

Graduation spurs flood of memories

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Parents, do you remember that first day of kindergarten? A pair of half-frightened, yet excited little eyes peered up at you and begged you not to leave.

The next few years brought the glories of Green Eggs and Ham and the trials of "New Math," which hardly seemed as good as the old way, yet, you persevered. You went through love at 13, and loss at 14,

understanding commendably well for someone who was never that young.

Eventually, you even bit your lip, and (gulp) handed over the car keys . . . on the condition that Johnny call at every mile road. Well, it is time for yet another transition, perhaps the biggest thus far.

Graduation approaches, sending North's seniors out "into the world." The first reaction from the mouth of an 18-year-old will undoubtedly be an indistinguishable expression of elation. Beyond the cheers, however, probably lie some mixed emotions.

They may include sadness at leaving old friends, a sense of inconvenience at leaving a "perfect" bedroom for a college dorm, or simply the insecurity of a future uncertain.

GRADUATION DOES not bring trauma for everyone, but it does mean change. "I'm really glad to be getting out of high school because it means I'm finally growing up and going to college," said Anjee Baluja (to attend MSU). "I am leaving a lot of friends behind, along with many great memories."

Francine Green (to attend Kalamazoo College) said, "Graduation is a commencement. I don't look at it as an end." A certain sense of finality is apparent, however, as Green pointed out, "On graduation night, we will all be together for the very

last time, never again."

Some people see graduation in a very positive light. "Graduation for me is not a time of sadness," said Dave Marley (to attend MSU). "I'm ready to move on and face the world, both the good and the bad. I have my whole life ahead of me, and I can't wait to experience it."

Paul Wahrman (to attend MSU) sees the practical side of graduation. "I'm excited for a long summer vacation, but I don't feel like school is over. I've got four more long years of school work ahead of me at MSU."

AUTUMN DUNBAR (to attend the Center for Creative Studies) said, "I am really glad to leave the monotony of high school, but then again, it's frightening to have to develop a new routine." Perhaps leaving the secur-

ty of high school is the hardest part of graduation.

The end of high school also brings a flood of memories and, often, appreciation for special people who helped along the way. Paul Wahrman remembers that Tom Negosian, his basketball coach, "not only taught me about teamwork, but about discipline. I'll always remember he said, 'Watch how you present yourself because you never know who's watching you.'"

Dave Muriye extended thanks to Jerry Maxwell (history teacher at North). "His outstanding job as a history teacher made me enjoy the subject even more than I did. He was also one person I could depend on for help and advice."

Clayton Graham (former principal at North, now at Harrison High School) and Norm Dickson (assistant

principal at North) were commended by Francine Green. "They gave me guidance, support, inspiration, and helped me smile again when it didn't seem worth it."

The graduate comes to realize that interactions such as these make education more than just "school," but a true learning experience. Graduation means that this phase of education has ended, but, of course, much more learning awaits the graduate.

So, parents, just because we're "too mature" to say, "please don't leave," that does not mean that we do not need your continuing love and support.

Jackie Acho extends a special thanks to Mr. Walt Jablonski, Forest Elementary School, and the special people there.

Old Orchard sold

Suburban Detroit Theatres in Southfield has sold seven of its local theaters, including the Maple in Bloomfield Township, to American Multi Cinema in Kansas City.

Former owner Richard Sloan of Bloomfield Township said the sale was completed Friday. In addition to the Maple, other members of the Suburban Detroit chain sold were Abbey, Eastland, Northland, Old Orchard, Southland and Towne theaters. In total, there are 27 screens.

All the theaters will continue to operate, with some changes to be made slowly, according to F. P. Gloriot of American Multi Cinema.

"We're not going in and throwing

everybody out," Gloriot said. "They'll be adapted to the AMC philosophy."

Part of that philosophy means scheduling discount showings at twilight every day, Gloriot said. Other changes might include more training for managers, since AMC operates a formal training school and most managers at their theaters are college graduates, he said.

In addition to these purchases, AMC has a theater under construction in Canton, according to Gloriot. The firm is also examining buying two other sites to build theaters, he said. The nearest AMC theater in operation is in Lansing.

recreation news

Each week, the Farmington Hills Parks and Recreation Division will present a synopsis of upcoming activities in this column. For more information about division programs, call the office at 474-6115. To discuss Farmington Hills City Council agenda items, call the division newsletter: 476-3838.

COM-ON-A-WONNA - Nature lovers ages 6-12 are invited to Com-on-a-Wonna Camp. Concentrating on educational and recreational programming in a natural setting, Com-on-a-Wonna Camp is located this year at Heritage Park.

Campers study animal life, insects, plant life, geology, camp craft, nature lore, and archery. Camp fire programs, fishing and field trips are also planned. One-week sessions are June 23-27, June 30-July 3, July 7-11, July 14-18, July 21-25, July 28-Aug. 1 and Aug. 4-8.

Camp meets every day from 9:30 a.m. through 3:30 p.m. except Thursdays (2 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.) which include a special family camp fire.

Fee for Com-on-a-Wonna Camp is \$34 a session.

SWIMMING LESSONS - Three sessions of swimming instruction are available for beginner through advanced swimmers. Classes are held Monday through Thursday in two-week sessions at Farmington and North Farmington High Schools.

Sessions are June 23-July 3, July 7-17 and July 21-31. Class participants must be 38 inches tall at their chin height.

Pre-registration is necessary and handled on a first-come-first-serve basis through the Recreation Office. Fee for each session is \$22.

SURF SKIMMERS - Swimmers, ages 7-17, who would like to swim on a team, are invited to an informational meeting at 7 p.m. Wednesday, June 11, at Farmington Hills City Hall, 31555 11 Mile.

Swim coaches will be introduced and team policies and procedures will be discussed. During the season, dual meets against other city swim

teams are held and a final championship meet is sponsored in early August.

Fee for participation is \$26, which includes a team T-shirt.

GOLF INSTRUCTION - Participants ages 9-17 are invited to a five-session seminar that covers golf etiquette, basic golf strokes and other important fundamentals of the game. Junior golfers who successfully complete this program are eligible to make tee reservations at the San Marino Golf Course, participate in a special Junior Golf Tournament and play in the City's Junior Golf League. Located at the City's San Marino Golf Course on Halsted Road in between 12 Mile and Grand River, the program will meet from 9 a.m. and run until 9:50 a.m. June 16, 18, 20, 23 and 25. Fee per golfer is \$6. Registration is accepted in person only at the Recreation Office by June 13.

TENNIS LESSONS - The basic fundamentals of the game are

stressed while each participant sharpens his own tennis skills. Class members provide their own tennis racket, all-purpose athletic shoes and a can of new balls for the session. Session 2 runs from June 10 through July 10 and Session 3 runs from July 21 through Aug. 14. Classes are held on Mondays and Wednesdays at Farmington High School and on Tuesdays and Thursdays at North Farmington High School. Fee for each session is \$22.

LEARNING DISABLED CAMP - Designed to enhance proper behavior skills and to help develop fine/gross motor skills in a social atmosphere, this new camp program provides a comfortable setting for learning disabled children. Camp is held at Oakland Community College in Building B, Mondays through Thursdays, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Participants ages 6-13 are all eligible. Learning Disabled Camp is available in three sessions, June 23-July 3 (ages 9-13), July 7-17 (ages 6-9) and July 21-31 (ages 9-13). Fee for each session is \$70.

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\$1.79
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Events

JUNE

JANTZEN NATIONAL FAST SERVE CHALLENGE - MEET ROSCOE TANNER IN PERSON

Sat-Sun-Mon, June 7-8-9 (Hours: Sat & Sun - Noon to 4 pm, Mon - 4 to 8 pm)
Co-sponsored by Van Horn's Men's Wear and Westland Center. Tennis enthusiasts, don't miss this opportunity to test the speed of your serve against the Jantzen Radar Gun. Local winners will enter a regional showdown where 11 regional winners will compete in Maui, Hawaii. No charge for entrants. First, second and third place prizes to be given away. Famed tennis star, Roscoe Tanner will make a personal appearance on Monday - exclusively at Westland. Advance registration available at Van Horn's - Westland or during the 3-day competition. Can you top Roscoe Tanner's serve at 153 MPH!

DELTA DENTAL PLAN

Wed, June 11 (10 am to 12:30 pm and 2 to 4 pm)
Any current, eligible Delta Dental Plan subscriber or dependent may attend this one-day patient review. Lot 3 (corner of Warren and Wayne Roads.)

50 STATE FLAG DISPLAY & PRESIDENTIAL PORTRAITS

Fri, June 13 thru Sun, June 22
In honor of Flag Day, June 14, come visit our 50 state flags on display in the East Court along with portraits of the U.S. Presidents. Courtesy of Encyclopedia Britannica.

ROTC - CHURCHILL HIGH SCHOOL

Sat, June 14 (11:00 am)
Excellence in military performance. See Livonia's Churchill High School ROTC in a drill team performance and Honor Guard ceremony.

CANTON CALVARY CHOIR

Sat, June 14 (2:00 to 2:30 pm)
Treat your ears to the patriotic sounds of this 20 member choir in the West Court near JCPenney.

COMEDY JUGGLER

Sat, June 21 (11:30 am, 1:30 pm, 3:30 pm)
Tim Rowlands will amaze you as he juggles an array of items set to music.

VIN ETCHING PROGRAM

Thur-Fri-Sat, June 26-27-28 (10:00 am to 6:00 pm) - Lot 2
AAA, Hudson's and Westland Center will again be etching vehicle ID numbers on your car free in Lot 2 in an attempt to curb auto theft in the Tri County area.

WESTLAND BEAUTY PAGEANT

Sat, June 28 (7:00 pm) - Central Court
Contestants must be residents of Westland, single (never married) and between the ages of 17 - 20. Applications are available at City Hall or Westland Center Management Office and must be turned in by 5:00 pm, June 9.

SENIORS PLAY CARDS

EVERY THURSDAY (Noon to 3:00 pm) - Auditorium

WESTLAND CENTER

35000 W. Warren Road, Westland 425-5001