

Dreyer excellent

Keith Dreyer, of Farmington Hills, is on the Lyman Briggs College dean's list for the winter term at Michigan State University.

Dreyer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Dreyer, 31900 Nottingwood, Farmington Hills, is a 1976 graduate of North Farmington High School. He is taking pre-medical school courses at the college and maintains a 3.9 average.

Music major

Perry T. Suszek, of Farmington Hills, has achieved a 3.75 average at Northwestern University, Marquette. He is a senior majoring in music education and minoring in woodwind and percussion instruments and mathematics.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas S. Suszek, 29383 Glencastle Drive, Farmington Hills.

Orchestra wants more personnel

By JUDITH BERNE

The West Bloomfield Symphony Orchestra (WBSO) board has again asked the parks commission to provide personnel to answer its telephone, sell tickets and produce publicity for next season's concerts.

"We have been under considerable pressure to come up with a decision," Parks Chairman Dick Richards said.

Last month, the commission agreed to provide space for an orchestra office and board meetings free of charge at Drake House Community Center, 6485 W. Maple.

But it specifically denied a request for personnel. Parks Director Michael Teichman said the parks staff is already overextended.

It did agree, however, that if a parks request for federal money to hire an additional person is approved, that person might be assigned some orchestra work.

But Mrs. McEwen, who does public relations for the parks department, said, "I think they (the orchestra board) greatly underestimate the number of hours needed to do a good job."

Mrs. McEwen handled publicity for the holiday concert that the parks commission underwrote. It was the orchestra's only sell-out.

"It would be a lot of pressure on a staff that likes to do a good job," she added.

SEVERAL WEEKS AGO, two orchestra board members met privately with four parks commissioners at the home of Dick Richards, parks chairman. The gathering caused criticism that an illegal, secret meeting had been held.

Under the newly passed Open Meetings Law, if members of a public body gather and a quorum is present, the meeting is subject to provisions of the act even if no decisions are reached.

Richards, Ms. Ducklow, Ed Berg and Ed Skakow discussed the orchestra's request with Mrs. Dupree and Gordon Muir, WBSO president at the meeting.

"It was not a meeting," Richards insists, although four of six commission members were present. "I invited some people to talk in my living room. I'd do it again."

Berg, too, defended his action. "Is a coffee klatch in violation of the law?" Ms. Ducklow said, "I regret it. I plead ignorance. The law is a new one."

Then she added, "The public never attends our meetings anyway."

Skakow was not available for comment. Mrs. Dupree said she was surprised when the other commission members showed up.

"I thought it would just be the three of us (Richards, Muir and herself)." No member of the orchestra board attended the parks regular meeting or study session on the subject.

PARKS COMMISSIONERS Thursday night tabled the subject until a committee looks into ramifications of the parks commission's using public money to finance someone working for a private organization.

"We have no financial report from the symphony; they have their own board of directors," Commissioner Sandra Ducklow said. "We could be opening a Pandora's Box. I don't want to be the one to unlock it. There could be a million organizations wanting the same courtesies."

BETTY SUE DUPREE, who is considering the post of orchestra president for next year, later questioned the commissioners' reluctance to aid the orchestra.

"I'm surprised at their vision," she said. "There is a potential here." She said Twp. Atty. Paul Bibau had assured her, "Music is a function of parks and rec."

She said all concert tickets might be sold to patrons and sponsors, cutting down on promotional and sales work. "I was hoping that Lorna (McE-

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