

# Students awarded for journalistic prowess

Journalists from North Farmington and Mercy High schools squared off in the annual Scholastic College competition and came up deadlocked in number of awards won.

Farmington High School's Blue and White won two awards, a first and second place in reviews and humorous features.

The 11th annual competition saw both the Northern Star and the MHS Newsprint win seven awards.

Winners were announced last Thursday at a morning ceremony in the student center.

The two schools were among 13 which competed in 15 categories. Some 575 entries were submitted. Judging

the competition were professional journalists from around the metropolitan Detroit area.

Three first-place awards were dispersed throughout the three schools.

WINNING A TOP spot in the review category was Farmington's Mike Boettche for his entry, "The Smiths: Hatful of Hollow." Detroit News film critic Susan Stark noted the review was "compact and authoritative. In addition to the commanding tone of the review, I admire its shapeliness."

Taking first place in sports writing was the Newsprint's Margaret Hapala for her entry "Mercy Salutes Senior Cagers."

"The seniors' careers were investigated thoroughly. The additional information provided gave the readers something that they could grasp," said sportswriting judge Brad Ennos of the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers.

First-place honors also went to the Northern Star's Robb Wasserman for the entry "Days Create Dilemma."

"This is a rational and well-organized argument for closing the school in observance of Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur," said Judge Kevin Wilson of the Northville Record. "It reasonably states the case that operating school during these holidays affects all students, not only Jewish ones."

Other awards won by the schools were:

• Kristy Balogh of Farmington High School took a second place in the humorous features category for her entry "Take A Look," a take-off on Andy Rooney.

• Wende Markey of Mercy for her entry "Talking Heads Film Displays Endless Energy" in the review category.

• MHS Newsprint took a second place for overall best newspaper.

• Laura Burg of Mercy took a third place in the photography category for her collection of pictures documenting a new mother's first interaction with her adopted child entitled "Ms. Dambun Adoption Story."

• Maria Cecilia San Juan of Mercy took third spot in the personality feature slot with her entry "Senior Tries Hand at World of Modeling."

• Cathy Coulson of North Farmington took a third place in newswriting for her entry "League Change Causes Mixed Views" — a piece on why the

athletic leagues have been juggled.

• Liz Stevens of North for her entry "Falling In Love" Causes Tears," a movie review.

Jennifer Richardson of Mercy and the team of Wendy Paris and Liz Stevens of North Farmington took honorable mentions in the cartoon and illustration category.

Honorable mentions also were won by Mercy's Laura Burg, photography; Patrice Palmeri of North, editorials; Pete Steinert, North, sports column; and North's Patrice Palmeri, analysis.

## Cocaine discussed at Brighton

"What a Family Should Know About Cocaine" is the topic of Brighton Hospital's June 4 Community Education Program.

The free program begins at 6 p.m. with a lecture on cocaine by a member of the hospital's medical staff. Afterward the audience will be able to ask questions and find out how to obtain help for a loved one who is chemically dependent and for themselves.

According to the Michigan Substance Abuse Information Clearinghouse, heavy or continuous use of cocaine can result in psychological dependence, and such problems as depression and paranoia are not uncommon among regular users of the stimulant drug. Deaths

from cocaine use are a result of seizures followed by respiratory arrest, or sometimes by cardiac arrest.

Brighton's Hospital's Community Education Program is held on the first Tuesday evening of each month and is currently concentrating on providing family members with basic information about alcoholism and substance abuse.

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