

## Man hits high note with national award

Armand Gebert of Farmington, former journalist with the Detroit News, was honored at the Pro Mozart Society's annual concert last month. More than 200 persons were in attendance. The medal was presented by Alice Berberian Haidoutian, program chair. He was selected for the honor because of his many years of service to the society and his tireless efforts in promoting the music and the historic impact of Mozart.

Gebert was to have received the medal (only three have been given) in Salzburg, Austria - Mozart's birthplace - last January but his duties as instructor of journalism at Wayne State University prevented him from attending.

The concert program featured musicians from the Detroit Symphony Orchestra performing Mozart compositions as well as Beethoven.

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ing and math skills, English as a second language, and GED test preparation.

They will contract with community providers of these services including school districts, intermediate districts, community colleges, non profits and proprietary schools. Students under 20 or referred by employers will continue to receive free services, but tuition may be charged for those over 20. The thought may be that adults need to get a job and then return to education.

For students under 20, the foundation allowance appropriation has been increased by \$15

million to support high school completion programs in alternative classroom structures. And \$20 million from the state's spending cut would fund job related programs for students from seventh through twelfth grades.

Dorothy Beardmore, a member of the state board of education, believes students need to use what is available at the time. She believes more emphasis needs to be placed on helping students with learning difficulties so that they stay in school and complete their high school education. She believes that if monies saved from this adult ed. funding cut were put into educating at risk students, Michigan would have fewer adult ed.

clients.

By the end of June, the state Legislature will make their decision. It is creating controversy on both sides. After speaking with Terry Klenczar and seeing the Farmington Adult Ed. program, in my opinion, many residents would lose a wonderful learning opportunity if adult ed. cuts are so drastically made.

Eleanor Blum of Farmington Hills is a schoolteacher in Detroit.

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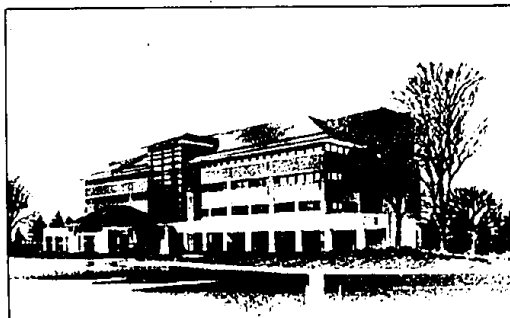
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