

Law Day

Students usurp official reins

By LYNN ORR

After 25 minutes, the jury returned a guilty verdict, surprising the packed 47th District Court in Farmington Hills.

Flamboyant defense attorney James P. Lawson had failed to convince the six-person jury of his client's innocence. The charge was operating a vehicle while impaired—drunk driving.

But Lawson's client was spared a session in the slammer.

The jury consisted of six Farmington High School students who played their part in the mock trial before the student courtroom audience in conjunction with Law Day May 1. The Monday morning court session kicked off two days of government activities for the FHS students. On Tuesday, seniors assumed roles of City of Farmington officials for the day in celebration of Student Government Day.

Both days helped to demonstrate government in action for the students, FHS American history and government instructor Tom Peace said.

"It's a hands-on kind of learning like a shop experience," Peace explained.

RON REIMER, 47th District Court probation officer, assumed the role of defendant for the trial. Oakland County Asst. Prosecutor Lawrence Korman, Judge Michael Hand, Farmington Hills Ptl. Raymond Cranston, and Lawson played themselves.

"I thought Lawson had them," Peace said in referring to the surprising verdict. "It's proof once again that you can't predict a jury."

Lawson's defense attempted to cast doubt on the officer's testimony. His sometimes abrasive courtroom style amused the audience of about 10 students from FHS, North Farmington High, Harrison High, Our Lady of Mercy High, and Power Junior High.

"You also under direct testimony indicated that you had been following this vehicle from Orchard Lake Road to Eleven Mile. Is that in your report?" Lawson asked Cranston.

"No, it is not," Cranston replied. Students were exposed to an accurate tableau of how police officers' records are painstakingly analyzed for

procedural errors that can cost a prosecutor a conviction.

"Kids sometimes have anti-police attitudes. But in court, they get a chance to see how much an officer has to do," Peace said.

Korman and Lawson also put up a number of objections and asides to give the students an indicator of how the law functions for both the defendant and the witnesses.

STUDENT Government Day used a similar approach. The annual election is sponsored by Farmington High and the City of Farmington.

A few weeks ago, councilman Alton Bennett visited the high school to describe the various jobs-for-the-day open to the students.

Interested seniors collected 40 signatures to get on the ballot and 18 students were elected.

The Director of Public Services job went begging.

The elected student officials attended the council meeting Monday evening, then proceeded to their on-the-job training Tuesday morning. They were guests of the Farmington Rotary Club for lunch before conducting their own council meeting Tuesday afternoon.

Elected were: Timothy Sundt, mayor; Laurie Soronen, Debbie Gregory, Paul Lipa, and Sue Wayne, council members; Phil Sitnick, city manager; Emily McMurray, treasurer; Kris Paul, clerk; Alicia Bergers, attorney; Julie Treulman and Steve Manz, district judges; and Beth Steusloff, court administrator.

Other elected officials were: Mark Donovan, Public Safety Director; Alton Hinkle, public safety lieutenant; Susan Martinuzzi, building inspector; Chatty Stratis, assessor; Barbara Hamel, Public Works foreman; and Bonnie Heck, water and sewer foreman.

Country Day sponsors garage sale, auction

Detroit Country Day School is having its first garage sale from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. May 4-5. The sale will be open from 9 a.m. to noon on May 5.

Proceeds will go to the purchase of equipment for the school at 2275 W. Thirteen Mile, Birmingham. An auction will be conducted at 8 p.m., May 6. Tickets are available at the school office. Adult tickets are \$2.50. Student tickets are \$1.



The "Perry Mason" gesture by Atty. James Lawson held the FHS jury spellbound, but they brought in a guilty verdict nonetheless. From left to right, they

are: Laurie Sanders, Steve Sharback and Phil Sittnick, front row; and Al Danto, Sue McMillan, and Harumitsu "Tako" Akashi, back row.

For Schoolcraft grads

Accent on youth shifts

By TIM RICHARD

What a difference a decade makes.

You could see it in the number of grey temples and bifocals among this year's crop of Schoolcraft College graduates at Sunday's 12th annual commencement.

"You could hear it in the wry humor of commencement speaker William Faust, State Senate majority leader from Westland.

"Ten years ago, there was a great deal of emphasis on youth. After 30, one was literally over the hill," Faust said.

"A decade later, that all-consuming emphasis on youth has shifted," Faust told 188 persons who had earned degrees in the last year and their families in the college gymnasium.

"HAVING REACHED the age of 29 myself"—much laughter from the crowd—"I totally support this view," Faust, a newspaper editor before he became Nankin Township supervisor and a state senator, named names:

- A grey-haired grandfather, veteran of 2,250 hockey games in 30 years, "Gordie Howe still talks of next year."

- Harper's magazine's list of 10 most beautiful women has no one under 30. Lena Horne is 60, and even the ravishing Farrah Fawcett-Majors is over 30.

- The average age of Schoolcraft students is around 30. "All ages in a community are now seeking to be educated," said Faust, noting that what

used to be called "adult education" is now "continuing education."

Michigan colleges have not only responded to the widespread wish of post-teenagers to attend college, Faust said, but community colleges "went a step farther: Bringing college closer to home."

ALTOGETHER, some 800 persons earned associate in arts and associate in applied sciences degrees as well as program certificates, during the past year.

As usual, President C. Nelson Grote pointed out, less than a quarter donned cap and gown for the once-a-year ceremony, many having moved on to four-year colleges or careers elsewhere. (The official list, still in preparation, will be published as soon as it's completed by the college, typically in five weeks.)

The two-year community college serving northwest Wayne County and portions of Oakland and Washtenaw counties has granted degrees to 6,176 since the first commencement in 1966, Grote said. It has enrolled some 81,000 persons—65,000 in "traditional" academic programs and 16,000 in continuing education and community services courses.

"It is indeed a quality institution that sprang up from a cornfield . . . a people's college," he said.

BESIDES THE earned degrees, there were four honorary degrees for persons who had either helped found the college or helped its advancement

in some way.

Faust was honored with an honorary associate in arts degree for his legislative leadership and sponsorship of Senate Bill 344 to establish a statewide library system and cooperative library programs, which he considers his great legislative landmark.

In a surprise award, Clara Rousseau, administrative assistant to Grote and associate secretary of the college's board of trustees, received an honorary associate in applied science degree. Like the master sergeants who really run the Army and Air Force, Mrs. Rousseau has advanced in the college ranks from secretarial work to become the right arm of the administration and board.

Benton Yates, who retired in 1969 after 15 years as superintendent of the Livonia School District, received an honorary associate in arts degree for his work in establishing the college. Yates now lives in retirement in Arizona, and his award was accepted for him by A. Edward Katz, former president of the Livonia Board of Education.

Frances Hensley, "Mrs. Volunteer" in many agencies, received an honorary associate in applied science degree. A native of Wales and 32-year resident of Livonia, Mrs. Hensley helped to establish Bentley High School, the Livonia library system, St. Mary Hospital, and Schoolcraft College—along with helping such groups as Easter Seals, March of Dimes, the YMCA and Red Cross.



"If you catch the family resemblance, you're on target. Marilyna Duguid (left), administrator of the 47th District Court, had a special assistant for Student Government Day. Her daughter, Beth Steusloff (right) is the fourth of Mrs. Duguid's children to graduate from FHS. As a graduating senior, Ms. Steusloff won election as court administrator for the day. (Staff photos by Harry Maunite)

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"GO FLY A KITE. Just about everyone has been told to do this at one time or another. Well, here is your chance. A kite flying day has been scheduled for May 6, from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. at the Oakland County courthouse complex, 1200 North Telegraph, between the Lake roads. The event is being co-sponsored by the Oakland County Parks and Recreation Commission and WXYZ radio. Radio personality EDDIE ROGERS will be the emcee. Free kites and string will be given to the first 500 persons who register. Free refreshments will be available. Prizes will be awarded for various categories such as the youngest and oldest kite flier, the smallest and biggest kite, most creative home-built kite and others. A rain date of May 7 has been set.

"IF MUSIC is your thing, the Orchard Ridge campus of Oakland Community College will present the second Spring Folk Music Concert in the Ppp Cultural series at the Farmington Hills campus on May 9 at 7:30 p.m. Admission is free.

"KRISTI ANN KUSHNER, 11, of 2714 Shawnee, Farmington will be spending the next couple of days in Washington D.C. She is among 50 safety patrolmen from across the state who will be guests of the Automobile Club of Michigan. While there, they will visit the Michigan U.S. Sen. Dan Rostenkowski and take part in a parade and rally. The 10-14-year-old boys and girls taking the 38th annual spring safety patrol trip are the state's top Michigan patrolmen for the current school year. They represent 35,000 Michigan patrolmen who each spend nearly 300 hours annually protecting classmates at crosswalks and on buses.

"WHY WAIT? Get your shots and avoid the rush this summer. No appointment is necessary. Immunizations for measles, German measles, mumps, polio, diphtheria, tetanus and whooping cough are available. Farmington area residents can get their shots at the First Methodist Church, 3212 Grand River on May 11, from 9 a.m.-noon. A parent or legal guardian must accompany a child under 18 years and bring a previous record of immunization.

"HOW ABOUT THIS, GRAPE LOVERS? Michigan now ranks fifth among the wine producing states of this country with 1,900 tons of wine grapes grown in 1977. Three Michigan wineries have received medals for excellence in national competition.

"BIGAMISTS BEWARE. A bill recently was enacted which provides that if someone's spouse dies and the dead spouse was doubly married, the most recently married surviving spouse has the right to property from the other marriage. Prior law allowed the first spouse to get half the property.

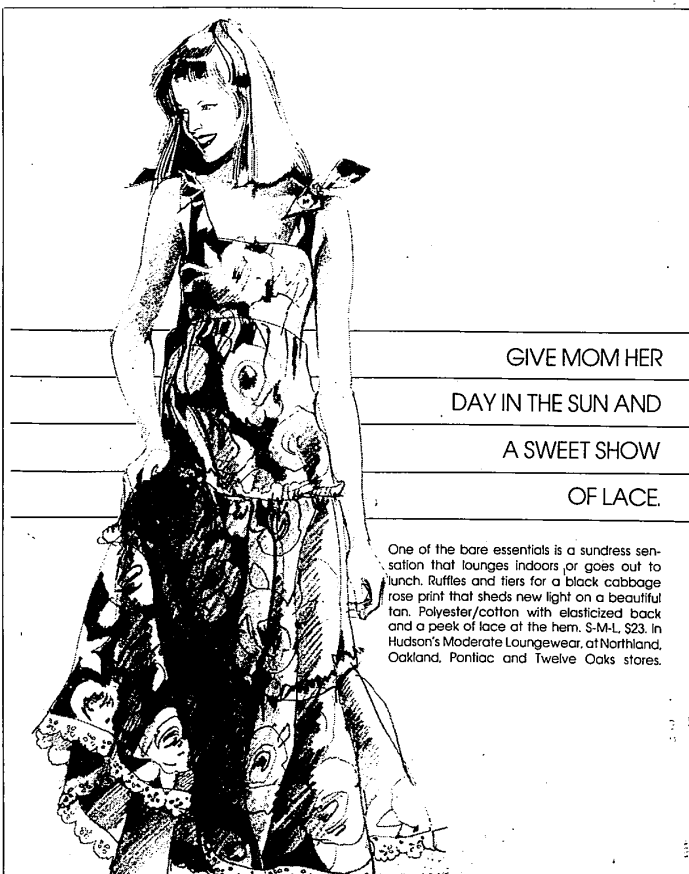
"SENIOR CITIZENS, listen up. Insurance Commissioner THOMAS JONES is urging senior citizens to be on guard against salesmen who sell insurance policies door-to-door. The bureau is receiving many complaints. The insurance bureau needs to be able to identify persons who have been solicited and who are willing to testify unethical salesmen. Seniors, he says, have problems selecting Medicare supplementary coverage because there are no standardized policies for such insurance in Michigan, and seniors have a difficult time comparing them for the best buys. Seniors who need assistance or who have complaints about door-to-door salesmen or other marketing methods should call the Bureau's Consumer Assistance Service, 1-800-292-5943. A Consumers Guide to Health Insurance in Michigan is available from the Michigan Insurance Bureau, P.O. Box 30220, Lansing 48909.

"CHANGE OF COMMAND. The Farmington Squadron, of the Civil Air Patrol has a new leader. Cadet Warrant Officer MARY BETH HALLER has taken command from Cadet First Lt. PHILIP KENNEDY. The new commander is a three-year veteran of the youth program. She has earned her Ranger certification, radio communications badge and become a qualified radiological monitor. She is proficient in first aid and cardio-pulmonary resuscitation techniques and has attended encampments at Fort Knox, Ky. As the new commander, she will be directly responsible for more than 50 teenage cadets.

"READY TO TAKE A BACKYARD SWIM? The Oakland County Health Division will offer a two-hour seminar of interest to prospective and current residential pool owners. On May 17 the session will be at 7 p.m. in the South Oakland Health Center, 2775 Greenfield. The May 25th session will be at 7 p.m. at the Oakland County Health Division, 1200 North Telegraph, Pontiac. Topics to be discussed will include local building code requirements, pool equipment and health and safety. A question and answer session will be conducted at the conclusion of the seminar.

"JOANN CADOVICH, of Farmington, a student at Central Michigan University, has been elected Interprovince Chairperson to the board of directors at the National Delta Psi Kappa convention in Kansas City, Mo. As chairperson, she will be in charge of coordinating student activities throughout the United States. She also will serve as the CMU student representative on the National Board of Delta Psi Kappa, honorary women's physical education fraternity. She received the Jane McNamara Outstanding Physical Education Major award for 1977 from fraternity.

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