

Students show journalistic prowess in contest

Farmington area high school students have that journalistic fever as recently demonstrated in Schockcraft College's third annual journalism contest.

Students from Farmington, North Farmington and Our Lady of Mercy took honors in the competition which featured 18 school publications vying for honors.

Judging for the contest was done by top journalists in the Detroit metropolitan area including Farmington Observer Editor Steve Barnaby, Detroit Free Press sports columnist Joe Falls, John O'Brien, retired managing editor and columnist from the Detroit News and Jack Hoffman assistant to the publisher of the Northville Record.

Other judges were Tim Richard, editorial director of the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, Ed Wendover, editor and publisher of the Plymouth Community Crier and Gary Williams, Gordon Morris and Alice Siefhoff, all of the Detroit News.

Taking high honors for Farmington area students was Our Lady of

Mercy's Caroline Sokaski, who won first place for her sports writing.

Falls said of M Sokaski's writing, "I never heard of a woman outdoor writer, and I think Caroline, with her flair for writing, could make an outstanding career for herself."

NORTH FARMINGTON'S Northern Star publication took first place honors in the advertising category, while Farmington High School's Blue & White took an honorable mention in that same category.

The Northern Star also took honors in the best overall newspaper category by taking a second place finish. The publication was lauded for its emphasis on hard news coverage relating to students' interest and the good mix of articles between sports, features and hard news.

The Star also won honors for its use of typography by taking an honorable mention in that category. Joan Dwyer of the Star staff, won an honorable mention in newswriting, and judges lauded her for the "good job of researching." Her article dealt with the difficulties of chaperoning.

Debbie Bee, also a Star staffer, took an honorable mention in the feature writing competition for her article on Mariellac Halls efforts to assist unwed mothers.

Leslie Sims, a Mercy High School student, took third place in the industry sketch category for her article on pop singer Diana Ross.

Said Hoffman, "Writer Leslie Sims does a good job in setting the stage and portraying the central character in this feature."

Honors went to another Mercy student, Francesca Roger, who was awarded an honorable mention in the opinion writing category for her article, "A Question of Responsibility."

"This is a gem of organization and intelligent reflection on the released time question. It is cool thinking rather than a sales job," said Richard.

North Farmington student Margaret Kopko won a third place in the investigative reporting category for her

story entitled "Polls reveals too many cheats."

Taking a second place in the sports column category was Bob Finnell from Farmington High School.

A superb piece of reporting, plus excellent writing. You came away with the complete understanding that Bob knows his subject from every angle. This could be a model in reporting," said Falls.

Bob Finnell and Dick Radatz, of Farmington High School won an honorable

mention for their effort in the sports writing competition with their article on University of Detroit sports director Dick Vitale.

It was rated as a "story of feeling" by the judges.

IN THE REVIEWING competition, Mercy's Carol Wierzbicki took a second place for her article entitled "Marigolds Bloom on."

Taking honorable mentions in that category were Mercy students Maryrose Livingston and Paula Jankowski.

Sexual misconduct trial opens

By SHIRLEE IDEN

A West Bloomfield woman allegedly sexually assaulted by a prominent Oakland County physician will have her day in court.

Oakland County Circuit Judge William Beer denied a motion to dismiss charges of second degree sexual misconduct against Dr. Don Ray Krohn on Thursday. The judge also refused a continuance and jury selection was begun.

Dr. Krohn, a resident of Farmington and chief of obstetrics and gynecology at Providence Hospital in Southfield was arrested on Oct. 1, 1976 and charged with entering the homes of two West Bloomfield women and making sexual advances.

Police reports show that a yellow car was chased and caught and Dr.

Krohn detained. Breathalyzer tests were administered which indicated intoxication.

Despite local television reports that the doctor was charged with rape, he is accused of second degree sexual misconduct, a felony which carries a maximum fifteen-year sentence. The current trial stems from the charges made by one of the women.

Reports that the case was suppressed for several months because of Dr. Krohn's prominence were called mistaken by Richard Thompson of the Oakland County Prosecutor's Office.

"THERE is recent legislation that says the preliminary hearing in this type of case can be kept secret at the request of defense counsel," Thompson said. "The defense counsel made that motion, and I think it was to protect the woman from publicity."

The secrecy only applied until after the preliminary hearing early in November. On Nov. 24, Dr. Krohn was arraigned in open court and bound over to circuit court.

Originally scheduled for May 23, the trial was postponed while Judge Beer decided whether to accept a motion for dismissal by Dr. Krohn's attorney William Wilson.

Thompson refused to name the plaintiff before the trial began saying "She is going through enough pressure, and publicity would add more."

He said her statements indicate Dr. Krohn touched her breasts and caused her physical injury.

A spokesman for Providence Hospital said the hospital would have no comment.

"This is a personal matter involving Dr. Krohn and his attorneys. Dr. Krohn is associated with Providence in a professional capacity, and we have the highest regard for his professional activities in our behalf."

Assistant Prosecutor Michael Schloff predicted that the trial would last "well into the week."

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Leaf burning prohibited

If a neighbor complains because you're burning leaves, you could find the Farmington Hills Fire Department, fire hoses and all, in the backyard extinguishing the blaze.

That's the word from Fire Chief John Van De Voort who advises residents that since March 1 it has been illegal to burn leaves in the city.

"It is hoped that this regulation will reduce the amount of open-burning-type fires that go unattended and escalate the fire problem within the community," said Van De Voort.

"One of the biggest dangers of open burning is the youngster getting involved and injured or sustaining burn injuries because of careless burning," he continued.

Although leaf burning is illegal only warnings will be given during the first year, according to Van De Voort. But after that time those persons continuing to burn leaves will be in jeopardy of receiving a ticket.

Police warn citizens

Farmington Hills Police are advising residents to avoid giving money to phone solicitors who claim they are representing the Fraternal Order of Police or the Farmington Hills Lieutenants and Sergeants Association.

Complaints about phone solicitors claiming they are raising money for

of shady fund drive

the groups prompt the department's warning.

"We don't solicit by phone. We haven't given authority to anyone to solicit by phone. We don't collect money by that way," said Capt. Russell Conway of the Lieutenants and Sergeants Association.

Dogs cause disease

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they've changed over the years. An Irish Setter today has feathering and shorter ears than his counterpart 200 years ago. And each breed has particular problems that a legitimate breeder looks for in pups.

"Short-haired dogs require less upkeep—Teffers, for instance, require less grooming. The biggest distress are long-haired dogs because they have more hair follicles to the square inch."

Suit your lifestyle is her advice, to which Ms. Muzzarelli agrees. But if you want to teach your children responsibility by putting the care of the dog in children's hands, parents must follow through to make sure the dog is getting the care he requires.

to fully investigate the purchase of a dog, the women interviewed suggest contacting the Michigan Dog Breeders' Registry, who can refer the public to registered dog breeders in a particular area.


Barbara Schultz, who handles the west side calls for the Detroit metropolitan area, says the members of the registry are carefully screened and willing to provide information about various dog breeds.

Like most dog enthusiasts, she warns the public against franchised stores where puppies are often misrepresented to buyers.

"It's really a shame," she says. "People are spending a lot of money when they could probably get a better dog for less money elsewhere."

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