

John is now a STAR

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such dances as waltzes, rumbas, jitterbug and disco.

EACH CLASS BEGINS with a few warm-up exercises. Mrs. Paterson leads the students slowly through each step.

Mrs. Gleeson said that what she likes about the school is the friendly atmosphere between teachers and students.

"The teachers and staff make (the students) feel wanted," she said. "It's something to look forward to."

Mrs. Gleeson said that attending classes at the conservatory has helped John therapeutically and socially. Besides improving his coordination, John has met a lot of people, she said.

Mrs. Gleeson said that the students at the conservatory give each other confidence and support.

"These kids help each other," she said. "During rehearsals, the class would give John encouragement, 'Come on, John, go, John.' It's good that they're not afraid. That's half the battle."

Mrs. Gleeson said that John sometimes worries about doing well before an audience, but once he begins dancing, he doesn't seem to know the audience is there.

"He's not at all afraid," she said. "The place could be filled with lots of people and it wouldn't matter."

The Gleasons first heard about the conservatory through the New Dawn Association of Troy and Clawson, an organization for the parents of mentally impaired children. Mrs. Gleeson said that John will continue at the conservatory for as long as he wants. "We let

him make his own decisions," she said. "He's an adult."

John seems to want to go to the conservatory for some time here, and to continue his dancing even after that. He proudly shows a visitor his Darth Vader costume and demonstrates a few steps of his newest dance. He is still working on the dance, one inspired by "Superman." He says he will perform the dance wearing a costume with a large letter S.

The costume may be superfluous to anyone who knows John or has seen him perform, because they already know he really is someone super.

Library gets staff grant

Farmington Hills Community Library received a \$19,390 grant to be used to hire a full-time librarian at the branch on Twelve Mile Road. The State Board of Education approved the grants, totaling \$333,000 for 13 regional and subregional libraries in Michigan.

MANAGING STRESS

Monday, Sept. 17: Managing Stress, three-week program conducted by June Shada, begins at 7:30 p.m. in Morcy Center, 11 Mile and Middlebelt roads. Fee is \$20. Preregistration is necessary by calling 476-8010.

New Guinea missionary visits Lutheran churches

A missionary to Papua, New Guinea, where people lived a stone-age existence until the mid 1950s, will speak in area Lutheran churches, Sunday, Sept. 9, to support his ministry.

The Rev. Marcus Felde, 29, will speak in Hope Lutheran Church both during the Family Learning Hour, at 8:45 a.m. and the Sunday morning worship service at 9:45 a.m. The church is at 39200 12 Mile, Farmington Hills.

He will also speak in Freedom Lutheran Church, which meets in the Novi Woods Elementary School, on Tavt Road, between 10 and 11 Mile roads, at 11:30 a.m.

These are two of a number of area churches of the English Synod Evangelical Lutheran Churches where pastor Felde will be showing slides and describing his ministry as a circuit adviser for 15 congregations in the far western section of New Guinea.

At one church, Holy Trinity in Livonia, pastor Felde will be contacting his partners in New Guinea via ham radio.

He will be commissioned for three more years of ministry in New Guinea in a special service set for 4 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 21, in Christ Lutheran Church, 2411 Iroquois, Detroit.



THE REV. MARCUS FELDE

PASTOR FELDE, and his wife, Chris, have been in New Guinea since 1957 in a remote region without telephones and where the radio is used for ordering supplies, contacting church

headquarters or making arrangements for the weekly plane.

It is also an area where coffee is the main crop, and metal axes are used instead of the stone axes that have been wielded for centuries.

Pastor Felde, said, "Our main goal is that the Christian church in our locale shall be able to stand on its own feet."

Aims are to provide structures for the people so their worship may be more indigenous; to strengthen the church-government co-sponsored primary school; increase literacy and strengthen church-related education; provide means of income within the

circuit to replace money from outside sources.

An unusual feature of the area, the pastor said, is that although this Christian church came to the area only 15 years ago, the evangelized people are reaching out to other tribes.

During his visit to Detroit, pastor Felde will be preaching, meeting with groups, leading a slide presentation and observing the functions of sponsoring congregations.

The churches want a sharper focus on ministry in the congregations through pastor Felde's eyes as well as increasing support for his work.

Traveler's Aid helped by UF

The Traveler's Aid Society of Metropolitan Detroit, a Torch Drive supported service, provides crisis intervention services, information, counseling and financial assistance for travelers and

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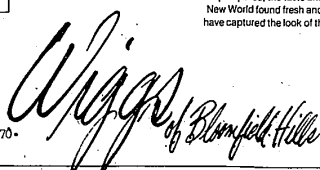
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