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MARY JEWELL

## North Farmington senior is Girls' State governor

Mary Jewell of Farmington Hills was elected governor of Girls State and seven other Farmington area girls were elected to government positions.

Girls State is a citizenship training program held by the American Legion at Olivet College. They also sponsor a Boys State held at Michigan State University at the same time.

Nine area girls attended the 25th session of Girls State and 13 boys will participate in the Boys State program.

Mary, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert A. Jewell, 3037 Fernhill Drive, was elected governor of the mythical state during the program's eight-day session.

THE 16-YEAR-OLD, a junior at North Farmington High School, was sponsored by the City of Farmington Hills.

"I learned a lot about how the government runs. If you really want to change it, you can make it better. It's too bad everybody couldn't have gone," she said.

Upon arrival, the girls were given tags which told them to which of two parties they belonged as well as the "city" to which they were assigned.

The girls are housed according to their cities. During the first day, they elect city officers, she said.

Separating according to parties—Federalist or Nationalist—the girls

are given the next three days to form their platforms. Mary said the issues discussed included rape, gun control, busing, dollars for Detroit, nuclear energy and a graduated income tax.

Mary said she started campaigning early, talking to the girls she met, telling them she wanted to be governor and asking for their support.

She said the mythical House and Senate passed several bills designed to better not only national politics, but Girls State as well. The changes will be incorporated into the program next year, she hoped.

Mary has participated in track for the last three years. She has been on the debate team for two years and was elected captain of the team last year.

SHE HAS COMPETED in endomorphic speaking and original oratory in forensic matches and was secretary of the student council at North. She is a member of the National Honor Society, and the German club, and is secretary of her Girl Scout troop.

Other Farmington girls involved were Diane Kim, who was chosen to attend Girls Nation in Washington, D. C., and Barbara Meigs, who served on the House of Representatives.

Tammy Bales was Ionia County commissioner and served in the House and Sheri Sterling was Goetz County commissioner; Jan Benden

was Alber County commissioner and Yvonne Marra was on the state central committee. Carol Maurer was assistant chairman of the state central committee.

Attended by students between their junior and senior high school years, the programs were established to "inculcate in the youth of America a love of God and country."

Its purpose is to afford students an opportunity to be "self-governing citizens, to inform them about the duties, privileges, rights and responsibilities of American citizenship, in order that they may understand and participate in the functioning of their government; and to help them grasp the meaning of some of the responsibilities which they must assume when they become adults," said Helen Currie, a Girls State chairman.

The program is intended to give practical experience in the problems of self-government and therefore operates as a mythical 51st state.

North Farmington students attending the programs, together with their sponsors are Janice Benden—North Farmington Kiwanis Club, Barbara Wetterhold—North Farmington Kiwanis Club, and Mary Jewell—City of Farmington Hills.

From Farmington High are Kevin Kansman—City of Farmington; Michael Koinis—Exchange Club; Dan Niemczak—Kiwanis of Farmington;

Paul Eveleth—American Legion Post 346, and Paul Breeding—Lions Club of Farmington.

Harrison High School students attending are Marc Toos—City of Farmington Hills; Ken Passiak—Farmington Area Jaycees; Dave Fleisher—Kiwanis of North Farmington; and Lewis Sandy—Kiwanis of North Farmington.

Also Diann Kim—North Farmington Kiwanis Club; Carol Maurer—North Farmington Kiwanis Club; and Karen Passiak—Farmington Area Jaycee Auxiliary.

Farmington High School students attending are Yvonne Marra—Groves-Walker Unit 346, American Legion Auxiliary; Sheri Sterling—City of Farmington; and Barbara Meigs—Kiwanis of Farmington.

Other North Farmington students are Michael Morris—Kiwanis of North Farmington; John Patek—American Legion Post 346; Richard Wallace, Elks Lodge 1288; and Harry Ritter—Kiwanis of North Farmington.

Girls State alternates from North Farmington High are Paula Ramsey, Karen Morrison and Janet Altabek.

Harrison alternates are Carol Mosonchak, Julie Finn and Joyce Nash; Farmington High alternates are Donna McGovern, Lynn Keen and Debbie Chastain.

## Orchard Ridge makes plans to douse smoking

BY CORINNE ABATT

It won't be the old-fashioned stop smoking campaign which the campus development committee will launch next fall at Oakland Community College.

The channeling of smokers to designated areas of the Orchard Ridge campus in Farmington Hills will be subtle, polite and low key. But it will

be there.

The committee, chaired by Barbara Kabeenell of the graduate placement office, feels the campaign falls into their responsibility to improve the aesthetic element of the campus.

In the past four years, the committee members have planted and cared for trees and flowers in the absence of a maintenance department

and made many recommendations for improving both the interior and exterior of the campus.

This latest project stems from complaints about burn holes in the rugs, charred marks on the furniture and cigarette butts everywhere. Practically all classrooms, except labs, are carpeted. Careless smoking plays havoc with the nap.

"WE KNOW there's no way to reform the world," says Betty Tybinka, committee member, "so we want to make it so people can smoke without offending others and not damage campus property."

The committee also received complaints about smoking in classroom from non-smoking students.

"The no smoking signs in the carpeted areas have been disregarded by both faculty and students," says Mrs. Kabeenell. "We felt something had to be done and it was not practical or safe to take down the signs and forget

it. "One student told me he thought our actions on smoking are authoritarian. But I think the people who say 'I have a right not to have my atmosphere polluted' have rights too."

She explains, "It's not a no smoking campaign, it's a smoke-in-designated-area campaign."

The committee plans to have designated areas in each building, complete with comfortable furniture and plenty of ash trays. As a reminder there will be signs: "Designated Smoking Area This Way."

Instead of no smoking signs in the classrooms, there will be a more positive approach: The classroom signs, courtesy of the Michigan Cancer Foundation, will read: "Congratulations! You have just stopped smoking while in this meeting."

Bill McNaughton, committee member and outspoken environmentalist, says his life science students will be working on the project and making

many of the designated area signs. "I'm a firm smoker and McNaughton clinic will be offered by Colleen Maranca of the campus health service early in the fall semester.

Committee member Mary Wadlington says the Michigan Cancer Foundation has been very cooperative with their efforts in offering assistance as well as the signs.

Committee members Donald Mann (computer science) and McNaughton smile in agreement as Mrs. Kabeenell says it is a sticky situation, she knows neither all students nor all faculty will cooperate.

She adds, "We're gonna do the very best we can and take a positive attitude in trying to get people to cooperate."

## Bike celebration will be feature of 11th festival

The 11th annual Farmington Founders' Festival, the area's tribute to its past, will feature looks at the present with the theme "Look What We're Up To Now."

The Founders' Festival will last 10 days, July 18 through 27. Festival officials are completing final plans for the celebration, which annually attracts thousands of residents and many persons from neighboring communities.

Dan Greenberg, publicity chairman, said more than 200,000 persons attended the 1974 event. Among the events scheduled for the festival will be carnivals, helicopter rides, shows, concerts, square dances, parades, fireworks displays, antique sales, art exhibits and car rallies.

New event this year is a "bicycle celebration" before the popular "Sunday in the Park" program. At 1 p.m. July 27, residents can gather with bicycles at the Orchard Ridge campus of Oakland Community College. Power Road will be the route riders can take to the program in the Farmington city park at Stiwasee and Power.

Free movie tickets will be given to participants in the bicycle celebration.

The Summer in the Park program will feature family games from 2:15 p.m. to 3 p.m., the second annual bagel eating contest is scheduled at 3 p.m., a hobby shop will demonstrate radio-controlled model airplanes and cars, and give models to spectators.

From 4-6 p.m., music will be featured, including community singing.

FIRST EVENING of the festival are a father-son tenis tournament and a chicken barbecue. The tennis tournament will be played July 18, 19 and 20 in Southdowns Tennis Club. The barbecue will be from noon to 6 p.m. at the

Masonic Temple, Grand River at Farmington Road.

Preliminaries of the Miss Farmington 1975 contest are scheduled for July 21 at 8 p.m.

July 23, A salad luncheon, card party, and pasty supper are scheduled for the Masonic Temple. The Miss Farmington finals will be held in Vladimirs at 8 p.m. The presentation of the winner of the pageant will be made at 8:45 p.m. in the Downtown Shopping Center.

One of the top drawing cards of the festival, the Elks On Road, begins at noon on July 24. Also beginning Thursday is continuous entertainment in the showmobile in the Downtown Center.

OTHER EVENTS starting Thursday are Farmington High music patronage bingo, North Farmington Kiwanis Club carnival at Kendallwood Center, ORT kiddie rides at Farmington Junior High, and gymnastics and dance demonstrations.

Farmington Public Safety Department will hold its annual auction on Thursday from 1:3 p.m. in the Downtown Center.

Among events scheduled for Friday, July 25, are an ice cream social at First United Methodist Church, outdoor jazz concert at Orchard Ridge, the pet show and the Jaycee rodeo.

Saturday events include a national baton-twirling contest, League of Women Voters bus tour of historic houses, fire department water fight, and a fireworks display in Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church's parking lot. Festures are a pancake breakfast, road rally and the Sunday in the Park program.

One of the highlights of the festival, the parade, will begin at 10 a.m. Sunday.

Sunday features are a pancake breakfast, road rally and the "Sunday in the Park" program.



## Plugging away

It isn't hard to think of a subject for such a work of art. Who knows but that this may be somebody's brother, or father or teacher, or... For more pictures, turn to page 3A.

## Friendship flowers into eye operation

Rose is gone, leaving Jack Casey of Farmington Hills the memory of a vibrant seven-year-old Jamaican girl walking confidently toward a plane with his son's baseball cap perched saucily on her head.

"She was just a little squirt, walking toward that plane, wearing the baseball cap. She talked to the baggage man from Air Jamaica who recognized her," he said, sounding wistful.

Casey, part owner of a Detroit public relations firm, took Down Rose to the United States to have surgery to correct her crossed eyes.

Empathy was the major impetus for helping the girl, he said, because he had suffered from a similar ocular problem.

"IT WAS BECAUSE she was such a cute little kid. But she didn't feel that way. She would say, 'Rose ugly.' I had a feeling the other kids teased her about it. But they never did it while I was around."

Casey said he met Rose and her family while vacationing near Montego Bay last November.

"We're from a villa, and they lived 150 yards away in the jungle. We would invite them to dinner, and the kids would play with our kids."

Rose, like her brothers and sisters, is a "very bright, very vibrant" child, but she would always stay in the background.

With his own eye surgery scheduled for February, Casey decided he would wait for his results before sending for

Rose and her mother.

His operation was successful, but Casey was still concerned. "What she had is not what I had. I had amblyopia, which was really so easy to take care of so I decided 'why not have the operation?'"

"But she had something called alternating esotropia. She could see but looked with one eye at a time. Whatever she looked at, one eye was awake."

"With me, it wasn't that noticeable unless maybe I looked upward and a little to the right," he explained.

Rose's handicap made depth perception a problem, for she could look at an object with only one eye at a time.

HOWEVER, HER operation was successful and a follow-up visit to the doctor has confirmed that she didn't have double vision, a possible side effect.

After his operation, Casey had several problems in getting Rose to America. At first, he was afraid her family would object to the surgery. They didn't, however, and he discovered his next problem was securing passports for Rose and her mother, Delcey.

U.S. Sen. Philip Hart spent \$18 of his own to back Jamaican officials regarding the delay. The Jamaican Tourist Board in Montego Bay was "extremely cooperative," Casey said, and Rose and her mother finally arrived in Detroit two weeks ago.

"I would guess I got more out of this than she did," Casey said.

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