points of view

Another view on grading

To the editor.

In an article printed on Sept. 21, Doc Doyle professed that weighted grading systems do not benefit students. This is generally so.

Universities do evaluate grade points on their own scales. However, some legitimate benefits do exist.

On a secondary school level, weighted grading systems both reward and punish students. A student taking advanced placement course work should receive extra points.

when the counseling department decides class ranks, this gives the student an advantage. He/she will receive one extra point for every advanced class. This rewards the students for accepting the challenge.

In many instances, the extra points an advanced student receives will elevate him/her in the class rank above students who only participated in regular classes and received higher marks for casier course work than the students in the honors programs who received lower grades for advanced work. The universities sometimes consider class rank. Weighted grading systems would have a valid benefit for advanced students who deserve a reward for their strenuss class schedules.

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Advanced classes scare many students away because the students receive the same amount of credit for harder classes as students taking regular oncs.

I am a student at North Farmington. I am of the opinion that a weighted grading system would benefit and encourage students taking honors classes.

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It would also make advanced course work look more attractive to students who cannot decide between accepting the challenge or taking regular classes where they are sure to succeed.

Looking for information about state government? The League of Women Voters has a toll-free tele-phone service (1-800-292-5823) that may be helpful.

The league's Citizen Information

Jeffrey M. Haber, Farmington Hills

keeping up with government

Is a landfill best idea?

To the editor:

Suppose you had just been informed that a landfill is going to be placed in your community. "Well," you might think, "they have to go somewhere."

Then you find out this landfill is owned by and will service all of the county in which you reside. "Gee," you begin to question, "shouldn't it be in a location more centrally located for economical transportation?"

Now you find out a lot more: it's going to receive trash from a county incinerator, that it is going to occupy incinerator, that it is going to occupy for the good period to the good provided that it is designed to operate for the next 50 years!

Now you are asking, "Why should any one community have a 50-year mega landfill imposed on them?" I, towarties, the windows of county.

too, am asking "Why?"

I question the wisdom of county government owning its own incinerator, waste reprocessing center, Indfill and compost sites and that it can sell bonds to pay for this billionalized to the compost sites and that it can sell bonds to pay for this billionalized payers, who will ultimately pay for it with higher thipping fees.

Oakland County should be a leader in championing the newest technology in waste disposal and reprocessing. Instead, we have spent millions in consulting and engineering fees to 20-year-old technology.

We should be encouraging private industry to develop this and operate our waste disposal and reprocessing facilities because it will do it more efficiently and more economically. There is another company that it is enverting watte thin symbolic coal. There is another company that will take an existing landfill site, clean it up and open it under new standards without any cost to the taxpayer.

State Rep. Mat Duanskiss.

Center in Lansing offers to help peo-ple find out about such things as pending legislation, the state consti-tution, election laws, voting regula-tions or tax information.

The telephone is answered from

State Rep. Mat Dunaskiss R-Lake Orlon

Look closely at teachers

To the editor:

As a teacher, I would like to compliment Judith Berne on a well written article that appeared in a recent Deserver & Eccentric.

In defense of my fellow teachers, however, I would like to point out a couple of aspects of teaching that you failed to point out:

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*Our benefits in Farmington are excellent, Hurray, It is the only perk that we are proud of. We do not get company cars, stock options, telephones at our work station, air conditioned offices or an expense account. With the multitude of germs that we are exposed to daily, we need the best medical insurance available.

*Our nine months of work is not decided by teachers. This antiquated calendar was based on a rural America. I would like to see a change. I would like to see sehongs built to run all year — especially in the heat and humidity of summer. I would like to take a vacation in the fall. Many eachers use this "uncation" for new course; and/or workshop attendance.

I agree with you on the job security issue. I would like to see leachers tested and evaluated. I would like to he judged on my experience, skills, and education and not no how many months I worked. I would like to see leachers that the profession have more input as to what is being taught to my classroom. I would like to see leachers that the profession have more input as to what is being taught to my classroom. I would like to reveards in profession, the improvements needed, our place in society.

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So please do not appraise our profession by what our unions demand.

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10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. weekdays.
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Pro-choice rally: down to earth

Judith Berne

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I MUST admit I treasure my Iei-surely Sundays. So, when my friend Sandy called me at the office a couple of weeks back to say we should join a group from Oakland County who were going to demonstrate their pro-cholec sentiments in Lansing Sept. 24 — I sighed a little before I sald

choice sentiments in Lansing Sept. 24 — I sighed a little before I said yes.

As the day dawned, cold but cloud-lessly clear, I threw a furtive glance at my tennis racket, cajoled my hus-band into taking the dog on the expected Sunday walk, and headed for Lansing.

I'm glad I did.

For there, several thousand people had congregated in front of the Capitol steps armed with ballooms, signs and conviction - timed to exincide with the opening of the Michigan Legislature.

I had hardly gotten my bearings, before a Lansing television reporter was asking me: "There have been sonany railles.— do you think one more will do any good?"

I'm not sure where she was coming from.

Yes, there have been actional railles. And there have been area demonstrations, mostly to counter other demonstrations, mostly to counter other demonstrations.

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BUT, IN this state, as verified by Susan Rogin of Southfield, there have been no pro-choice statewide railies.

Rogin should know. The former lo-cal director of NARAL — the Na-

tional Abortion Rights Action League – and more recently director of community affairs for the state Women's Commission. "Abortion's been my life." she says.

She organized a bus load of her relatives and friends to attend the relatives and Shirley Johnson, R-Royal Ook, two pro-choice legislators.

There is, unfortunately, new impetus for such a rally. Until the Supreme Court's July decision inviting individual state legislatures to pass laws attacking the Roe vs. Wade, the issue simply hadri thi thome to middle and upper income America.

Because that's who was there. Women and men, college and high school students, they came from the Upper Peninsula and Anny of the Court of the Court

kind of rally, sald Gladden, a mem-ber of local chapters of the National Organization of Women and Catho-lies for Choice. "I was really heary-ened that we had such a large turn-out. Too many of us have been sit-ting stient."

WHAT WAS impressive was the quiet sincerity of those who attended over what has become a highly-charged issue. Of course, it helped that no pro-life demonstrators were there to challenge. Wonder where they were?

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Although many of the signs held on high were emotionally-charged, the atmosphere was work-a-day, down to earth - this is what must be done: Write your local legislator, get your friends to do the same, vote fonly for pro-choice candidates.

As Barbara Levin, attorney and wife of U.S. Senator Carl Levin, told the crowd: "The judical system is not a substitute for the process - just a part of it. The Webster decision challenges us and we are putting our legislators on alert: We are the majority and we will not be silent."

Yes, there were signs depicting for a boycoit of Domino's Pizza, but the mood was more accurately depicted by liss one — "Legislators: Vote for choice or look for work."

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Pro-choice view spurs concern

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ON BEHALF of the congregation of Falth Covenant Church, Farmington Hills, its executive committee and diaconate board, I am writing to register our concern about the Observer & Eccentric's Opinion column of June 6, wherein it was stated that with regard to the ongoing abortion debate, the O&E "has consistently taken a pro-choice position." While we respect the right of Individuals and the Institutions by which individuals are respected, including both the O&E and the Church, to freely choose their opinions on any matter of debate, including abortion, we feel that in the interest of bateness of the control of the Course of t

TO THIS end, we offer the following excerpts from the "Resolution On Abortion In the Context of Christian Sexuality." the official position paper approved and adopted by the 102nd annual meeting of the Evangelical Covenant Church, the denomination of the Chartest of the Church, the denomination of the Church of the Church

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ination of which we are a part:
"For the Evangelical Covenant Church, all understanding and interpretation of the moral dimensions of abortion and sexuality arises from Scripture, prayerful dependence upon the grace of God and the support of the community of believers . Accordingly we believe that we are stemards of the expression of our human sexual nature, just as we are stewards of every other gift from God.

We are responsible to God, to ourselves, to each other and to the new lives we are capible of bring into existence. We recognize that every sexual next could result in conception and we affirm the equal responsibility of men and women for sexual behavior and the pregnancies that may result with the cover of the control of marriage, other appropriate control of the control of the

traceptive measures. We believe abortion to be wrong and
grieve whenever an abortion
takes place.

In the words of the National Association of Evangelicals, We
recognize the necessity for therapeutic abortions to safeguard the
health or the life of the mother, as
in the case of tubular preparaties. Other pregnancies, such as
those resulting from rape or incest, may require deliberate termination, but the decision should
be made only ofter there has been
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Churches within the Evangelical Covenant Church are chal-lenged to develop a two-pronged effort to deal with these issues; first, to support women — mar-ried or single — who have unwanted pregnancies, including those who choose to place their children for adoption, and second, to educate youth and adults in sexuality, resonable sexual be-



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