

## Musician gets nod for band

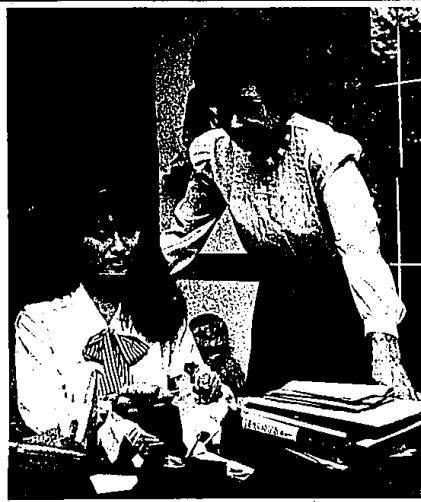
John Enright's years of musical dedication and hard work have paid off by being nominated to the 1988 McDonald's All-American High School Band.

Enright, son of Thomas and Nancy Enright of Farmington Hills, plays the alto saxophone in the University of Detroit Jesuit High School Band under the direction of Michael Klans.

He was nominated for the All-American Band on the basis of his musical honors and competitive contest ratings. Students selected to the 1988 All-American Band will be notified this month.

The nomination was announced by Napoleon Steward, who operated McDonald's restaurants in Detroit.

THIS YEAR marks McDonald's All-American Band program's 22nd year. Every year, band directors across the country are invited to nominate two of their finest musicians to the band. From more than 3,700 nominations received, only 104 students — two from each state and the District of Columbia, plus one member from the Virgin Islands and Puerto Rico — will be selected to represent their hometowns in the All-American Band.



RANDY DORST/staff photographer

North Farmington senior Yusa Fujinami, a foreign exchange student from Nihami, Japan, with her host Dolores Harding of Farmington Hills. They're doing origami, a traditional Japanese art of folding paper.

## Japanese student brings more than understanding

By Susan Buck  
staff writer

Yusa Fujinami, a Japanese exchange student, calls Dolores Harding, her American host parent, "Mom."

It's indicative of the close relationship the two have formed since Fujinami came to America in August.

Harding, bored after she retired two years ago from her management position at Michigan Bell, decided in March she would open her Farmington Hills home to a foreign student. Not long ago, she began studying Japanese at the University of Detroit's satellite campus in Birmingham.

That class was a conduit for the exchange program that brought Fujinami into Harding's life.

Now Harding dreads a day in June following commencement exercises at North Farmington High School when Fujinami returns to her native homeland of Nihami on Japan's smallest island, Shikoku. The city, population 135,000, is near the Seto Inland Sea.

"She's a joy and we don't want to let her go," Harding said.

Fujinami, 17, is a polite and well-mannered teen, eager to learn the ways of a country thousands of miles from hers.

"I am thoughtful for others. I am cheerful girl and I am an earnest student. But I am negative a little," wrote Fujinami on her application.

HER VISIT, which cost her family \$15,000, was arranged by the Pacific Educational and Cultural Exchange (PEACE), based in Ohio. Fujinami left behind a father, who sells life insurance, a mother, who is a homemaker, and a 12-year-old sister.

"I was interested in living in America and learning the American culture. I thought it would be good for my future," Fujinami said.

After her husband, Don, died five years ago, Harding's home had grown quiet, especially now that her three grown daughters have left home.

Nancy Harding Kroupa, 33, lives in Livonia; Kendall, 32, who works for Michigan Bell, resides in Walled Lake; and Leslie, 21, is a University of Michigan student in Ann Arbor.

Excited at the prospect of an international visitor, Harding called daughter, Kendall, at work in spring and asked: "How would you like another brother or sister?"

"As long as I don't have to share my inheritance," was Kendall's response in jest.

According to Kendall: "It's interesting just to see things through her eyes. Like the ice cream truck

which passed through my mother's subdivision this summer. They don't have anything like that in Japan."

Fujinami considers Harding's daughters like older sisters.

SHE'S IMPRESSED with the number of trees, toll-free freeways and the amount of leisure time in America.

"In Japan, we go to school six days a week and have four hours of homework every night," Fujinami said.

According to Harding, Fujinami is advanced beyond math classes offered at her Farmington High School. After college, Fujinami wants to become an interpreter.

On other subjects, Fujinami doesn't like bingo, a favorite game for Harding.

Wearing makeup and nail polish are American firs for Fujinami. Excitement and touring is planned for the months ahead. On Dec. 22, Fujinami will celebrate an American birthday. A trip to Gatlinburg, Tenn., and Disney World, Orlando, Fla., is also in the works.

Fujinami, who plays the flute, will play with the North Farmington band when it attends the presidential inauguration in January.

"Yusa represents herself nicely," Harding said.

## Hills zoning board stop Elks' Oktoberfest

By Joanne Maliszewski  
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Farmington Elks Lodge manager Don Kaump wants an answer.

"I would just like to find out at this point why an appointed body, appointed by the Farmington Hills City Council, has more authority than the people we elect," Kaump said.

He's a little miffed about a couple of things that led to the demise of the Elks' planned Oktoberfest Sept. 30 at the lodge, on Orchard Lake Road. "It cost us a lot of money by not being able to do this," Kaump said.

Contributions to Elks charities will be down this year, he added. First, Kaump doesn't have to get a

special permit for its annual summer festival that's part of the Farmington/Farmington Hills Founders Festival. But a permit is necessary for any other event.

"We don't require it for Founders Festival, but we require it for everything else," city manager William Costick said.

Second, Kaump wants to know why the zoning board of appeals can deny the Elks request, and plans for the festival came to an end.

"The ZBA, in terms of land use, thought it was inappropriate," Countegan said.

But nearby residents complained to the ZBA of rowdiness and minors drinking at previous Elks events, such as the summer festival during the Founders Festival.

the ZBA's approval is necessary," he added.

BUT KAUMP isn't giving up. "I suspect in light of the Elks situation, there will be a review of the whole procedure," Countegan said.

The Farmington Hills City Council Sept. 26 approved the Elks' request to put up a tent, serve food and beer. The next day, the zoning board of appeals denied the Elks request, and plans for the festival came to an end.

"The ZBA, in terms of land use, thought it was inappropriate," Countegan said.

But nearby residents complained to the ZBA of rowdiness and minors drinking at previous Elks events, such as the summer festival during the Founders Festival.

"I do remember they were unhappy," Kaump said of the Elks' neighbors. "We feel we have done everything to make it as safe as possible."

Kaump said those who appear to be under the legal drinking age are checked for identification and the Elks and the police patrol the festival to ensure there are no problems.

At the Elks' request, the ZBA scheduled a special meeting Sept. 29 to reconsider the issue. But that afternoon, the Elks withdrew its request, maintaining time had run out to put on its planned event.

"All we were trying to do was duplicate for the Oktoberfest as we do for the Founders Festival. This is the first year in quite a few we have had this fight."

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