

Towering project: Officials of Nardin Park United Methodist Church hope the steeple renovation is finished in time for an outdoor Father's Day service.

Steeple from page 1A

The work, part of the church's "Keep It Glowing" campaign, is about more than just aesthetics,

about more taken per though.
"Thirty years of erosion, the el-ements and pollution have taken their tall on our steeple," asid Timpner, a Farmington Hills resi-dent and director of the Michigan Association of Police, a police la-

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"It's a major project for the church," he added. "It (the renovation) is preventive. If we didn't of this now, we'd just have bigger problems in years to come."

In addition to "re-polding" the cross and crown, workers are tuck-pointing, caulking and cleaning the limestone tower.

Most of the work is being done by Grunwell-Cashero Co., a Detroit firm that handles historic preservation.

Subcontractor CAN Art Handworks, which has worked on the Michigan Opera Theatre and the Penobaco Building in Detroit, is doing the "re-golding" work on the cross.

Nardin Park was formed in 1927 by a mergy of two churches and originally located on West Chiego Boulevard in Detroit. The Kresge Foundation donsted \$50,000 to help with a building program slowed by the Depression.

In 1963, the original building was sold to the Ebenezer African

Methodist Church, and Nardin
Park relocated to its present site
in Farmington Hills. The church
building, constructed of lineatone
and brick, was dedicated Oct. 17,
1965.
Today, the church has about
1,500 members served by the Rev.
Richard Peacock.
On Father's Day, Sunday, June
18, an outdoor service is planned,
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twenther completed twee renovation.
"That's when the tarp comes off
the crown," Timpner said.
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Pierce and another student spoke out at a board meeting April 25. He said he's aware the plan is on hold but is concerned the proposal will be resubmitted

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the proposal will be resubmitted
next year.
And that's very likely, said a
North Farmington official.
"We are looking for time to addreas (the board's) concerns,
said Kathy Calspos, assistant
principal at North Farmington.
"We feel this is a good program
... There is a potential this will be
brought up for discussion
again next year."
Underclasamen will be encouraged to mount another petition
drive next year, Pierce as ind. the
saue, Pierce said. Many North
Farmington students already participate in "Raider Rake," volunteer at the Hamilton House, and

help out in a number of functions, he added.

"It's about involuntary servitude," Pierce said.

Another North student told the board she's opposed to service learning. Senior Jenna Ravanicited President John Kennedy's Peace Corps as a good example of how to encourage volunteerism.

But she saids "Excellent high."

But she added, "Forcing high achool students to give up their time unnecessarily is along the lines of (Lyndon) Johnson's (Vietnam) draft."

Plerce asked board members if the student protest was in vain. Those who organized the petition drive have modeled themselves as responsible citizens, Board presi-dent Cathy Webb said. "You have been heard," Webb said.

Hearing from page 1A

If Diamond were to get a resen-tencing hearing, because there is no record of the original sentenc-ing hearing, he would have a good chance of being released, Dunne

The parole board has rejected Diamond as a candidate for good reason, Todd said.

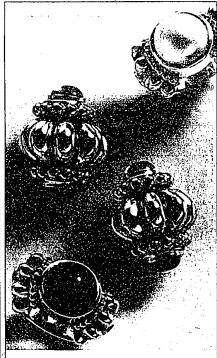
it wouldn't matter whether or not "Whether or not he is mentally it was a family member. I still competent, the issue should be decided on the merits of the

decided on the merits of the case."

The petitions should not be something Howard will consider because he will be dealing with strictly legal issues, Dunne said. Those petitions might be considered at a parole hearing, however.

"Why he's still in prison is not the issue," That's for the parole beard to decide."





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