



Student project show is getting high marks

ORGANIZERS OF the 1989 Creativity Springs Alive program are calling last weekend's annual display a success.

"The quality of the things impressed and amazed me," said Paul Barber, event coordinator.

Projects of several hundred Farmington students were displayed or demonstrated at the event, held last weekend at Harrison High School.

"It provides a quick synopsis of the creativity districtwide in the elementary, middle and high schools," Barber said. "Even the kindergartners had some sharp little ideas."

"It's not just about the finished product, but also the creative thought, even though the professional skill might not be there to portray it."

This is the sixth year the district has sponsored "Creativity," which was originally hosted at an area mall, and is now held at one of the three Farmington-

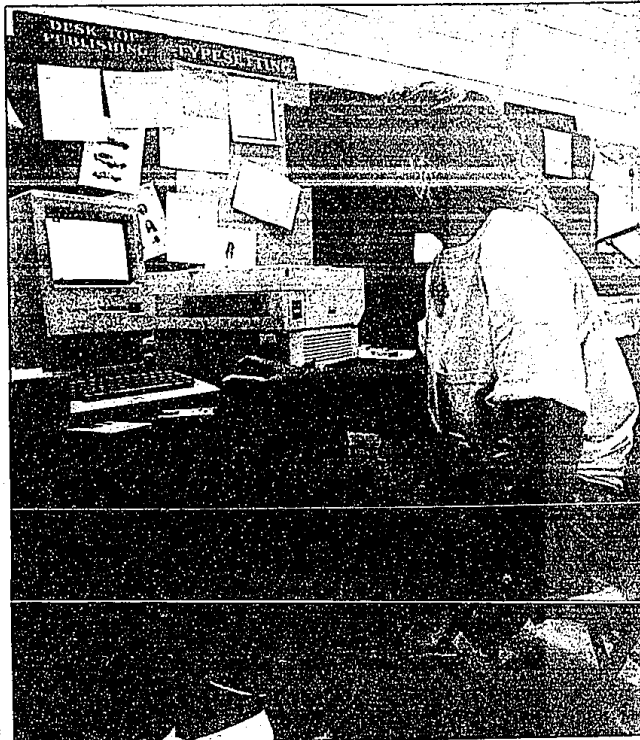
area high schools. It has since grown to include students of all grade levels.

This year's program had three exhibit areas, and was designed so that visitors could see all displays. Included were fine arts, computers, creative writing, a future cities display, drama, electronic art and music, forecasts, graphic arts and industrial technology.

Other categories included the Invent America student invention program, journalism samples, marketing, TV-10 demonstrations and a variety of video presentations.

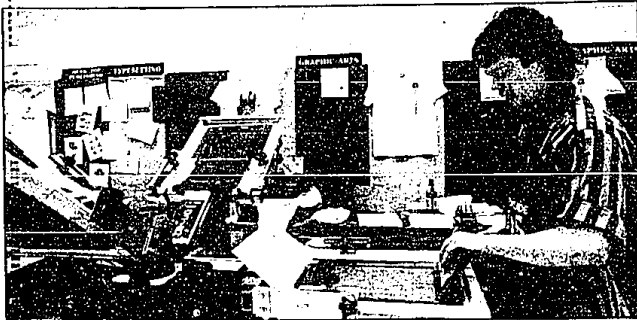
During school hours Friday, elementary students were bused to the event. An invitation-only reception launched the program Friday; it was open to the public both Friday night and Saturday.

"A lot of kids need a pat on the back — to have somebody notice, to have somebody care about what they're doing," Barber said. "The more strokes kids receive, the more they're encouraged."



RANDY BORST/staff photographer

Roni Korri, a Farmington High senior, demonstrates computer-based typesetting done at the school's print shop. She's shown at Creativity Springs Alive.



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Tim Hoerner, a Macomb County Community College student, shows how T-shirts are printed with designs at Farmington High's print shop. He works at the print shop.

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- BIG WINNERS**
 Farmington High drafting students placed in eight of the top 15 spots in the American Society of Body Engineers Drafting Contest, according to information from teacher John Kucenas.
 - Winning a \$500 bond, J. Chris Adams, who placed first.
 - Winning a \$200 bond, Tom Hundt, who placed third.
 - Winning \$100 bonds, Julie Lawton, who placed seventh, and Keith Kalesky, who placed ninth.
 - Winning \$100 bonds, Chris Phillips, who placed 11th, Jason Bartley, who placed 13th, Jeff Brown, who placed 14th, and David Wilson, who placed 15th.
 A total of 186 drawings were submitted from 29 schools in the tri-county area. This was the 35th year of the contest.
- GEOGRAPHY BEE**
 East Middle School eighth grader Joshua Prentice qualified to participate in the National Geographic Society's Geography Bee April 7 at Central Michigan University.

Prentice was one of 104 students from across Michigan who qualified. He was the Farmington Hills school's finalist. He was chosen from a group of 13 classroom finalists last January. He also had to complete a 60-question written examination composed by the society.
- SPELLING BEE**
 A 13-year-old Farmington Hills student was one of seven Oakland County students participating this week in the finals of a spelling bee.

The event, for students in grades five through eight, is co-sponsored by Lawrence Technological University, Southfield, and The Detroit News.

Owen Alterman, who attends Hill-le Day School in Farmington Hills, competed in the state finals Tuesday at the Southfield university.

More than 89,000 students from 874 schools in 85 counties statewide entered this year's competition.

- STUDENTS COMPETE**
 Farmington Hills Harrison High School will hold a journalism contest for juniors who will compete for the Pilot Pen Journalism Scholarship.

The four-year scholarship covers all tuition, books, and room and board at the university of the winner's choice.
- HOG WILD**
 They went hog wild for reading at Kenbrook Elementary in March, with the Farmington Hills school's calendar reminding students to "be a piggy poet" or that "books are hoggerific."

The promotion encouraged students to read books and magazines. It even had special "read a shirt" and "read a button" days.

"During this month, we hope our students will discover that books can become a lifelong pleasure," said learning center teacher Marilyn Gault.

The school's writing and spirit committees jointly designed March's calendar of events.

Also at Kenbrook, students are gearing for Grandparents' Day, Friday, May 5. Grandparents or special friends will be greeted by staff members with paper flowers made by students and will enjoy a program put on by first-graders. Tours of classrooms and refreshments are also part of the day.
- IN THE RUNNING**
 Farmington Hills residents Alan MacNeill is one of 91 semifinalists in the Ronald Reagan Scholarship Competition at Eureka College in Illinois.

The program was established in 1982 to honor former President Reagan, a 1932 graduate of the college.

The Clarenceville High School student is involved in tennis, drama, the National Honor Society and Students Against Driving Drunk.

He was also the recent recipient of an award from the Michigan Mathematical Association for placing in the top 100 of 19,000 high school students participating in a state math competition. Lester Bierman, department head at Clarenceville, has served as the supervisor for the competition.
- STUDENT WINNERS**
 Students from Warner and Power middle schools in Farmington Hills were named winners in the 20th annual America & Me Contest, sponsored by Farm Bureau Insurance.

Warner students included Julie Zuckerman, first place; Pamela Gur-

- ley, second place; and Julie Kaplow, third place. Power students are Tamara Allen, first place; Joan Muller, second place; and Michelle Lorenz, third place.

All students received award certificates for their achievement. First-place winners Zuckerman and Allen will have their names engraved on a plaque for the school. They will advance to state competition.
- ART DISPLAYED**
 Two Birmingham Marian High School art students, both Farmington Hills residents, were recognized in a regional scholastic arts competition. Their work was displayed at Summit Place Mall in Waterford Township.

Students included Kristen Budd in pencil and charcoal and oil painting, and Kathy Giannini for charcoal.
- ACHIEVERS MEET**
 Farmington-area students involved with the Junior Achievement program attended a Economic Club of Detroit meeting, where they met with former Secretary of State Henry Kissinger.

Kimberly Richardson of Farmington High and Chris Kaiser, Todd Carey and Andi McCann, all of North Farmington High, were accompanied by their advisor, Patricia Zack.
- READING AND WRITING**
 Students at Kenbrook Elementary are busy writing their own hardcover books, of which three will be picked as play scripts for the Farmington Hills school's Storybuilder's Assembly.

Six other young authors at the school will attend Oakland County's Young Author's conference this month.

These activities spring from the ongoing Kenbrook Creative Writing contest, held each month, in which a first- and second-place winner is picked from each class. Finished stories are displayed near the office with the winner's photo. At the end of the month, the story, picture and writing award is mailed to the student's home.
- PROJECT GRADUATION**
 Students from nearly 300 metro-area high schools kicked off Project Graduation, a series of statewide activities that will promote alcohol-free and drug-free prom and graduation activities.

Parents and civic volunteer groups are also involved.

The nine-year-old program is conducted nationally to combat substance abuse among teenagers.

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