which we built the most recently are in the best shape."

"Now that you know how well off we are I will try to describe what has happened to other people. The houses of adobe have collapsed completely. They went so fast that many people couldn't get out. If they did they now have nothing. All of San Pedro and La Esperanza is leveled - the area where I used to work."

"I haven't been up yet to see the Lanos. Other areas, with simple brick houses like we were helping Foster Plan clients to build, are also leveled. The countryside, with all adobe structures, is the same, I'm sure. In the center of town many of the buildings were also of adobe covered with a layer of cement. The post office is also leveled."

"I'm sending this with a friend who is going to Lima. Movie theaters, stores, houses are completely ruined. Many people are dead, I have no idea how many. The wounded - most with multiple fractures - are in pain and very little can be done to help them. There wasn't enough plaster of Paris, pain killers, etc. Now help is arriving - doctors, nurses, medicine."

"Two American nurses were killed when their convent collapsed. It was the only two-story building to completely 'sandwich' other newsworthy things are the new government rule that no one can own dollars in or out of the country. Also the typhoid vaccination teams have arrived. Tomorrow I will have Enco vaccinated and then me. We might send Enco to Lima if things get too difficult, but Enrique and I will stick it out and see what we can do."

AND FROM Marjrie's most recent letter written June 16: "Since my second letter of June 6 Chimbote has been declared second degree disaster area. There are four degrees in all. The mountain area Callejon de Huaylas is the first

stay healthy. Chimbote needs all the help it can get. The whole state of Ancash is ruined."

FROM MARJIE'S second letter: "We are still sleeping in the street but Enco spends the nights in our car. Everything is at a complete standstill as far as business is concerned. A few grocery stores are selling what they have but there is no meat, bread, nor anything much in the way of fruits or vegetables. No cooking oil either."

"The national and international emergency teams have arrived with free food, tents, mattresses, and blankets but the problem is to distribute the stuff fairly. The ones who really need it are always the last in line. However, almost everyone needs something. At Foster parents we had a little money which we passed out to families, but the banks were closed and we can't get any more."

"Almost all of our 'Plan' clients are homeless. We have to start work all over again. Whatever material progress they made is completely gone. It will be years before Chimbote can live again. The steel plant, fishmeal factories, are all badly damaged. There is a lot of work to be done but no one has money to pay to have it done. We will have to organize some sort of cooperative, self-help work teams and pay in food, cement, bricks, etc."

"The main health problem is bronchitis and pneumonia, plus the monumental task of reconstruction. The hillside rubble has been cleared away on a few of the main roads, but there is so much rubble to go. Many large buildings which were damaged but didn't fall have to be demolished. The government has forbidden any reconstruction until they have made a new building code, zoning ordinances, and sanitation plans. All of our Chimbote sank about 5-10 inches. Our house sank 30 inches."

"We have all been vaccinated for typhoid and are being careful with food and water. There is much thievery because desperate people can take advantage of their fitness and fallen walls, etc."

"You asked what you can do to help. We must wait for government decisions and we can consider rebuilding or repairing our house. We are living in a friend's home; no money for reconstruction is

priority, and all aid is being concentrated there. For the moment that is the way it should be. There is no aid in any other way. Money is being treated because most of the area is accessible only by helicopter. They are dropping food, medicine, blankets, etc. and taking in medical teams."

"Some people went in the first week without food, others probably even longer. Some made it to the coast on foot - others died, trying. For the moment the survivors are worse off than the dead. The 20,000 or so who were hurt by the avalanche in January had only a few minutes of suffering."

"Here in Chimbote things are getting back up to the level as far as food supply, water supply, and electricity is concerned. In the downtown area there was current after three days. It took 10 days to get to our street. The hospital has received good treatment from the volunteer teams (doctors and nurses)."

"It is a shame that my parents know they are very anxious to do whatever is possible to help this community - and country - where their daughter and her husband are doing everything in their power to help during this catastrophe."

Marjrie is in a strategic position to help wisely as she was a Peace Corps volunteer in San Pedro and La Esperanza, outlying areas of Chimbote, and where she met her husband. We know Mrs. Nixon has just been down plus two plane loads of donations.

But, if the estimates of 30,000 dead and 100,000 injured even approach the actual numbers, we certainly can believe Marjrie when she writes: "However, almost everyone needs something."

The greatest immediate need is to keep warm during these bitter cold months. Marjrie's mother, Mariam Lam of 28150 Westbrook Ct., is collecting donations and will see that they go down by plane.

And many will want to take Marjrie's suggestion and send a check to her. Due to the postal situation there it will be wisest to send it to Foster Parents Plan, 352 Park Ave. S., New York, N.Y. 10010, marked for Marjorie-Lam De Leon.

the greatest need. Perhaps checks sent to me would mean that I could see that the money was used to do something toward temporary shelters for the neediest families.

"There are new born babies sleeping on the ground with burlap sacks or empty cement bags as covering. July and August will be very cold months."

"The jackets, coats, blankets, etc. would be best sent to Catholic Relief because they have better arrangements for transportation and getting it into the country. Just mark it for Peru. We have an emergency post office now and mail seems to be coming through."

"We had a lot of action here for a few days when the 'Guano' was in the bay with its 15 helicopters going and coming. They left today to go to another port further south for easier access to marine tanks. Two copiers crashed in four days flying from Chimbote."

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