

Seminar stresses math, science for girls

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 from the Center for Early Adolescence in North Carolina. "Marked differences in achievement begin to appear during the middle grades and these increase year by year."
 A seminar on "Math, Science and Computer-related Careers" will be held Saturday, March 21, at Farmington Hills Harrison High School in an effort to stress these areas of education for young women.
 Co-sponsored by Clarenceville Public Schools, the Farmington Public Schools gifted services and career development departments and the AAUW, it is open to all students

in the sixth through 12th grades.
ORGANIZERS SAID although the seminar is geared toward young women, young men are also welcome.
 A concurrent session for parents is also scheduled to help educate them to encourage their daughters to take more math- and science-oriented courses. Students and parents are asked to pre-register with their school counselor — for a \$3 fee — no later than March 10.
 "From the reading and research that has been done, girls tend not to

take the more difficult math and science classes at the sixth grade," said Joetta Kume, middle school coordinator for gifted services for Farmington schools. "They choose later on."
 Kume also serves on the seminar's nine-member planning committee.
 The Farmington-area seminar is patterned after similar conferences in districts such as Birmingham, where programs were declared successful. Kume sees the conference as "enhancing middle school education in some way."
 Participants will hear three speakers during the 2 1/2-hour seminar.

They will select from more than 16 professional women who have been retained to speak, Kume said.
 Professional areas covered include accounting, botany, journalism, nursing, dentistry, chemistry, internal medicine, statistical analysis, clinical and biomedical engineering, marketing, mechanical engineering, aerospace engineering, mathematics, office automation, computer sciences and veterinary medicine.
THE AAUW became a co-sponsor because of an on-going concern for bettering women's skills, according

to Emma Makison, an AAUW member and planning committee member.
 "The AAUW has always been interested in equal treatment for women," she said.
 "I think it should be an on-going program."
 The schools should evaluate the seminar and decide whether younger students need a similar enhancement program.
 "Maybe it needs to be geared to another level," she added. "There has got to be an evaluation."
 The CEA report said middle school is a key time for encouraging the math and science areas, because many classes become optional and young women elect not to take them — usually because society has not encouraged it.

"Unfortunately, many girls — even those who have been identified as highly able — drop high school mathematics as soon as the courses become optional," the report said.
 "One result has been underrepresentation of females in the most highly paid sectors of the labor force."
 Seminars such as the one planned in Farmington are techniques advocated by educators, who say young women are surrounded by a society that has a silent code that steers them away from studying math and science.
 "When girls begin to perceive themselves as mathematically incompetent, they become mathematically incompetent," the CEA report said. "Such perceptions are not inevitable."

Orchard Lake eyes loitering law

The city of Orchard Lake Village expects to follow the lead of Farmington Hills and West Bloomfield Township in setting up an ordinance to curb loitering on the Orchard Lake Road strip.
 Consideration of a loitering ordinance and possible curfew was pulled from the agenda of the Feb. 23 council meeting to allow city attorney Nick Treinen an opportunity to review the ordinances passed by the two other communities. The ordinance is expected to be discussed at the Monday, March 16 council meeting.

Orchard Lake Police Chief Jack Nicholson said loitering by older teens has been a constant problem primarily at the Village Place Restaurant on Orchard Lake Road south of Pontiac Trail.
 "They congregate inside and in the parking lots on Fridays and Saturdays to find out where the parties are, the same as they did 30-40 years ago."
 Although the problems are not nearly as serious as those reported in Farmington Hills, Nicholson said, fights have occurred and waitresses

have called to report kids giving them a hard time.
 "It's serious enough that we have to send a car," he said.
POLICE CARS now routinely patrol the restaurant evenings and weekends, especially after sports events at nearby West Bloomfield High School. "All they (officers) can do is ask them to keep moving," he said.
 Orchard Lake officials are concerned that ordinances passed in Farmington Hills and West Bloom-

field will force teenagers further north up the strip and into Orchard Lake looking for action. Nicholson said no increase in activity has been reported recently.
 Farmington Hills recently passed a long anti-loitering ordinance. West Bloomfield passed an identical ordinance in early February that will go into effect 30 days after public notice is given.
 Infractions of the ordinance are misdemeanors. Penalties upon conviction are up to 90 days in jail and/or a \$500 fine.

Livonia teenager is found guilty

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 Much of Thorburn's 4-page opinion disputed defense arguments that Deber's constitutional rights — in involving the taking of the weapon used in the shooting from his family's house to the police lab — were violated.
 Defense attorneys argued that Farmington Hills detectives took the weapon — eventually identified as the rifle used in the Metalar shooting — under false pretenses.
 "However doubtful the officers' conduct may have been, it was directed to a third party who had dominion over the rifle and the place in which it was stored," Thorburn's said in his decision, explaining that Deber's father controlled the guns, which were stored under his bed.

"The respondent did not have a reasonable expectation of privacy in the rifle or the room and, therefore, had no basis for asserting a Fourth Amendment violation."
CRUCIAL PROSECUTION testimony during the trial came from Sgt. John Stanton of the Michigan State Police-Northville crime lab. He identified the .33-caliber Winchester rifle as the weapon used in the Metalar shooting. Defense attorney Harrison motioned to have Stanton's testimony and evidence, including the gun and spent bullets, thrown out. His motions were denied.
 In his decision, Thornton called Stanton "qualified by knowledge and experience in the field of firearms identification," and said his testimony was believable.

"Though minimally adequate, the court is convinced that the testimony is reliable and that the shot which struck Terrence Metalar was fired from the rifle surrendered to the police by the respondent's father," the decision said.
 "Respondent's intent is evidenced by the deliberate nature of the shooting, the preceding argument, and the severity and life-threatening nature of the wounds actually inflicted."

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