Resident to study in France soon

Brian Dunn of Farmington Hills is among 75 University of Michigan students who have been awarded by the university office of International Programs more than \$80,000 in scholarships for 1994-95 to study abroad. Dunn will be in Aix-en-Provence, France, through a Jean Carduner Memorial Scholarship. Some of the awards, which are

funded by alumni, private donors, foundations and past participants in study abroad programs, have been granted by or in conjunction with other university departments, such as romance language, Germanic languages, college of engineering, college of architecture and urban planning, and the honors program of the college of literature, science and arts.

Henry Ford Hospital studies sleep, epilepsy

Falling asleep at the wheel is a major factor in more than 200,000 car accidents each year. It accounts for about 3 percent

car accidents each year. It accounts for about 3 percent of all car related deaths. Drivers must understand that sleepiness can have a major impact on their ability to function, according to Timothy Rochrs, research director at Henry Ford Hospital Sleep Disorders and Research Center.

For safe driving, Rochrs recommenda getting plenty of sleep, taking breaks at least every two hours, not drinking, avoiding heavy meals, having a designated companion who will help keep the driver alert, and not getting too comfortable in the car. Get off the highway at the first sign of drowniness.

Staff at Henry Ford Hospital sleep report that more than 2.5 million Americans have epilepsy, a neurological disorder that results in seitures of various types. With regular medication, many

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But 16 to 20 percent continue to have sciences despite multiple medications. For these people, apecialized brain surgery may be their only hope.
Henry Ford Hospital's epilepsy program, led by Dr. Gregory L. Barkley, is the largest in Michigan. Statistics show that surgical intervention eliminates seizures in 80 percent of patients.

Studio wins top award

One of the largest and most prestigious acholarships in competitive dances has been awarded to the Plazza Dance Company, a school co-owned and operated by Farmington Hills resident Marilyn Esper. The school is at 42295 Seven Mile Road in Northville Plaza.

The 35,000 prize, known as the "Bill Como Memorial Award for Dance Excellence," was presented by the American Dance Spectrum National Performing Arts Competition at its annual program in Orlando, Fla.

The weeklong convention and competition featured more than 1,100 entries from all over the United States and Canada.

To be ellipible for the national contest dancers qualified at a state competition last April.

Piazza Dance Company's winning routine was a musical theater duct entitled, "The Conversation."

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The students, Tania Garrant, 18, of Novi and Amy Frankel, 16, of Northville won the judges' approval for their performance portraying two teenagers doing what teens love to do: talk on the tele-

phone.

The routine was scrutinized by two sets of judges through various preliminary events, winning first a \$500 prize for achieving the highest score in the duo/trio cate-

gory.
Entries were judged on choreography, costume, and performance.
There were further bonors as teacher/choreographer, Gina Piazza, was named the recipient of the "Diamond Award for Out-



What kids do best: Piazza Dance Company students, Tania Garrant and Amy Frankel, talk on the phone during their award winning routine titled "The Conversation."

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standing Choreography" for the winners and the coveted \$5,000 routine. Plazza is a co-owner of prize came at the end of the week the store. Announcement of the

my Awards of Dance.

"We will ensure the use of this scholarship is in keeping with its dignity and intent; that is, to promote the continued dance education and training of our students and teachers," and Plazza, a Livonia resident.

For information about the school, call 348-3720.

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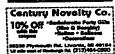
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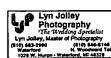
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