

New Harrison principal aims for cooperation

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When Harrison High School students return to classes next fall, no longer will they be able to call on principal Clayton Graham. Instead, Rande Horn will be behind the desk in the principal's office.

He plans to work extensively with the staff to form a collective effort to provide the best for the school. "I like to get everyone's input," said Horn. "I like to build on others' strengths."

Coming from Waverly High School in Lansing, Horn believes he has much to offer the students and staff at Harrison. He thinks he stands apart because of his ability to listen, even when he disagrees, and his efforts to see all sides of an issue.

Waverly assistant principal Tracy Thomas said, "It was a honeymoon to be working on a team with him. It's not I; it's us." According to Horn, his concern with and knowledge of multi-cultural issues will also be beneficial to the Farmington community.

Horn is acting principal of Waverly and applied for the position at Harrison when the Lansing Board of Education opened up his position to other applicants. He said he had heard good things about Farmington and thought it would be a nice place to work. He received job offers from both Waverly and Harrison.

"I feel I'm leaving a place where we did a lot of excellent things," said Horn. "And I'm hoping to transfer that thinking to Farmington."

But Horn's departure will not go unmissed. "I hate to lose him," said physical science teacher Steve Powitowski.

Powitowski said Horn has been an excellent principal and assistant principal at school.

"He was good with discipline, as well as with budget and curriculum," Powitowski added.

And the students will miss him, too. According to Thomas, the seniors hugged him goodbye instead of the traditional handshake at commencement.

Horn was selected from a pool of more than 60 candidates. He was chosen on the basis of his current administrative work, as well as his large number of skills.

Graduating with a bachelor's degree in math, Horn went on to earn a master's degree in educational leadership from Western Michigan University. Horn held several administrative and teach-



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Principally speaking: Outgoing Harrison principal Clayton Graham shows newly appointed principal Rande Horn his new surroundings.

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Sheepskin shout: Kari Schloff and other graduates chant "1993" after receiving diplomas at the North Farmington High commencement ceremony.

North Farmington grads step into the 'real world'

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North Farmington High School graduates stepped forth into their future at graduation exercises June 6 at Crisler Arena, Ann Arbor.

"Our lives are enriched for knowing them," said principal Deborah Clarke.

This class of nearly 250 students can look back proudly, knowing that they helped to earn the designation of a national exemplary school.

The exemplary school award is based on high scores in the area of leadership, quality of instruction, programs and practices that foster the development of sound character, a sense of self-worth, democratic values, ethical judgment and self-discipline.

This class, like others before, voted on a class motto (source unknown): "I always knew that I'd look back on the times that I cried — and laugh. But I never knew that I'd look back on the



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Class president: Martha Brown, president of the 1993 North Farmington High graduating class, gives the address.

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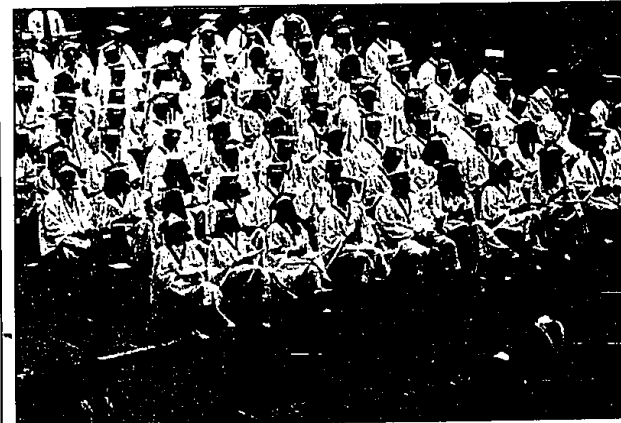
The top 10 students were honored, along with those earning honors for 3.0 to 3.49 scholastic averages and high honors awarded to those earning 3.5 to

4.0 grade point averages.

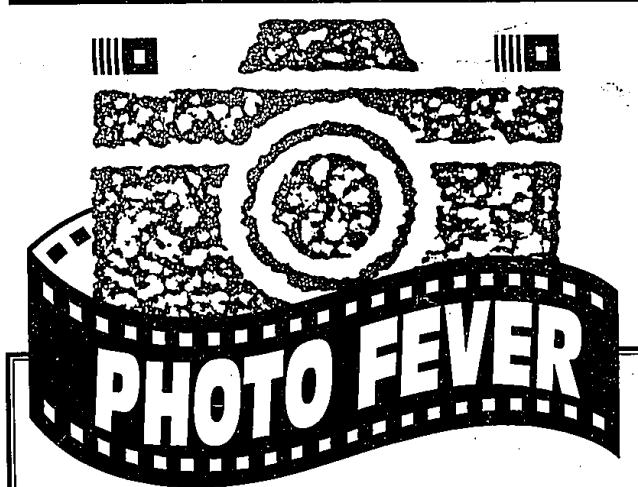
Marty Brown, senior class president was also the only class president this class elected throughout their four years, according to Clarke. She will attend Brigham Young University.

Brown urged her classmates to take with them the important lessons learned at North Farmington High School.

"They aren't just lessons about radioactive decay or conjugating verbs," Brown said in her address. "They are lessons about moral and ethical judgments, trust and honesty and most importantly — our personal dignity. Because we make up the world of tomorrow, we need to remember those lessons at college, in the armed forces, in the workplace, or wherever we may be going. We must use our education to be a positive influence on the society we live in. Only then will the time and effort we have spent in school have been worthwhile."



Address: Superintendent Michael Flanagan speaks to North Farmington grads.

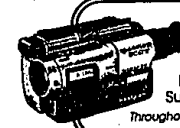


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