

Officer: Harrison students not afraid

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Harrison High School students and staff see a fight that left three girls injured as an isolated incident, not as an indication of trouble for the school.

"I had a lot of calls from parents the next day," said Dr. Pat Newcombe of the Harrison Parents Forum. "There were a lot of questions. But most of them didn't know what security and other programs we already have in place. They were from parents who don't usually attend parent forum."

That, coupled with the fact that the March 28 fight was not premeditated, are two reasons Newcombe and others do not see a trend.

"I was concerned, but when I found out that the scissors weren't brought in, and that a lock caused injury, I knew that it

was not premeditated."

The fight involved four female students, ages 15, 16 and 17. It began in the library area at 12:10 p.m. and ended with two girls suffering minor head injuries from a combination lock being swung from a key chain. The girl that swung the lock was stabbed in the leg with a pair of scissors grabbed from the counter of the library, or media center.

The two teens cut by the lock were not charged in the incident. The girl who wielded the lock pleaded not guilty to a felonious assault charge and will go on trial May 22. The 15-year-old who stabbed her could also face felonious assault charges, pending a determination by the Oakland County prosecutor's office and assistant prosecutor Sara Pope.

Neither girl has been allowed back in school. A hearing to determine whether they will again at-

tend Harrison is pending.

Farmington Hills police officer Jim Baker, who serves as the school liaison officer at Harrison and was on the scene to help break up the fight, said not only was it a spontaneous fight, but the response by students showed that they're willing to get involved.

"I think students are concerned, but there is not a fear," Baker said. "Over a dozen students gave information to witnesses and several others have asked about what happened and what will happen as a result of this. They want to get involved."

Baker said he has been able to put rumors, such as reports a girl was stabbed in the head, to rest, while making sure the incident is isolated.

"Most times we can defuse a situation before it happens, hopefully," he said.

Donna King, a physics teacher at Harrison for the past 25 years, said the situation at the school was now "cool and calm."

"Sometimes tempers get out of control," he said. "Sometimes kids don't want to back down and they get into a fight over something that they later wouldn't think was serious."

Although police have not determined a cause, the "keying" of another girl's car may be part of the puzzle.

Newcombe said Principal Rando Home has kept parents up to date on security through the forum, including the possibility of cameras being used in the stairwells. She added that considering its diverse student population, Harrison students maintain a high standard of civility.

"This wasn't racially motivated either," she said. "My impression is that this was personal."

OBITUARIES

THELMA O. SCHULER
Mrs. Schuler, 70, of Farmington Hills died April 4.
Born in Detroit, Mrs. Schuler worked for Alcoa Gas Co. in the early 30's and 40's. She was a graduate of McKenzie High School and attended Detroit Business College for one year.
Survivors include her husband, Harry; sons, Harry and Stephen; 7 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

MARGARET MCCLAY MURRAY
Mrs. Murray, 88, of Westland died April 5 in Four Chaplains Convalescent Center.
Born in Cass Lake, Minn., Mrs. Murray worked as a secretary for the U.S. Government during World War II.
Survivors include her sons, Charles of Westland and John of Farmington Hills; sister, Joyce Budnick; three grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.
Services were at the Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington, with the Rev. Larry Austin officiating. Burial was in Glen Eden Cemetery, Livonia.

Seminar focuses on asthma

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