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**Selection committee:** Principals of area high schools served on the selection committee for the Academic All-Stars. Volunteering were: Dennis Connolly, (from lower left) Westland John Glenn; the Rev. David Weise, Catholic Central; chairman Larry Boehms, Troy; David Symington, Lahser; Caye Randolph, Rochester Adams; George Fornero, West Bloomfield; Gerald Ostoin, Plymouth-Canton.

# Principals select all-star team

**T**he Observer Newspapers present the ninth annual Academic All Stars team in this special publication. The 16 highest achieving high school students from the communities served by the Observer are featured.

The Observer team features students from schools in Farmington, Farmington Hills, Livonia, Redford Township, Westland, Garden City, Plymouth, Canton Township and Plymouth Township.

The students will receive the latest edition of Webster's New World Dictionary and a certificate of recognition.

Our thanks to those public and private schools from throughout western Wayne and Oakland counties which nominated students.

A special thanks to the committee of Michigan Association of Secondary School Principals, chaired by Larry Boehms, principal of Troy High School, who selected the team.

Boehms, who recently received an educational specialist degree in administration and supervision from Wayne State University, has served on the committee for four years.

"We had an outstanding group of seniors," he said. Choosing the winners from the applicants was "a very difficult decision. They're all excellent students."

The winners, Boehms said, are "the cream of the crop from the cream of the



crop."

Robert W. Schramke, principal of Redford Union High School and former chairman of the committee, came to this newspaper in 1984 with the idea of publicly honoring students for academic achievement in the same way students have been honored for sports. Thus, the Academic All-Star Team was born.

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**The 1994 committee of Michigan Association of Secondary School Principals was led by Larry Boehms (left), principal of Troy High School. Boehms, took on the committee chairmanship from Robert W. Schramke, (right) former principal of Redford Union High School who retired earlier this year.**



Boehms, Troy High School; David Symington, Lahser High School; Caye Randolph, Rochester Adams; George Fornero, West Bloomfield; and Gerald Ostoin, Plymouth Canton.

Team selection is based strictly on academic performance. A single score is achieved by a combination of highest score earned on either the ACT or SAT and grade-point average. Using this total score, students are then ranked.

The grade-point averages combined with national test scores are computed

by the committee. Transcripts are evaluated and grade-point averages are verified. Test scores are then verified, along with math calculations by committee members.

In case of a tie, the committee reaches a consensus based on the following criteria:

- Scores are double-checked.
- Course difficulty is considered.
- Student statements are read.
- Extracurricular activities are considered.