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Dulane Whinnery leaves this weekend for Muskegon and the round of activities for contestants that culminate Saturday, June 18, in the crowning of Miss Michigan 1988.

# Miss Farmington

## She's on her way to vie for another crown

**D**ULANE WHINNERY is ready for the Miss Michigan Scholarship Pageant.

The University of Michigan graduate who will be wearing the banner proclaiming her as Miss Farmington has been involved in the local and state pageants ever since her sister Vickie won the title of Miss Farmington in 1979.

"I was 15 at the time, and I thought the Miss Farmington Pageant was the greatest thing in the world," she said. "I rehearsed with Vickie when she was practicing for her talent number. I worked with her with her articulation, her wardrobe, how to stand, how to walk. I've attended a lot of state pageants and did anything I could do to help out with the staging of the Miss Farmington Pageants. I would do anything they (the pageant committee) would ask me to do, just to be a part of it."

One year I typed applications. On another year, 1983, Whinnery made her first try for the title and came in as first runner-up.

This year she will be arriving in Muskegon June 11 for the weeklong round of luncheons, interviews and rehearsals that winds up with the crowning of Miss Michigan 1988 June 18. She will be facing 29 other contenders.

"THERE ISN'T a whole lot to do right now before the pageant — maybe some touch-ups to the wardrobe, that's about all," she said. "It is the culmination of all that has gone before to make me who I am that is

what is going to count. It all evolved into the person that is me and is going to make me a viable Miss Michigan contestant."

What has gone before was a toy keyboard given to her as a Christmas gift when she was 6 years old that sparked the love of classical music. And growing up in a musically minded family that perpetuated that love. And a belief that she would choose music as a career.

Running simultaneously with piano lessons was a penchant for debate, history and biographies. "I was never attracted to fiction. I like political science and current events and I think analytically, so I started thinking about law as a career," she said. "If there was ever two careers to choose from that were poles away from one another it was music at one pole and law at the other, and I was equally attracted to both."

The career-decision was still up in the air when Whinnery graduated from Harrison High School in 1981. She entered William Tyndale Bible College for a two-year course to give her time to make the decision, all the while "still leaning towards music," she said.

But law won out after entering U-M. She graduated in April and has been accepted into Detroit College of Law.

WIN OR LOSE in Muskegon, Whinnery wants it known how appreciative she is to Home Planners Inc. who sponsored her in the Miss Farmington Pageant last summer.

"Those scholarships are so import-

ant to all of the girls who enter the pageants. I hope all of the businesses who give scholarship money know how important that money is and how for some girls it could make the difference between going on to school or not," she said.

In addition to scholarship money the winner gets an additional sum as a wardrobe allowance to be used for her trip to Muskegon.

"We're all responsible for our own wardrobes. I've heard of some girls spending up to \$10,000 for their wardrobes in the state pageants, and spending a year thinking about it,

which really defeats the purpose of winning a scholarship. I've spent \$1,500 tops," she said.

"I would certainly hope — and I have faith — that the judge would see the girl behind the clothes," she said.

For her talent performance she will be playing the third movement from the Moonlight Sonata. For her evening gown appearance she will be wearing the black-sequined gown she wore in the Miss Farmington Pageant.

Whinnery is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Duane Whinnery.



### Miss Dance

Carolyn Zyla has won the title of Miss Dance of Michigan for 1988 in a competition sponsored by Dancemasters of Michigan and is getting ready for a trip to Florida in August where she will be competing for the national title. The Farmington Hills resident performed an abstract point number, a mix of point and jazz, to win the state title. She is a student at Mercy High School who studies dance with Toni Vadhais.

## Symphony cyclist bikes for MS Society

More than 130 Detroit Symphony musicians and staff members have joined forces to support colleague Ron Fischer, a symphony violinist, who will be riding in the 150 Bike Tour this weekend to raise money for the Multiple Sclerosis Society. Every musician and staff member with the orchestra has given a pledge for a total of almost \$3,000.

Pledges from the Women's Association of the Detroit Symphony, the Detroit Symphony League, and Friends of the Detroit Symphony have swelled that figure.

"Everyone I asked agreed to pledge and it's a good feeling to represent all of them for this worthy cause. I think we all know someone who has been stricken by MS," the

Farmington Hills resident said.

This is Fischer's first major cycling event since he began riding three years ago. He and fiancée, Velda Kelly, also a violinist who will be joining him, have been training for more than four weeks, biking 20 to 50 miles a day.

Fischer has been with the Detroit Symphony since 1982. He also is a

member of the American Artist Series Chamber Players and performs with the Lyric Chamber Ensemble. Before joining the DSO, he was a soloist with Vienna's Collegium Musicum Chamber Orchestra, co-principal second violin of the Austrian Radio Orchestra, and studied in Switzerland and Vienna, graduating with high honors.

## Larkshire students take DAR awards

Students at Larkshire Elementary School were state and national winners in the Junior American Citizens contests, sponsored by the Daughters of the American Revolution. The students received a total of

48 state awards for various contest categories, judged at each grade level.

This year the contest theme was "A Great Event in American History 1776-1789."

Fourteen students received first-place awards in Michigan. Their entries were sent on to the divisional judging. Five entrants won first place for the east central division (Michigan, Ohio, Indiana, Kentucky and Pennsylvania). These entries were sent to Washington, D.C. for the national judging, and they were displayed at the DAR Building there.

contest; Kathy Figliel, who won second place for the stamp design contest; and Kevin Ziegler, who won second place for the banner contest.

## Young adults are needed

Young adults over the age of 11 who would like to work as volunteers in the community libraries this summer are asked to call Nancy Hasek in the Farmington Branch Library, 474-7770, or Jean Jambas in the Farmington Hills Branch at 553-0390.

The young volunteers help librarians with behind-the-scenes jobs, assist with children's programs and special library projects.

At the end of the summer, volunteers are recognized at a party hosted by the staffs.

The five national winners sponsored by Three Flags Chapter DAR are: Lisa Padala, who won an honorable mention for the poster contest; Nasir Grewal, who won third place for the poetry contest; Room 4, which won third place for the banner

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