Students learn art of TV production

HANKS TO a new telecommunications studio in North Farmington High School, some seniors will be armed with television production skills by the time they graduate in June.

"There shouldn't be any reason why they can't get a job in this — camera work and editing," said Dean Cobb, Farmington Public Schools telecommunications coordinator.

Most of Cobb's 10 telecommunications students — seniors and juniors from the district's three senior tights—are headed for college, where they'll be more equipped than most freshmen to study for a career in some aspect of broadcasting.

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The telecommunications studio was completed last April as a cooperative venture between MetroVision of Oakland County and the school district.

The cable company provided \$50,000 worth of equipment, while the school district paid for the room's transformation into an bonest-to-goodness television production studio.

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the telecommunications studio at North Farmington High School, the students learn all the steps involved in producing a television show — camera work, direction, how to use the switcher and character generators, how to write for television and, most importantly, how to organize a relevision show, Cobb said.

"They have to learn all aspects of television production because they are responsible for it," Cobb said. "But they also zero in one aspect, such as camera wax, so they get good at doing Each student in the studio, equipped by MetroVision with 880,000 worth of equipment, has a particular job. Some of the students prefer a behind-the-secones job, such as working the character generator, which puts lettering and

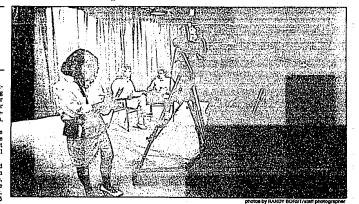
graphics on the television screen.

Another student might prefer working as an one-in interviewer or working the television cameras. And another might prefer functioning as a floor manager, who serves as a liaison between the director in the sound booth, the cameramen and the actors.

The shows produced and aired by the telecommunications students will be seen by other students in the district over Cable Channel 10, the educational public access channel.

BEGINNING NOV. 4, students and all viewers who receive MetroVision cable programming in Farmington, Farmington, Hills and Novi will see what educational television is all about. The shows will be aired from 3-5 p.m. weekdays. From 5-6 p.m., the students will air repeats of the shows will be aired from 3-5 p.m. weekdays. From 5-6 p.m., the students will air repeats of the show seen earlier in the day, And at 8 p.m. the students will air repeats of the show seen earlier in the day, and at 9 p.m. the students will air repeats of the show seen carlier in the day, and at 9 p.m. the students will air special program or perhaps a game 3-4 series of educational shows — Mercel of concentration of these programs is geared for different groups. There are three groups in our audience — elementary, middle school and high school students. The programs will be educational."

The shows wort benefit just the telecommunications students. The schools is the district will be hooked, all grades can watch the educational



(Far left) North Farmington senior Audrey Nisker, the floor managor, (sitting) North Farm-ington senior Lise Mycok and Farmington High senior Lise Bzumunk, doing an interview; and

Harrison senior Sander Rabinowitz and Farming-ton High senior Randy DeGood, the cameramen, in North Farmington's telecommunications stu-

THE IDEA eventually is to have certain classes aired so students in all high schools can benefit from classes currently offered only at particular received from the second secon

By no means are students thrown into the deep-end without some help. Cobb takes students through the basics

of television production, both the theo-ry and hands-on practice. For the real-technical problems faced in produc-tion, David Wertheimer, the district's studio engineer, is on hand when help is

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When producing their shows, students have the option of using the delecommunications studio or using the MctroVision cable-equipped van for remote shots on location.

Besides using the pre-produced McStar shows, students also do weekend work — football and baskethall games.

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North Farmington telecommunications coordinator Dean Cobb (right) works with North Farmington senior Mike Halleen (left, at the character generator) and Harrison junior Kurt Lindberg (at the awitcher). **Inkwell**

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Newly returning auto stop students at North
Farmington High School have a 1985 Chewrolet
Caprices Wagon to work and learn on, thanks to
Farmington Hills-based Holiday Chewrolet and
Chewrolet Motor Division.
The school recently received the vehicle through
a program that makes vehicles damaged in transit
available free to non-profit decational institutions.
More than 5,400 cars and trucks have been donated to the nation's schools by Chevrolet through
dealers such as Holiday. The program began in
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The Caprice Wagon had a partially crushed roof. The vehicle was presented to Donald Cowan, school principal, and Earl Baummk carreer and vocational education director, by Tony Greek, Heliday Chevrolet general manager, Mike Surra, the dealership's general service manager, and Tim Ferssin, Detroit zone service manager for Chevro-

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STUDENT SCHOLARS

Eight Farmington-stres students are among 15,000 high school sentors in the Sist-annual National Merit Scholarship Corp. Program.

Semifinalists have completed the first step in the competition for \$5,00 Merit scholarships, worth \$21 million, to be awarded next spring.

Semifinalists from Harrison High are David Carr, Matthew Feiler, John Hacker and Jeffrey Levin, from North Farmington High, Jacqueline Acbo, Kim Man and Jill Meneiller, and from Mercy High School, Margaret Blison.

More than 1 million juniors attending 19,000 U.S. ascondary schools entered the competition by taking a qualifying test last October. The top scorrers leach state in high school senior class, are included in the nationwise group of semifinalist-ship competition, a semifinalist active the fertility as a finalist by documented by the high school principal, confirming qualifying test performance on the Scholarsic Aptitude Test, and submitting information about school goals. Every finalist will be considered for one of 1,800 Every finalist will be considered for one of 1,800 Every finalist will be considered for one of 1,800 Every finalist.

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or finalists with career goals a sponsor whites to encourage. A corporate-sponsored, four-year Merit Scholarship can range in value from \$300 to \$4,000 for each college undergraduate year.
About 2,500 other renewable Merit Scholarship will be sponsored by 200 colleges and universities. Only finalists who will attend a sponsor institution can win one of these awards, which provide between \$250 and \$2,000 annually for up to four years of study at the sponsoring college.

• FRESH LOOK

Farmington High School's basebali field has been freshened up, thanks to the Booster Club. The bleachers were painted and the blacktop around the athletic field was top-dressed.

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 For seven days, Dunckel Middle School seventh graders Jeffrey Brady and Brian Biank carried around a canister collecting money for the Muscular Dystrophy Association, raising \$150.
 The seventh graders at Farmington Public Schools' Dunckel Niddle School were sponsored by 7-Eleven. They covered the area bounded by 12 and 13 Mile, Drake and Farmington roads.

 LOCAL LIAISON
 Farmington Public Schools trustee Helen Ditthays yeaved as the district's liaison to the Michigan Association of School Administrators and the Michigan Company of the Company of the Michigan Association of School Administrators and the Michigan Association of School Administrators and the Michigan Association of School Administrators and the Michigan Association of the igan Association of School Boards fall conference in Dearborn in early October.

● SAVING ENERGY
The Farmington Board of Education will spend about \$7,500 to block the gymnasium windows at Wooddale Elimentary School.
The project is designed to prevent heat loss Brick veneer will be placed on the gymnasium's exterior to complement the building's existing ap-

• REPLACING DOORS

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 A major door replacement project is under way in the Farmington Public Schools.
 School trustees will spend about \$123,000 to replace exterior doors at East Middle School, North Farmington High, Reubrook Elementary, William Grace Elementary, Larkahire Elementary and Farmington High.
 Interior doors will be replaced at East Middle School, North Farmington High and Larkahire Elementary.

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Trustees allocated money for the project from the district's capital needs account.

NEW STAFFERS
Because of retirements, resignations and greater enrollment, 19 new teachers have been added in the Parmington Public Schools.

MASS MEDIA
 Mass media classes are being conducted at North
Farmington High School and Farmington High
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An additional class is planned for spring at Har-rison High School.

