

Student rates school's evaluation

By Jackie Acho
Special writer

I yawned through North Central preparation meetings last year. I knew we had a good school and saw no reason for invaders to peek in corners and under rugs to tell us what they thought. The North Central Evaluation Committee came to North Farmington High School Wednesday and Thursday, Nov. 13-14. The group of teachers and administrators from other Michigan schools sat in on classes and talked to students and faculty. They learned whatever they could about North in or-

der to offer suggestions for improvement. They probed into many areas, including student activities, guidance, media and facilities. They were not here to evaluate teachers, although this was an area of high student input. Many of the evaluators are teachers themselves and probably had opinions, but were not required to put them on paper. The visit, which happens every seven years, began with dinner Nov. 12. North's faculty, led by steering committee chairman Jerry Maxwell, made our guests feel at home. The school also

prepared breakfast the next morning.

THE EVALUATORS attended classes and walked through the halls for two days. They asked students for their opinions on various aspects of school. The students, of course, were delighted to air their views. Many were surprised to realize that they did not have so much to complain about after all.

When it was all over, North received excellent reviews. The reports are not yet complete, but the evaluators were highly complimentary. One of them told Maxwell that this was the best he had been treated at any school.

The evaluators were impressed by faculty and students, who were on their best behavior, of course.

The day negative comments dealt with school facilities. They found North to be lacking in storage space and overcrowded, which any student will tell you at luncheon while waiting in the hour-long cafeteria line.

All in all the visit was a success. Now I realize the purpose of those preparatory meetings last year. They led up to an ego bust which should last the whole year at North.

I, like many others, take for granted the quality of our school. We become lost in minor complaints, a lack of toilet paper in the restrooms, for example. We do not always realize what we have. It takes a stinger to ask us questions and open our eyes.

Jackie Acho is a North Farmington High School senior.

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Lawrence Institute of Technology's section of the Society of Women Engineers is inviting young women to attend a Career Day Saturday, Dec. 7, to explore engineering opportunities.

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