

from our readers

Campus Life is defended

To the editor:
Who can believe it? In our beloved Farmington of 27 years that we should live to see a day when there would be persecution of Christians. A good man ridiculed and ripped apart such as Mr. Clayton Graham for allowing young people after school hours to meet together to express themselves, in a group of their own choosing (they can freely leave at any time).

Allow immorality, witchcraft, occult and psychic subjects but that's not religion, hogwash.
I'm embarrassed for us and our personal apology to Mr. Graham, North Farmington principal, for his ill-treatment.

JFK defended on policies

To the editor:
I am amazed at the Monday morning historians at Oakland University. They simply are going along with their peers. Currently historians are debunking Kennedy. I predict this is a transitory position.
All the public has to remember is that John F. Kennedy was exactly as he appeared. He had a great sense of humor, he had a great sense of history, he knew issues and how to influence them for the good of all.
His Cuban Missile Crisis was a study in confrontation without war. The Russians turned their ships around at sea. The O.U. professors suggest by infer-

ence that the Russians should have been allowed to arm Cuba with offensive missiles.
How strange that when insight is most needed, those who are supposed to know still cannot distinguish the difference between American aggressive actions and those of the Russians. This is quite difficult to accept their view of the presidency of JFK.

Book attacked for expletives

To the editor:
I write to you about that controversial book used in Farmington High School's American Novel class. The one entitled the "Catcher in the Rye." You said you couldn't print my letter because it contained expletives from the book that are unprintable in a newspaper.
Isn't that interesting. Those expletives are perfectly OK for high school classroom use yet can't be printed in a newspaper read mainly by adults. Paradoxical, isn't it.

I took the time to count the number of expletives in that 214-page book. I counted 695 of them, enough quantity and variety to offend just about everyone. Sure, those words and phrases are used widely and regularly by people whose lack of vocabulary or exhausted intellects call for their use, but where is their purpose in a classroom?
I suspect the fact that this book and others like it, issued for classroom use, connote by the sheer volume of expletives contained in them the usage as proper and acceptable. Isn't "drill and

practice" the best way to ingrain knowledge into a student's memory? The book surely accomplishes this in the use of those words unprintable in a newspaper.

Harrison gets the attention

To the editor:
Now that the three Farmington-area high schools football seasons are over, my comments about the coverage North Farmington received is that the writers or editors were totally biased.

Farmington Harrison received front page coverage every Monday edition whereas North Farmington and Farmington were shuffled to the second or third page frequently in the Thursday edition. The Hawk articles were more detailed and more accurate, but the Raiders and Falcons were given small articles with few pictures, (the few that were shown were repeated).

Is it possible the Observer's sports writers were possibly Harrison alumni or fans?
If Harrison were going to be in the state play-off this year the coverage could be understood, but their record will show there is no Silverdome game in their future.

This partiality is totally unacceptable in my view. All Farmington schools deserve equal coverage. Whether they win or lose, there is a story to be told.

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