# Hills resident says life helped her earn degree

When Deborah Washburn Ronayne entered Livonia's Madonna University four years ago, she brought with her a wealth of knowledge from the business world, having served as vice president and co-owner of a successful business; and challenging life speriences, having been widowed with two young children. Her years at Madonna have brought more than just intellectual growth and change. She has since remartied, moved, and had a third child, Coule, age 2, named after his father. Her first two children, Jackle and Kate, are ages 11 and 9, respectively.

The Farmington Hills resident carrying a 3.99 grade point average will receive a backletor of arts degree, with a major in professional and technical writing and a minor in business. She has immediate plans to use

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She has immediate plans to use her degree writing and imple-menting what is known as ISO "When you can apply life experiences to the classroom, you can contribute more. I've taken school very seriously and I've gotten a lot out of it. I've gotten the degree that I've always

Deborah Washburn Ronayne

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So refined is her knowledge of technical writing that ahe was aslected to present "The Technical Writer in the Global Marketplace," her senior seminar paper, at a well-respected conference titied "Languages and Communications for World Business and the Professions" held April 16 in Ypsilanti.

Her business experience began in 1977 as an administrative as-sistant for Combine Plastic Prod-

ucts Inc. "I really enjoyed working in the plastics industry," she sald, which may explain why she founded the Society for Women in Plastics in 1979, which received a Senate resolution on its 15th an-

agent, and three years later was promoted to vice president. She and her limit husband, Michael, who founded Combine Plastice in 1974, successfully ran the company, which eventually, split into three separate facilities.

In November 1986, they sold the business, with plans to spend the next year with their children who were ages 4 and 2. One week later, Michael died unexpectedly.

After five months of working as a consultant with the business they had sold, she decided to atay home and care for her two children. She keep busy with volumer of the community where she was living at the time.



### Madison National names assistant VP

Madison National Bank an-nounced that Jack A. Slocum has joined the staff as an assistant vice president. He will manage the bank's new office in Farming-

ton Hills.

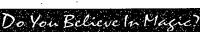
Slocum received a bachelor's degree in financial administration from Michigan State University in 1983, the completed an MBA at the University of Michigan in 1985.

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Slocum brings more than 10 years of banking experience with him. Most recently, he worked as a mortgage originator at First of America Bank.

He lives with his family in Waterford Township.





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