

A Farmington Public Safety officer and a paramedic help a woman who was involved in a three-car accident on Farmington Road Monday.

2 hospitalized in downtown accident

Farmington police say they plan to charge a 63-year-old Rosemary Eve George of Detroit with failure to yield the right of way following a three-car accident which resulted in George's hospitalization and the hospitalization of another person last Monday afternoon.

Police said that the 1975 Chevrolet George was driving collided with a Pontiac driven by Helen E. Aho, 75, of

Farmington Hills at the intersection of Farmington Road and Slocum Street south of the city's business district at about 1 p.m. Monday.

According to police accounts, George was attempting to turn left onto eastbound Slocum from southbound Farmington Road when she crossed the path of the Aho auto, which was northbound on Farmington Road.

After the crash, police said George's car jumped the curb at the northeast

corner of the intersection. Aho's auto then hit a 1982 Chevrolet driven by George Morse, 64, of Livonia. Morse's car was stopped on Slocum, waiting to turn onto Farmington Road, police said.

According to the police report, George told authorities that she "did not see any northbound traffic."

George, Helen Aho and 83-year-old Richard Aho, a passenger in the Ponti-

ac, were taken to Botsford General Hospital by Community Emergency Medical Services.

George was listed in stable condition, and was scheduled to undergo surgery for an undisclosed ailment last Thursday. Richard Aho was listed in guarded condition in Botsford's cardiac care unit. Helen Aho was not admitted to the hospital, and Morse did not require medical treatment.

Downsizing is battled

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that although the proposed house did not meet ordinance requirements, the nearby homes "would not be adversely more affected, which is the way it (the downsizing ordinance) should work," Blaisell said.

"WE WERE confronted with a home that was clearly dissimilar from the other homes," said attorney Darren Davy, a residential review board member. "But the house did incorporate quality materials."

Although the Lani-Tiki house will look different than neighboring homes, Davy said, it will be in a court, removed by trees from the ranch and colonial house on either side.

In determining whether a builder's plans for a new house conform with the existing homes in a neighborhood, the ordinance requires that:

- A new house must be at least 75 percent of the floor area of homes within 750 feet (in all directions) of the new house. So the new house can only be 25 percent smaller than nearby

homes.

- The type, quality and "proportional area of coverage" of materials in the house's exterior facade must be somewhat similar to nearby homes.

- The architectural character of the new house must be somewhat similar to the character of nearby homes.
- The new home's facade, as seen from the street, is not identical to the facades of adjacent homes.

"It was absolutely clear there is no problem with it being dissimilar," Davy added.

LANI-TIKI officials said that while the ordinance is appropriate to prevent some builders from building "something way out," it "doesn't fully define what you have to abide by." Officials referred specifically to the narrow latitude allowed by the ordinance's requirement that a house not be too dissimilar or too similar to nearby homes.

"That means a lot of different things to different people," a Lani-Tiki official said. "They need a lot more definition."

Board urged to oust Christian group

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THE BOARD promised action, or at least an official statement, by the first Tuesday in December.

But if resident Mandel Foner has his way some Farmington administrators and board members won't be around when the decision is made.

Speaking against Campus Life and its activities, Foner said, "You've been in this business too long not to know what's going on here. I want these people removed for allowing Campus Life to operate to resign. Notice I didn't say fired, I want them to resign."

"If you're not going to defend the First Amendment, then you've got no business running this school."

Foner said that the U.S. Supreme Court "has been clear in keeping religion — anybody's religion — out of the public schools."

Diane Fishman, another anti-Campus Life resident, read a lengthy article in Education Weekly about youth ministers' activities in high schools. Going by such names as Student Venture, Campus Life and Young Life, they operate in more than 5,000 schools nationwide, the article said.

Fishman then pointed out that Campus Life had purchased an advertise-

ment in the current edition of Northern Lights, the North Farmington newspaper. She also displayed the 1981 North yearbook which carried a photo of the club and its members.

CAMPUS LIFE, Fishman claimed, has the name and address of every North Farmington ninth grader on a mailing list.

Laura Miller, also speaking against Campus Life activities on school grounds, said that the administration "has allowed a situation to develop where one religion is pitted against another."

But Suzanne Miller, a 1983 graduate of North, and a staunch supporter of Campus Life, called the group "fantastic" and said it had "a most positive effect on the school."

"Nothing of Campus Life goes on in the school," said Miller, now a Wayne State University freshman.

Another supporter was Tom Lowrey, who said he recently moved to the Farmington area from Detroit because "I was concerned about my daughter's education."

"I think we should applaud people who have a positive effect on our kids," he said.

Mark Peterman, a North Farmington student and Al Peterman's son, said he was an active member of Campus Life.

"It's a social group and it does talk about God," he said. "If they don't like that, they can leave. But we discuss issues that concern us — things like friendship, dating and peer pressure."

"It's great to have this opportunity. We're really lucky to have it."

MOST OF THE speeches were followed by applause. But perhaps the loudest applause came after Pat Bae, a mother of school-aged children, who said:

"If you want to teach your child high moral values, then join a church or temple, or teach them at home if you don't believe in organized religion. But keep these things out of the schools — the advertising, the activities, everything."

Principal Graham was silent during the meeting and had little to say afterward.

"I guess right now I shouldn't comment," said Graham, a principal in the Farmington District since 1987. "I

don't know what to say. I'm sure people don't want me to say anything."

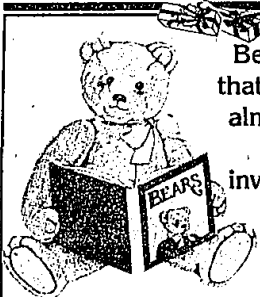
In March of 1982, the Birmingham Board of Education ruled that a group called Campus Life could not come on school grounds during school hours. The group had been sending representatives into Groves High School during lunch hours.

Michael Lockman, a volunteer with the American Civil Liberties Union, called that decision "a victory for the Constitution and for religion."

"It's important to keep government out of religious affairs," Lockman said of the Birmingham case. "That's what the founders (of the Constitution) said."

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