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ARILYN DROZ is a teacher who encourages attends to watch felevision.

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By leaching children to be selective about what they view, the learning experiences are endless, she said.

"My children get very excited about learning," the Farmington Hills resident said, "There's very little we can't cover. They're learning a lot of thinking skills, Mesages are coming across much more clearly."

Television teaches a variety of other skills, including handling so-cial situations, vocabulary, story plots, and prompts additional re-search and reading, Drox explained.

"TV is the mass media"— it reaches people like nobody can," she added. "The skills they are learning from watching on television will transfer over to reading, and then to

"Children can turn from a passive TV watcher into an active TV learn-

DROZ WAS led to use television by an individual experience with one of her students. She was able to reach him — and teach him — by referring to a TV program he viewed the night before.

She formulated her plan, sent let-ters home to parents, then began us-ing the TV and video recorder in class. Situation comedies are the most applicable for teaching, she said. "The Wizard" program is her-

favorite tool.
"I needed something a little bit different — the traditional methods didn't work," she said. "I think this is an alternative.

"It took a lot of guts to bring a TV into the classroom," she added. "When they analyze it, they find the quality programs are the ones they enjoy.

"There are motives in television, motives in literature — maybe we can teach them there are motives in life too."

Drox was recently awarded a \$2,500 Education Service Enhancement Grant from the special olders then division of the state Department of Education for her television training concept. Sole is planning workshops for parents and possible in-service training for area teachers to share her TV methods.

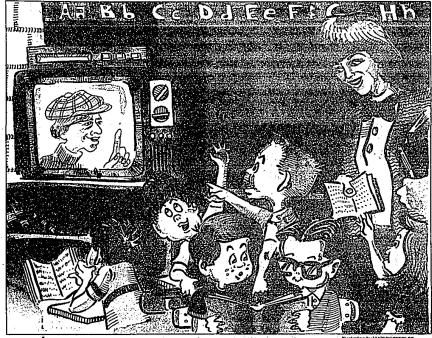
Droz has written a book that will help with the training, and as part of the grant she will develop a hand-book for parents.

ALTHOUGH HER work is directed towards learning disabled students, she encourages teachers to use televided with other students as well. "What works well with a learning disabled child will work wonderfully well with others," she added.

Her interest in television linked her to a coordinating committee for a 1937 Channel 2 program "For Kids Sake," which stresses the impor-tance of learning through television.

She appeared March 1 on a special "For Kids Sake" program stressing reading skills. She is also a finalist in a CBS network contest for her work.

By learning to use television as a tool, students can also be helped in all their subjects, Droz said. "They learn to take meaning from their en-vironment."



A teacher uses television as a tool for her learning disabled students to encourage them to read-

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Inkwell provides primary and secondary school news and information about Farmington-area students. The column appears throughout the year as part of the Observer's School Page. Send news items to: The School Page. Farmington Observer, 3203 Grand River, Farmington 48024. Include a telephone number where a contact person can be reached during the day.

TOP 102

ATTO COMPETITION
Farmington Area Arts Commission is sponsoring an art competition for high school students who live in the Farmington school district.
Winners will receive \$300 for first place, \$100 for third place and \$30 for honorable mention. Entry blanks should be received by the awards committee before Wednesday, March 25.
Applicants may submit original works of art 5-7 pm. Mooday, March 30, at East Middle School. Art worts will be judged that evening and should be picked up between 9 and \$10 p.m.

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Rice High School and Daniel
Hommes of Detroit Country Day
School were two of 15,500 finals Merit Scholarship competition, according to information from those Oakland County schools.
The two will compete for 8,000
scholarships to be awarded by the
National Merit Corp. of Evanston,
Ill., in April.

methy, 14th place; Mike Neal, 15th
place; Darin Magera, 15th place;
Brian Townsley, 19th p

Bill, in April.

TOP 102
Richard Los, a Farmington realdent and a Farmington High School
student, placed in the top 102 of
23,000 high school students participating in the 30th annual Michigan
Mathematics Prize competition.
He was honored March 7 at an
awards program held at Michigan
State University.
Charles Wubbens, a Farmington
High School teacher, supervised Los'
entry.

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Farmington Hills 48018.

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Farmington Education Association has concluded a drive to raise money for a barrier-free playground at the Cloverdale Developmental Training Center.
Teachers, support staff and administrators made contributions resulting in a profit of \$2,000, according to FEA president Tom Chrznowski.

About \$30,000 in federal money, plus community and school group contributions, will finance the \$86,000 playground.
Cloverdale serves as a center for severely mentally impaired children in southwest Oakland Conty, Adaptive equipment provides students with greater independence in play and leisure activities.

The FEA fund-raising effort was the idea of a special education toxadier from Kenbrook Elementary and a member of the FEA board — Ethel Herren.

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Hundt, 25th place.

ALL A'B

The following Farmington Hills
Harrison High School students
received all A's during the first semester marking period, according to
Information from the school.

Nine graders include Dana Aplelblat, Todd Rope and Angela Tomel.
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Wood.
Seniors include Scott Bissell, David Chen, Lisa Disner, Edys Fleischer, Stuart Freedland, Richard Frembes, Glena Gayer, Jim Gooden, Michael Happold, Michelle Harrison, Elizabeth Kent, Kristen Riels, Lori King, Kisa Korby, Curt Lindberg, Brian Murphy, Scott Perkins, Mark Schlefaky and Marc Tennenbaum.

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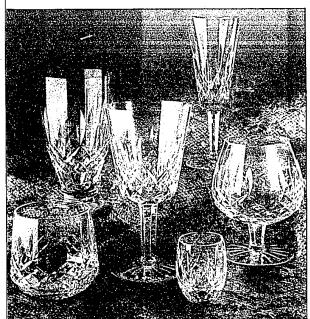
Applications are being accepted for Lawrence Institute of Technology's 19th annual Summer Science Institute in Southfield, scheduled for June 22 through July 31.

The six-week program is open to high school juniors interested in science, computer science, mathematics or engineering. They must have a maintained at least a "B" average and have received no grades lower than a "B" in math and science. Applicants should have completed one year of both chemistry and geometry, and two years of algebra by they could be supported by the science of the 1988-87 academic years of the science Topics range form chemical kinetics to computer techniques. The only cost to the student is a \$40 none refundable registration fee. All materials will be furnished.

Applications must be postmarked by May 1. To apply, contact your high school math or science chairman or your guidance counselor.

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