

Kids, adults find new library full of fun, games



Mrs. Carol Matzone, a teacher at Kenbrook Elementary School, peruses the many aisles of children's books at the new Farmington Public Library in an attempt to find another book for her sons.



Desk clerk Mrs. Kay Manilla puts Dan Hickey's book through the library's new Regiscope that records on microfilm the titles and return dates for all books taken out of the library. (Staff photo by Harry Mauthe)



Peggy Cochrane, a Grace Elementary School custodian, watches as the snow begins to fall Tuesday afternoon. Little did she know that several hours later, the snowfall would bring traffic and busyness to a halt for several hours around the Farmington area. (Staff photo by Harry Mauthe)



Gina Wilson, 8, found a cozy place to discover a new book in the children's tree house reading room at the new Farmington Community Library. Gina is a third grader at Our Lady of Sorrows school. (Staff photo by Harry Mauthe)

Zen+motorcycles

Modern textbook lures students

By CORINNE ARATT

A few students in Tom Haug's English composition classes at Orchard Ridge thought that if they could tear a motorcycle apart, they could pass the course. They took it with that in mind.

This rather strange impression was created because the text by Robert M. Prsig is "Zen And The Art Of Motorcycle Maintenance."

Now in paperback after a successful run in hardcover, the book (at least the title) is a far cry from the English textbooks of former days.

Haug, in the OCC English Department for the last eight years, chose the book for a number of reasons. One of the most important was his own enthusiasm for it.

CERTAINLY IN ITS favor, in Haug's thinking, is that this story of a motorcycle ride across the country raises more questions than it answers.

In his search for his own identity the author thoughtfully works over the attitudes of our society, values,

what the age of technology has done to mankind and particularly interesting to Haug and his students, the question of "What is quality?"

"The biggest hang-up question which we never solved," says Haug, "is the concept of quality. What makes things good and what makes things bad?"

He speaks of art—painting, music, literature—saying, "The major portion of most of the students is that they were not willing to accept concretely formulated and generally accepted criteria."

"And taste is a very touchy word. Students see this as very snobby, elitist thing."

Typical of OCC, Haug had a couple of older students mixed in with the 18 and 19 year olds.

"The older people are almost always top-notch students. While this is not a universal rule, it is usually true. No way can an 18 year old compete with an older student."

"The older ones write better, think better. They just know a lot

more. And I was surprised to see that they are not competitive or there isn't animosity between the age groups."

"Zen" as Haug and the students refer to it did something for the group who stayed with it (and some did drop out when they found it was philosophy rather than mechanics). It opened questions the students admitted they had never before been aware of.

usual name is in keeping with a philosophy of teaching which Haug himself has begun to put into action.

"I choose things for the course that I'm excited about."

Believing that if the instructor is excited and stimulated by a piece of literature, this may be passed on to at least some of the students, it will be better than if everyone is bored.

Haug's tastes are not foisted upon unwilling students—there are 24 kinds of English 152 for freshmen.

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Youth charged in stabbing

Farmington Hills police took a 15-year-old Harrison High School student into custody Wednesday, Jan. 14, in connection with the stabbing of another student, said Public Safety Director Ronald Holko.

According to police, the incident happened about 1:30 p.m. in a Harrison hallway during an argument between the students involved. The youth apparently pulled a knife and attempted to stab another 15-year-old

student, but knifed a 16-year-old youth in the right leg instead.

Hills police turned the youth over to Oakland County juvenile authorities. He was charged with assault with intent to murder and assault with intent to do great bodily harm. Bond was set at \$15,000 for the two counts.

The youth remains in the Oakland County juvenile home pending action by the juvenile court.

Hospital costs are discussed

The Farmington Area Chamber of Commerce will feature Seymour Cantor, an administrator from Boltsford Hospital, as its main speaker this Thursday, at 8 a.m. in Boltsford Inn.

Cantor will discuss how to cut hospital expenses. Also speaking will be a representative from Blue Cross.

Interested persons are invited.

FRIDAY **Jan. 23** 7:30 p.m.

SATURDAY **Jan. 24** 1:30 p.m.

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