

College scholarships awarded

Three Farmington High School seniors were awarded the annual Gerald V. Harrison Parent Teacher Association Scholarships May 20, before the Farmington Board of Education.

In addition, Farmington High School senior Paula Antishin received the \$1,000 James M. Ellis Scholarship presented by James Ellis Jr. in memory of his father, an active Farmington school booster.

Receiving the \$250 scholarships were Robert Paul Khami from North Farmington High School, Amy Barber of Farmington High School, and Ruta Sepetyis from Harrison High School.

The awards have been given since 1962, and were selected by a committee comprised of Roxanne Fitzpatrick, Laura Myers and Nancy Fuller, with the help of counselors from each high school.

"We are one of the very few local groups who give a scholarship," according to Fitzpatrick, who presented the awards.

THIS YEAR'S program was funded by contributions from the elementary school PTA groups and a family portrait fund-raiser, Fitzpatrick said.

Khami carries a 3.8 grade point average and is a member of Phi Beta Kappa. He plans to attend the University of Michigan this fall to study aerospace engineering, which is his "hope and dream."

He works as a mechanic and cook, and is active in the North chapter of Students Against Driving Drunk and



Paula Antishin
Farmington High



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North Farmington High



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Harrison High

the Safe Rides student program. He will pay for his own college education and is "very honored" to receive the scholarship.

Barber was secretary of her freshman class, ran track for 2½ years and also participated in cross country. The National Honor Society member was active in school productions, was a delegate to the American Legion Girls' State and participated in the Lawrence Institute of Technology's Summer Science Institute.

A member of the French Club, Barber also joined the Latin Club her senior year. She works part time

and is a volunteer at Botsford Hospital in Farmington Hills. She plans to attend the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor this fall, following a pre-medicine curriculum leading to a career as a surgeon.

SEPETYIS is Student Council president at Harrison, is a four-year cheer member and cheerleader, is vice president of the school's drama club and is a member of Harrison's National Honor Society.

During her free time, Sepetyis studies voice and works part time for Domino's Pizza. She plans to attend Hillsdale College this fall.

Antishin, who received the Ellis Scholarship, was active during her four years at Farmington in student government, athletics and the community. She was voted "most likely to succeed" and was chosen as homecoming representative for her class. She plans to attend Michigan State University to major in advertising.

Antishin held various government positions, including freshman class president, junior class vice president, senator of the junior class and student council president. Her sports activities included basketball and softball.

Her community work includes volunteering for the Farmington Historical Museum-Warner Mansion, the Goodfellows canned food drive, a Detroit soup kitchen and a school marathon dance for the Cloverdale Center.

She has received a Daughters of the American Revolution award and was a representative to American Legion Girl's State.

"I believe it is time for me to move on and explore some other aspects of the world, outside of Farmington," she said.

Gold award is presented

Five Farmington Hills members of Senior Girl Scout Troop 1784 received their Gold Award.

The event marked the first time an entire Girl Scout troop in the Michigan Metro Girl Scout Council earned the honor.

The award, the highest given to Girl Scouts, is the equivalent of the Eagle Award for Boy Scouts. The ceremony took place May 27 in Presbyterian Church of Farmington.

Judge Margaret Schaeffer of the 47th District Court in Farmington was keynote speaker. The troop received congratulatory letters from President Reagan and from Betty Pillsbury, national Girl Scout president.

The troop has worked for 1½ years to achieve the award. Members spent several months last summer and fall renovating Shiloh Park in Farmington as their community service project.

Troop members include: Laurie McKinnon, troop president; Stacy Sukockas, troop vice president, corresponding secretary; Stephanie Ellis, troop vice president, troop activities; Heidi Austermiller, troop secretary and Claudia Osovski, troop treasurer. All troop members attend North Farmington High School except Claudia Osovski who attends Harrison High School.

Donation carries special meaning

Doris Purvis gave three pints of blood in one month for a worthwhile cause — her own surgery.

As the first participant in the autologous blood transfusion program at St. Mary Hospital in Livonia, Purvis was able to receive her blood during hip replacement surgery Feb. 26.

"Over the years, there has been a growing awareness of problems resulting from blood transfusions. If there was any chance I could avoid that risk, even though it was low, I might as well do it," said Purvis, a Northville resident.

Dr. Herbert Mendelson, a Farmington orthopedic surgeon, told Purvis last November that she would need a total hip replacement. Her hip had been pinned after a fall on the ice six years ago, and problems had resurfaced.

"I simply put in a call to Red Cross," she said, "inquiring as to whether family members could donate the blood needed for my surgery."

Purvis was told by Red Cross workers about the autologous transfusion program, a transfer of blood in which the donor and recipient are the same individual. The service is offered in conjunction with the American Red Cross, Southeastern Michigan Region.

CANDIDATES for autologous transfusion are relatively healthy adults or adolescents who will undergo surgery with predictable blood loss.

According to pathologist Dr. Veda Muthleb, blood bank director at St. Mary, autologous blood is the safest blood a patient-donor can receive.

Possible complications associated with transfusing blood from one person to another include mismatching of blood, allergic reactions or transmission of diseases such as hepatitis or AIDS (Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome).

After the necessary forms were completed and Purvis' request was reviewed and approved by Red Cross, three appointments were scheduled for her blood donations. All autologous blood is drawn at least 10 days apart at the Red Cross Detroit Chapter on Mack Avenue. Since the storage life for red blood cells is currently 42 days, blood must be given no earlier than six weeks before the surgery date.

Purvis was placed on oral iron, as are all autologous transfusion patients, to prevent the possibility of becoming anemic during the procedure.

The minor inconveniences were worth the peace of mind for Purvis. "Each time I gave blood, I received a green card with my name and number on it. That number was then compared with St. Mary's identification card number and with the number on the blood itself," she said.

MENDELSON was also pleased with the program. "Red Cross was very cooperative and everything went smoothly," he said. "The program has definite benefits, in addition to making more blood available to the general pool."

Since the inception of the autologous transfusion program by Red Cross last fall, approximately 30 requests have been received from area hospitals, according to Dr. Shobha Shah, medical director, American

Red Cross Blood Services, Southeastern Michigan Region.

"The program grew out of patient interest, mainly because of the publicity about AIDS," said Shah.

However, because of stringent requirements, many people do not qualify. "The autologous transfusion program cannot be used by cancer patients, bleeders or victims of trauma," she said.

Purvis enjoyed her role as the first participant in the new program at St. Mary. Before moving to Northville, she was an active member of the Livonia community for 26 years.

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