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These large Modo-clay figures were done by Mercy High School student Delores Vicini of Farmington Hills. They will be bronzed to look like metal before the student exhibit which opens next Sunday. (Photo by Cyd Abatt)

Mercy art students show off talents

The annual exhibit of student art work at Our Lady of Mercy High School in Farmington Hills traditionally draws thousands of visitors from the metropolitan Detroit area.

Sister Mary Ignatius Denny R.S.M., art department chairman, expects the same large number of spectators for this year's event which opens at 1 p.m. May 16. The thousand-plus pieces will be on display in the school gym, Eleven Mile and Middle Belt, through May 23. Visitors are requested to use the auditorium entrance facing Middle Belt.

Among the art will be works by 11 national scholastic award winners. Topping the winners list is Cindy Kulongowski of Detroit, who was awarded a four-year scholarship to the School of Visual Arts in New York City.

Josephine Fellrath and Elaine Rice both won one-year art school scholarships.

Included in the exhibit will be work of first, second, third and fourth-year students. The types of media range from pencil, charcoal and pastel to lettering, oil, watercolor, sculpture, ceramics and stitchery.

Hours are weekdays 3-5 p.m. and 7-9 p.m. Saturday and Sundays the exhibit will be open 1-5 p.m. and 7-9 p.m.

Art Start to expand

Art Start, a pre-school program emphasizing creativity, will increase hours and days in the fall program.

Program coordinators are also working with the educational services of Anderson Counseling Service of Farmington Hills. Parents of those enrolled will be invited to parenting classes and consultation with the Anderson staffers upon request.

Art Start is committed to enriching the child's life by allowing him to explore goals and enjoy the arts on a feeling level.

Those interested in the pre-school are invited to a discussion and talk on "Parenting the Pre-School Child," by Dr. Norbert Anderson, at 8 p.m., May 18, University Hills Christian Center, 28711 Farmington Rd.

Sue Ingram, 477-1350, is program coordinator.

Founders group seeks your ideas

The 12th annual Farmington Founders Festival Committee invites the public to its second general meeting at 7:30 p.m. May 17 in the Holiday Inn, 38123 Ten Mile, near Grand River and the I-96 freeway.

This year's festival will open on July 25 with an old-fashioned family picnic, "Sunday in the Park." July 31, marks the end of the festival with the annual festival parade down Grand River and the post-parade displays and carnivals at the area's major shopping centers.

In between these two activities a wide variety of fun-filled festival events will occur, including the crowning of Miss Farmington, fireworks, booths, displays and the summer carnival games.

The festival committee has revived the slogan and the theme from Farmington's 1975 sesquicentennial celebration in honor of America's bicentennial.

The committee feels that "pride in our past, faith in our future" was worthy of the year-round emphasis.

Board avoids past errors

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In order to continue operating the district's administrative and instructional programs, the board had to act quickly after the "dramatic public firing of a school superintendent," Corliss says.

"It all happened in the course of one board meeting. Everyone agreed with the choice and felt we could work with Van Ameyde," the board president explains.

The board now is reviewing several finalists for superintendent. Ross says he doesn't anticipate any problems such as those surrounding Smith's resignation and Van Ameyde's appointment.

"There is a possibility that the board may choose a candidate for superintendent after its review of final candidates tonight," Corliss says.

BUT THE board won't be in a position to announce that candidate Thursday night until it works out all the details of his contract and discusses all the conditions involved in the new job.

"That's provided the one we select is still interested and available for the position.

"We are shooting for Thursday night, but I can't say for certain whether the board will make its final decision then," Corliss explains.

The board has been conducting final interviews with several candidates since last week and right now is considering several finalist.

Corliss wouldn't reveal the identity or the exact number of finalists still being considered, but he did say they are "highly qualified for the job."

After securing the services of the state's major university placement offices, the board received applications from candidates within and outside the district.

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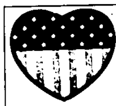

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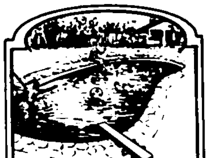

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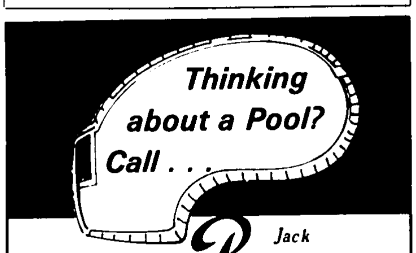

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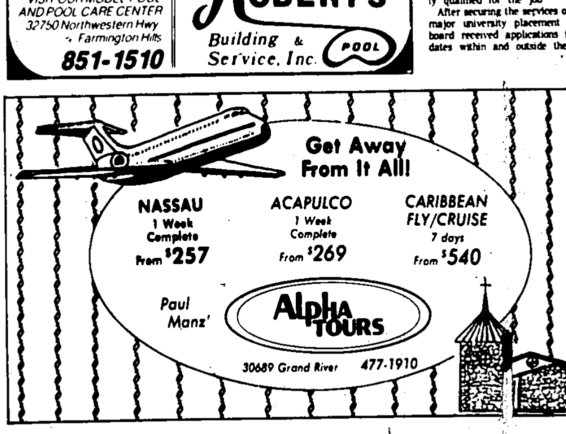

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