

# m.m.memos

## Europe bound

Vincent Blaszczyk has been accepted as an International Exchange student to participate in the 1978 European tour as a member of the International Concert Jazz Band.

The 17-year-old student at Harrison High School was accepted after a session at Blue Lake Fine Arts Camp this summer.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Blaszczyk of 30020 Fiddlers Green, Farmington Hills.



"I never thought I'd miss the mess my son could make," a friend told me a year or so back, "but now that he's away at school and I walk down the hall and see that desk between..."

...well, I guess I wouldn't mind a little clutter."

More recently, another friend commented that she couldn't understand all the fuss about the empty-nest syndrome. "It's not all bad," she said, "just having to consider what YOU want to do."

And I've thought of both conversations this week as I go down the hall when the alarm clock goes off and wake up just one daughter to get ready for school.

Surely it was just yesterday I was telling four of them to rise and shine. But at this point one has headed west, one is living in an apartment and we just dispatched a third to begin her stay at the state university of her choice.

There have been other periods, of course, when only one of the quartet was at home, but our situation now is different, a real move toward the family winding-down.

There's less scrambling for the bathroom in the morning and only one to corral to get the morning dishes done. Those of us at home get our choice of living room chairs and television programs and don't wait as often for the telephone.

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The laundry room table should hold three piles of sorted clothing much more easily than it held six, and the sorting should take a bit less time.

Still, I can't say the empty-nest syndrome is hitting me very hard yet.

For one thing, when you think of nests you think of open mouths to feed, and our away-at-college daughter still needs a supply of worms (oop, dollars.)

And then, as a relative pointed out, we're most fortunate to have one daughter still at home. We are indeed. Besides adding fun and liveliness to the menage, our youngest is being extremely thoughtful.

At this crisis time, she's pitching in to do more than her share of mess-making so that her mother can continue to feel needed.

No empty nest yet, but I can see the signs pointing that way. I'm certain we'll agree it's not all bad, but it's sure going to be different.

## Girl Scouts launch adult recruit drive

For the first time, all four Girl Scout Councils in the tri-county area are combining efforts in conducting an all-out recruitment campaign for adult volunteers. Participating councils include the Girl Scouts of Metropolitan Detroit, Northern Oakland, Southern Oakland and Oakland County.

The councils report that waiting lists are filled with the names of hundreds of girls who want to be scouts, but can't, because there are not enough leaders, or troops, in their areas. Consequently, the goal of the campaign is to recruit enough volunteers to make scouting available to every girl who wants to participate.

THE REQUIREMENTS for being a Girl Scout volunteer are few.

"All one needs is a little spare time and a genuine interest in working with young people," said Christine Hogan, who works as a volunteer in Southern Oakland Girl Scouts, Inc., headquartered in Lathrup Village.

"There is a mistaken belief that one

must be a parent of girls to be a Girl Scout volunteer," she cont- "This is definitely not true. All adults, men as well as women, from young singles to senior citizens, are eligible to be volunteers."

No special skills, experience or education is needed. Free training in leadership and other skills are provided by the Girl Scout Councils.

TRAINING CLASSES are set up at various locations, during the day or in the evening, to offer volunteers maximum convenience. Additional assistance is available at all times, through the personnel in each of the council headquarters.

To accept calls from potential scout volunteers, the tri-county councils have established a hot line which is in operation 24 hours a day. The number is 589-5807.

Persons interested in serving as a leader, co-leader, committee member, resource person, or any other capacity, is invited to call the hot line number.

## Clarinet and piano team up for recital

The Farmington Musicals, an affiliate of National Federation of Music Clubs, will mark "Federation Day" with a clarinet and piano recital, at 12:30 p.m. Oct. 3, in Hammett Music Company, 15630 Middle Belt, Livonia.

Mrs. George Rickey, first vice president of the Michigan Federation, and a member of the musicals, will speak. Clarinetists Fern Barber, a member of East Junior High School music department, and Lois Swanson, who teaches clarinet, will join pianists Helen Anderson, a member of the Kenneth Jewell Choral, and Sue McCallum, Farmington Musicals president, and member of the Madrigal Club, in an adaptation of the Brahms "Liederslieder Waltzes."

Ms. Swanson and Ms. McCallum will perform "Four Short Pieces for Clari-

net and Piano" by Howard Ferguson.

Two songs by Purcell will be sung by Ms. Anderson, with accompaniment by Ms. McCallum.

DUO-PIANISTS McCallum and Anderson will perform three works.

They have chosen "All American," a satirical suite in four movements by J. Clarence Chambers; "Andante," by Wilhelm Friedemann Bach, and "Melodie," from the opera "Orpheus" and "Eurydice," by Gluck, arranged for two pianos by Luboshutz.

The program chairman for the event is Mrs. Paul E. Ewing, of Farmington Hills. Mrs. Donald McDaniel, of West Bloomfield, is tea chairman for the day.

Baby sitting services may be arranged by calling Mrs. James Craig, at 477-5955.

## Weight Watchers holds open house

Those who wish to learn about the Weight Watchers program may do so free of charge during the Weight Watchers Open House Weeks, continuing through Oct. 1.

The public is invited to attend any regularly-scheduled Weight Watchers meetings in the area to find out why and how the program works.

Weight Watchers holds regular meetings in Birmingham, Canton, Garden City, Farmington, Livonia, Plymouth, Redford Township, Rochester, Southfield, Troy, West Bloomfield and Westland.

To find out places and times call the Weight Watchers main office at 557-5454.

## Scholarships to honor anniversary year

The Rev. Father Bernard J. Wernert, director of Manresa Jesuit Retreat House in Bloomfield Hills, was honored earlier this month when a scholarship fund was established in

commemoration of his 50th year as a member of the Society of Jesus.

Funds from the scholarship will be given to needy students at U. of D. High School, where he taught.

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