

Writers win in contest

Five Farmington area residents were among 19 winners in the fifth countywide creative writing contest sponsored by the English department at the Orchard Ridge Campus of Oakland Community College in Farmington Hills.

Winners in the adult division included Betty Holmes Monson, third prize for a short story; Carly Kaniste, honorable mention for poetry; and Clifford May Jr., honorable mention for essay. All three are Farmington Hills residents.

In the high school division, Lauren Rousseau won a second prize for short story and Judy Hughes received an honorable mention for essay. Both are City of Farmington residents.

Nineteen students in Oakland County shared the top prizes and honorable mentions. In the adult division, Mary Louise Angeli of Birmingham won a first prize for her entry "The Lady had a Broken Leg and Other Poems," and received the new W.W. Norton Prize, a 7,000-page collection of world literature for best entry in the contest.

ALSO in the adult division, Kenneth Brown of Lake Orion took two top prizes with second place in poetry and second place in short story. The other multiple winner was Veronica Stevenson of Royal Oak who received honorable mentions in three categories.

Rosalyn Segal of Southfield won first prize in the short story category for "Charlie's Story," and Elizabeth Brent of Royal Oak took a first prize for her essay "Ducks." In the high school division, Mary Christianson of Birmingham took first prize for poetry for "Visiting Hours," and Chris Myers of Milford received a first prize for his short story "Ripples."

Other winners in the adult division included: Kathleen Lindsey of Waterford, third prize for poetry; Hugh Schultz of Union Lake, honorable mention for short story; and Carolyn Hassall of Bloomfield Hills, honorable

mention for drama. In the high school division, other winners included: Alanna Otto of Royal Oak, second prize for poetry; Carolyn Shields of West Bloomfield, third prize for poetry; and Lori Lipton of Farmington Woods, third prize for short story.

Copies of all the 1978 winning manuscripts will be added to the permanent collection of the Orchard Ridge library. The annual contest is open to all Oakland County high school and college students. Judges are members of the Orchard Ridge English department faculty.

Scholarship awarded Farmington student

Kathy Lehman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William G. Lehman, 35115 Castlemeadow, Farmington, has been awarded a presidential scholarship to Valparaiso University, near Chicago. She will be enrolled in the College of Business Administration.

A graduate of Farmington High School, Kathy was treasurer of the National Honor Society.

MSU music program attracts FHS student

Dave Scheer, a student at Farmington High School, took part in a summer youth music program at Michigan State University. As one of 270 high school students from Michigan and other states who took part in this program, Scheer attended recitals, auditions, performed in live concerts and on radio and television.

The students were selected on the basis of recommendations from their music teachers, and included vocalists, pianists and organists.

Postal employees discontent

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Unusual shifts, continual adaptation to new machinery, and the postal workers' recent jump in productivity are behind the postal workers' disenchantment with the proposed contract, he maintains. The majority of postal workers don't receive two consecutive days off in a week, he adds. Brown's schedule is: 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Monday; 5 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Tuesday; and Wednesday; 4 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Thursday; Fridays off; and 4 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Saturday. He receives a one-hour lunch hour only on Mondays.

Postal workers, he maintains, are required to lift 70 lbs., hike it on their shoulders, and carry it as a basic requirement for the job. While the public sees the employee behind the desk handing out stamps, it forgets about all the sorting, loading, unloading, and heavy work carried out by

postal clerks. Citing a study by the postal service itself, Brown points to a 5.2 per cent increase in productivity for postal workers, while private industry scored a 3.6 per cent increase.

About 70,000 postal employees nationwide have been eliminated through attrition and retirement in the bargaining units since the last contract. With an increase in mail, those statistics show that postal employees are doing more work, he adds. Over-supervision, rather than slackness on the part of bargaining unit members, is the service's problem, Brown says.

Of the 142 employees at the Farmington office, 12 — or one for every 10 workers — is a supervisor, Brown says. Two of the nation's four postal-related unions are represented, including the American Postal Workers Union and the National Association of Letter Carriers.

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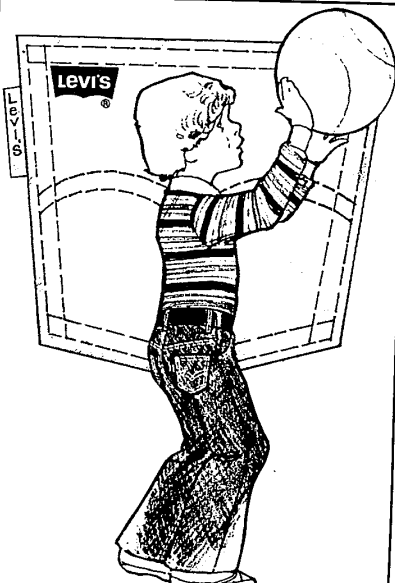
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