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Miss Farmington 1985 wants to be Miss America.

Kelly Lynn Garver, who took the title in pre-Founders Festival activities last week, won the same title in 1981.

Kelly Garver played a medley switching her costume from scotch plaid (at left) to cowgirl gear in the talent segment of the competition. At right she makes her last appearance down the runway before she was named Miss Farmington 1985.

Miss Farmington Violinist returns for repeat performance

She placed in the top 10 finalists in the Miss Michigan contest that year, and then came back to win again at the local level which will give her another shot at the state crown, leading the way to Miss America.

During the interim three years the Auburn-haired violinist has retained an

affiliation with the Miss Michigan Pageant in Muskegon as an outstanding and crowd-pleasing performer.

Interim years have also brought the North Farmington High School graduate and Michigan State University Phi Beta Kappa student a host of academic awards and honors.

The 21-year-old telecommunications major is working as an intern this summer at a Detroit television station, as well as a self-employed strolling violinist and a member of "Susan and her Singing Strings."

She is the daughter of Arlene and Gerry Garver of Farmington Hills and was sponsored in the Miss Farmington Scholarship Pageant by World Wide TV and Appliance.

GAYLE LYNNE Goode, another second-time contestant in the pageant, took the first runner-up spot, the same position she took in 1984. The title of second runner-up went to Cherrise Lynn Vaillancourt.

Goode, 19, and the daughter of Marlon Goode of Farmington Hills, scored high on talent with both the judges and the audience with her dance to "City Lights."

The North Farmington High School graduate and Oakland Community College communications student has been performing with the Detroit Express Dance Group since 1982 and is a student choreographer. She was sponsored by Focal Point Studio.

Vaillancourt is a graduate of Mercy High School who attends Aquinas Col-

lege in Grand Rapids and sang "Second Hand Rose" for the talent portion of the contest.

She is the daughter of Carole and Lawrence Vaillancourt of Farmington Hills and was sponsored by Home Planners Inc.

Other contenders for the title of Miss Farmington were Tricia Yvette Alexander, sponsored by Metro Bank of Farmington, and Teresa Marie Porter, sponsored by Bob Saks Oldsmobile. Danielle Lisa Drapkin, sponsored by Contemporary Awards, was listed as a contender, but dropped out of the contest late last week.

The 1985 pageant drew the smallest number of contestants in the pageant's history.

In 1975 when Janice Schirber (now Jan Schirber-Fredricks) won the title, the contestants numbered 35. The number was so large that a preliminary contest was staged the night before the scheduled event and the pageant-goers saw only the performances of the 10 finalists.

BECAUSE OF the small number of contenders, coupled with the large expense of staging a pageant, the Miss Farmington Scholarship Pageant doubled up with an again small number of contestants in the Miss Oakland County Scholarship Pageant for the annual extravaganza in Vladimir's Restaurant.

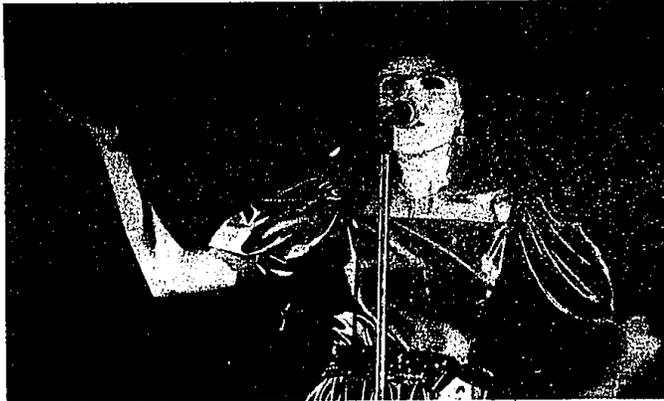
Out of a field of six contenders for the Miss Oakland County crown, Shari Lynne Doran of Pontiac, sponsored by Farmington Chamber of Commerce, took the title.



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Teresa Porter (at right), a student at Michigan State University, sang a humorous spoof called "Welcome to the Theater" for the talent segment of the pageant. Cherrise Vaillancourt (below), who was named second runner-up, sang "Second Hand Rose."



Professional dancer and dance teacher Gayle Goode took the first runner-up spot in the pageant. She is pursuing her dance career while taking classes in communications at Oakland Community College.



With the roses of victory and their new tiaras, Miss Farmington 1985 Kelly Garver (at left) and Miss Oakland County 1985 Shari Doran pose for photographers. The new title-holders made their first official appearance after the pageant in Downtown Shopping Center with a welcome from Franklin Village Band. After that they were the guests of honor at a reception in Botstorf Inn given for all of the contestants and their parents.



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