

Opinion

Steve Barnaby editor/477-5450

23352 Farmington Road/Farmington, MI 48024

4A(F)

O&E Monday, April 2, 1984

Musicales supporters speak out

This week's Oral Quarrel asked Farmington and Farmington Hills residents: What are your feelings about the new rule which limits musicale scholarships to students who live in Farmington or Farmington Hills? Following are the responses.

I see no reason why the competition should be limited to just those children who live in Farmington. They also attend school there. It means they are contributing to the overall community and there is no reason why they shouldn't be allowed to compete. If the Musicales seriously wants to limit it at least they could have a separate competition where the criticism that the students find so valuable would be offered.

Being the students have to pay \$4 admission fee and the quality of the judges is very, very poor, I don't know why anyone would want to consider entering the competition for the Musicales Scholarship let alone be offended if they were not included because they didn't live in Farmington.

Yes, Proverb 3:27 states: "Withhold not good for them to whom it is due when it is in the power of your hand to grant scholarships to someone needy out there and as the Bible states it is not good to withhold from them to whom it is due."

Farmington Observer

(USPS 167-840)
Published every Monday and Thursday by Observer & Economic Newspapers, 30251 Scholcraft, Livonia, MI 48150. Second-class postage paid at Livonia, MI 48151. Address all mail (subscription, change of address, Form 3569) to P.O. Box 2428, Livonia, MI 48151. Telephone 991-9590.
HOME DELIVERY SERVICE
Newsstand . . . per copy, 25¢
Carrier . . . monthly, \$1.75
Mail . . . yearly, \$35.00

All advertising published in the Farmington Observer is subject to the conditions stated in the applicable rate card, copies of which are available from the advertising department, Farmington 23352 Farmington Road, Farmington, MI 48151/477-5450. The Farmington Observer reserves the right not to accept an advertiser's order. Observer & Economic ad-takers have no authority to bind this newspaper, and only publication of an advertisement shall constitute final acceptance of the advertiser's order.

Just FUR fun
DOCTOR, MY HUSBAND IS ALLERGIC TO MIK— EVERYTIME I MENTION IT HE GETS SICK...

CLYDE SMITH & SONS
GREENHOUSE & FARM MARKET
NOW OPEN
EXOTIC HOUSE PLANTS
\$13.95 per pot
Brighten up your home or office with:
• Begonias
• African Violets
• also miniature varieties
• Azaleas
• Mums
• Cinerarias
• Large Variety of Soeds and potting materials
• New Selection of Cacti
FRESH CUT FLOWERS

oral quarrel

I feel that the Farmington Musicales is a private club and responsible for raising their own money and should have the right to have the obligation to set their own qualifications for the scholarship, so I agree with their stand and with their rules.

You must be really hard up for news to make such a tempest in a teapot. Who really cares?

I feel that the Farmington Musicales has a right to set its own policies. They have done so much for the community to stimulate musical interest that it doesn't seem right that a Pontiac or Detroit or some other residents would be awarded a scholarship that was from the Farmington Musicales.

Farmington Musicales has every right to revise the eligibility for scholarships. The funds are raised by a small group of women mostly through rummage and auction sales. None is raised by raffish or by soliciting merchants, therefore, it is a private local fund for local residents to be distributed as the Musicales sees fit. To be attacked by Mr. Barnaby is unfair as Farmington Musicales has raised thousands of dollars for over 12 years plus a concert grand piano to the community. I believe a retraction is forthcoming from Mr. Barnaby.

Farmington Musicales are local people with musical talent. They are only supported by friends and neighbors here in the community. They get no state, federal or any other kind of funds. Why not limit the competition to local people? I am sure that Franklin and Birmingham and other areas have their own competitions as well.

Yes, I believe that Farmington Mus-

icales has a right to set their own rules concerning their scholarship competition. When a student elects to go to a private or parochial school, they are giving up some privileges.

The Farmington Musicales should be able to award scholarship monies in accordance with its constitution to develop the musical talents of its members and to stimulate musical interest in the community. The first years of scholarship qualifications were for Farmington residents only. The club did make an effort to expand the eligibility boundary for six years. Due to budgetary evaluation it was necessary to impose the original limitations on eligibility. This seems sensible and appropriate for a local club to place its emphasis and effectiveness in its own community.

I support the Musicales. This is a local competition with a small amount of money involved, not a regional or national competition with large amounts of money. If the scholarship money is siphoned off by opportunistic, non-resident musicians, there is no incentive for Musicales members to work as hard as they do to raise the funds. Likewise, your shot at Mrs. Swanson was very cheap. You did not ask any public school teachers, such as me. I would like their opinions about the article.

I am a former resident of Farmington, a past president of Farmington Musicales, past president of the Michigan Federation of Music Clubs and presently the National Federation of Music Clubs Great Lakes District Coordinator responsible for Ohio, Indiana and Michigan. I happen to be in Farmington and read the articles. Many of the statements were not correct. I would like to have the opportunity to correct these and consider comments and suggestions on others. I will be returning to my home March 31.

I am in complete agreement with

Farmington Musicales to limit their scholarship competition to Farmington residents or children of Musicales members. I feel Steve Barnaby's comment comparing Musicales competition to the Tchaikovsky International Competition is like comparing apples and oranges. Farmington Musicales is a small club with very limited resources. Tchaikovsky Competition is supported by a whole nation and I want to point out to him our name is Farmington Musicales.

Yes, I think it is very fair that that money be spent that way. Spent the way the members want to spend it.

The Farmington Musicales should be allowed to set their own guidelines regarding how a very small amount of money, \$1,000, every penny of which was earned by their own membership, is to be given to community youngsters with the threat of scathing yellow journalism from irresponsible, uninformed editors like Steve Barnaby.

Steve, I am sorry you don't have the facts all straight. I know that you mean well, but unfortunately this isn't limited to just Farmington residents, it is the children of Farmington and Musicales and they come from all over. Every community has their own music groups that offer scholarships. We are a small group and we have to limit it somehow. Please get your facts straight next time.

I vote for the Farmington Musicales reconsideration of its new rule. Mr. Barnaby, even on rare occasions, when he bumbles through to a kind of common sense, is offensive.

Why does the Farmington Observer find it so repugnant for the Farmington Musicales, an all volunteer group supported by their friends and neighbors, to help our own young people? Doesn't the paper choose to serve the needs of this community also?

I believe that the scholarships should

Please turn to Page 5

We Recommend An
Air Conditioning Check-up
\$39.50
No Other Discounts

1. Check and clean thermostat
2. Check blower motor and wheel on furnace
3. Check compressor
4. Check refrigerant level
5. Check coil filters
6. Check all filters
7. Check evaporator coil
8. Check condenser coils
9. Check amp draw
10. Start unit

Call Now For Free In-Home Service & Estimate

Carrier
TRU TEMP Heating & Cooling, Inc.
30485 FORD ROAD, GARDEN CITY OR IN FARMINGTON 477-5612 477-5600

REMNANT RIOT
25% to 65% OFF
12' x 12'20'

NYLONS LOOPS
PLUSHES SAXONIES

Bargains Galore in Our New OUTLET ANNEX!

Remnants From: Mohawk-Cable Crafts Karastan-Lewis-Carpet, etc.

WRITE, CARPET, COUPON, PADDING INCLUDED!
SPECIAL "CLOUD CUSHION" CARPET at no extra cost with requirement purchase of all room's floor treatments.
Don't miss this one as all our items are "First of their kind" Home Improvement Loans

Rite Carpet
2188 SCHOOLCRAFT IN LIVONIA
Birmingham & Nutter Rd. CALL 477-8200

United Dental announces a major breakthrough in Dentistry...
Cosmetic Bonding! Now we can REPAIR TEETH WITHOUT PAIN AT 1/3 THE COST!

Thanks to a revolutionary new dental technique, United Dental can repair chipped, cracked, stained or misshapen teeth in just one visit... without pain at 1/3 the cost of crown! Think of it: Now you can have a beautiful, healthy smile, instantly, at a fraction of what it could cost! To introduce this amazing technique, all 9 United Dental locations are offering a free consultation to see if cosmetic bonding is for you!

Call the United Dental location nearest you for free consultation!

Family Dentistry
DR. JACOB PESIS and DR. SOLOMON K. PESIS
28800 W. 8 Mile, Farmington Hills 478-1650
(traffic light between Grand River and Middlebelt)

Classic Interiors
Colonial House
APRIL
FLOOR SAMPLE CLEARANCE MONTH

Since 1937
A Beautiful Store with Beautiful Furniture
2029 Middlebelt Rd. (South of Eight Mile) Livonia
• Open Mon., Thurs. & Fri. 11:00 P.M. • 474-6900

STORE CLOSING
COMPLETE STORE INVENTORY
CAMPING — SKIS — TENTS — KAYAKS
DOWN PARKAS — SLEEPING BAGS — SKI CLOTHES
BACK PAKS — BOOTS — FOOD — STOOLS — CLIMBING EQUIPMENT
Shop Early for Best Selection -
March 28 - April 3, 30% OFF
April 4 - April 10, 40% OFF
April 11 - April 21, 50% OFF
Furniture & Equipment Included

Berzmark 33001 Grand River Farmington • 477-8116

little capezio.
Your Designer Collection

GRECO SHOES
EVERGREEN LAZAR BEL-AIRE CENTER
12 Mile & Evergreen, Southfield • 3588
ORCHARD MALL
Maple & Orchard Lk., Farmington • 477-5342
W. 8000-240 • 651-9609

The Ed Lances collection. Delicate, feminine styling that would seem belie an extraordinary support and comfort. These are the brazenous for all. Shown: champagne nylon and standes for sizes 40 C, D and DD; \$35. In Intimate Apparel Collections. Join upscale representative from Edith Lances in Troy tomorrow for consultations and fittings from 12 to 4 p.m.

Saks Fifth Avenue
Somerset, Big Beaver at Copley, Troy • Fairlane Town Center Dearborn