

# Not all seniors get in senior-class picture

By Casey Hana  
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Whether local high graduates are included with classmates in their school's composite photo depends on whether proper information is received by the school's photographic studio.

Students are made aware of their choices long before a decision is made to have senior pictures taken, according to local studio managers and school officials.

In one case, six months of communications between Farmington school officials, a local photographic studio and a Farmington High School 1986 graduate's father has caused frustration for all involved.

Kenneth Kemp's son had his senior pictures taken at a studio other than the official one because of price, Kemp said. The student's photo appeared in the school's yearbook, but not on the composite hanging in the school hall.

Spokespersons representing the two "officially contracted" studios for the three Farmington high schools say they have no obligation to put a student in the composite unless he or she is photographed at their studio.

BUT BOTH said they will put the photos in the composite. If given the needed photo, Jerry Jackacki, owner of Focal Point Studio of Photography in Farmington, is the official photographer for Farmington and North Farmington high schools. He will include a photo taken elsewhere at no charge, he said.

Farmington Harrison High students must pay a \$10 fee to be included in the composite if they have their photos taken elsewhere, according to assistant general manager Jan Smith, of Life-Photo of Royal Oak, official studio for Harrison.

Jackacki offered to make a photo of graduate Eric Kemp that could be

glued onto the already completed composite photo.

Ken Kemp wants the composite photo to be done, and believes it is the school district's responsibility to see that all students are included.

JACKACKI IS frustrated because he completed the composite, and as the official school photographer, had contacted each student by mail "several times" with regards to school pictures. "We have always accepted photos from other studios for the composite," he said.

The studio the Kemps patronized and all Farmington High School juniors were advised to send a photo to Focal Point so it could be included in the composite, Jackacki said.

Kemp contends he and his son were never notified. Lynn Nutter, assistant superintendent for instruction for Farmington Schools, is frustrated because he

thought the matter was settled some time ago, with the compromise agreeable to all.

"ANY SENIOR has the right to have a picture wherever they wish," Nutter said. "They are to take their negative to the yearbook staff and the company who's doing the composite. He (Kemp) went late."

Nutter has spoken with the three principals, making sure future communications on this matter are clear, he said. "Composites are done as a favor to the district."

Section 1349 of the 1976 Michigan "School Code" does not address class (composite) pictures, according to Frank Monticello of the State Attorney General's office.

The code requires a student photo to be placed in the yearbook. If the photos meet yearbook requirements, it allows a school district to contract with a stu-

dio, but says a school will not prohibit a student from having photos taken elsewhere, he added.

Jackacki and Smith said the law requires a "contracted" photographer to provide free film, paper and chemistry for the school's yearbook staff.

By Mary Klemic  
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High school juniors and seniors and their families looking for financial aid for college can probably find it in their own backyard.

The assistance might not be as difficult to obtain as some think, guidance counselors and financial aid representatives say. Scholarships, grants, loans and work study programs are available, but parents and students can miss out. Parents often aren't aware of what aid is available.

"It's an ongoing process of trying to educate," says John Tomey, director of admissions and financial aid at Schoolcraft College.

Students are advised to contact their high school counselor about what assistance is available, or check with the financial office of the college or university they want to attend. If a high school student is in financial need, he should start looking for aid in the second semester of the junior year. Other students can wait until October of their senior year, said Ray Kugler, counselor at Stevenson High School in Livonia.

A COMMON misconception about college financial aid is that it has been seriously cut by the government.

"There is probably more money from the state of Michigan than in the past few years," Kugler said. "Nationally, there are further restrictions in terms of income level."

Financial aid isn't based solely on family income. A family with more than one child in college may receive aid, even if their income isn't low. Kugler said he knows of families with incomes between \$30,000 and \$45,000 who were able to get a Michigan Guaranteed Loan. Parents are co-signers for the student in this low interest loan, which is taken out from the bank.

"Some parents think they make too much money and it wouldn't be worth their while (to apply for aid)," Churchill counselor Bob Marks said. "But the rules keep changing along the route."

About \$2,000 per year per school is spent by Focal Point on these additional items plus the composite. Six schools with 2,500 seniors total contract with Focal Point, and about 600 students come to the studio from other, non-contracted schools, Jackacki said.

## Aid available, say school counselors

And if there's another (child) in college, both need to file (applications).

Families should know more about certain parts of the financial aid form and family financial statement used to apply for assistance. The forms usually take six weeks to process, and completing them correctly can prevent further delay.

"Plan to have the 1985 income tax forms completed as soon as possible," Marks said. "You need them for the financial aid form."

STUDENTS WHO score well on the American College Test (ACT) may be eligible for a maximum \$2,100 in aid from the state of Michigan. A student with a grade point average of 2.8 (C-plus) or better may be in line for a \$500 award from Schoolcraft College. Scholarships are offered by the city of Livonia and area businesses.

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## Soccer club is on hunt for new home

By Joanne Maliszewski  
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The Farmington Soccer Club is planning to continue playing at least through the spring season on the future site of Little Caesar headquarters at the southwest corner of 12 Mile and Drake — the club's seven-year home.

"We have been pretty much guaranteed that we can play there in the spring. And there's not a bad chance that we can play (on the site) in the fall," said John Bailey, soccer club president.

Little Caesar International, owned by Mike Ilitch of Detroit Red Wings fame, bought the 38 acres — used as

the club's base of operations since 1978 — from the Farmington Public Schools late last year for \$3.5 million.

"I told John (Bailey) that I didn't see a problem with (playing on the fields) this fall (1985) and next spring," said Charles Jones, Little Caesar's corporate senior vice president.

Although plans are still being developed for the proposed headquarters that will be built in phases, Jones said he expects the building will be constructed on the south southwest corner of the acreage. Whether there will be enough room to provide soccer fields still remains to be seen.

"WE WILL also have to bring a road into (the property) from 12 Mile. We are still looking at the overall development of the property," Jones said.

Nonetheless, Bailey said he is hoping Ilitch, a youth sports enthusiast, will include soccer fields and other recreational facilities on the property. Currently, the soccer club has four fields at the 12 Mile and Drake site. Usually, all four are used on Saturdays and Sundays during the spring and fall soccer seasons. About eight games are being played every 1½ hours, Bailey said.

While waiting to see what Little Caesar does, the soccer club has been assured it will be able to use Farmington

school district facilities, such as high school practice football fields and fields at the middle schools, Bailey said. "I feel the school district has been very cooperative. And I hope Little Caesar's will be too."

Bailey also has his eye on other sites that could be used for soccer fields.

Officials have been working with the Farmington Hills Parks and Recreation Commission hoping that property donated to the city at 13 Mile and Farmington roads would eventually be developed into recreation fields, Bailey said.

THE CITY'S six-year, capital-improvements program calls for developing the 15 acres into three regulation soccer fields, two baseball softball fields, and parking and picnic areas. Another possibility for soccer fields is the 212-acre Spicer property on Farmington Road, between 10 and 11 Mile. About 10 acres could be used for soccer fields, leaving more than 200 acres for other uses, Bailey said. "I hope the city doesn't overlook the opportunity for the park that would be so natural," he said.

A Farmington Hills landscaping firm, John Grissim & Associates, is developing a master land use plan for the Spicer acreage.

## Focus to be on watercolors

The original Avery Watercolors, scenes of Farmington and Oakland County, painted in 1890, will be the focus of a special display in the Clerestory Gallery of the Pontiac Art Center from Feb. 1 until April 1.

Two free programs are planned for this exhibit. "Oakland's Track on the Underground Railroad" will be given by Farmington Hills resident Jean Fox at 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 14.

This program will introduce the research done by Lillian Drake Avery and others in the early years of the century, when they interviewed and explored Oakland County connections to the path to freedom for slaves escaping from the south into Canada before the Civil War. Mayor and Mrs. Walter

Moore of Pontiac will host this program. "Lillian Drake Avery, 1856-1930. Up-to-Date Woman" will be presented by Elizabeth Adams of the Michigan State Historical Commission and hosted by the Oakland County Pioneer and Historical Society 5-7 p.m. Wednesday, March 5.

The Watercolors of Lillian Drake Avery were brought to public attention this summer by the Farmington Hills Historical Commission, whose publication, sub-titled "A Farmington Childhood," has been favorably received.

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