

# Schools Favoring 'College Prep'

EDITOR: Changes are needed in our present school system.

For too long the vocational training in our high schools has been pushed aside, both in terms of attention and money, in favor of the "college prep" curriculum. While it is true that everyone needs an education, four years of college are not a prerequisite for obtaining a well-paying job, and becoming a contributing member of society.

There will always be a need for human hands, minds and special talents, and within these boundaries lie a wide range of exploration of creativity and developing of talents that won't become obsolete.

In each community, it is the responsibility of the citizens, teachers, and school administrators to come together to improve our present school situation. Programs in vocational education should be instituted where students become prepared with an education that will make them continually trainable and employable to matter what the technological changes are in our society.

If we fail to help and devote more of our attention to the vocationally oriented students, education will just become another meaningless experience and more students will be left behind and unprepared for the outside world.

KATHY VIVIANO  
Redford Township

## Newsletter Backfires

EDITOR:

I would like to award the Farmington public schools an F in communication skills. Upon receiving the Focus on Schools newsletter, I was able to re-read items that had been adequately covered previously in simple ditted newsletters from the principal and PTA of our school.

I believe part of the reason for the newsletter at this time is to make a strong bid for millage support. I'm afraid that the added cost of the paper, printing, and postage

## READERS' FORUM

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will turn off more parents than "message" it contains.

It is an unnecessary expense and frill, as was the mailing of the June report cards last year, and will generate a negative attitude to the schools' current financial plight.

During the parent conferences when parents filled out the questionnaires (at least those who had been communicated with that there was a questionnaire), lack of communication was listed as the prime problem. This communication was carried with the academic standing of their children, their children's school and Farmington schools as compared to surrounding communities. I doubt if there was any burning interest in the menu for the PTA dinner or like "issues" contained in the newsletter.

The Farmington School District cannot continue to sidestep all relevant issues. They should learn a lesson from history: appeasement does not work.

VIOLET ALTSCHULER  
Farmington

## Money Wasted On Newsletter

EDITOR:

The recent move by the Farmington school board to promote better understanding with the community has sickened me to such a degree that I feel writing you might convey how one taxpayer parent has been affected by their newsletter.

I can not for the life of me understand how the school



WILLIAM KUNSTLER

## Many Art Forms Part Of Mail Exhibit

Art in all dimensions will be featured in the special exhibit planned for March 16 through the 26th in the Livonia Mall. Over 1,000 paintings by Michigan artists will be on exhibit. Artists and craftsmen will demonstrate their skills in a variety of materials and mediums, including metal sculpture, hand-tooled leather, decoupage, tole and lapidary.

Also featured will be portrait artists, caricaturists, glassblowers, artists and silhouettists. The mail is open evenings until 9 p.m. and on Sundays from noon to 5 p.m.

## New Truck Lease Manager

John E. Nienhaus has been appointed truck leasing manager for TennysonCar and Truck Rental Co., 32570 Plymouth Rd., Livonia. Nienhaus joins the Tennyson staff after 18 years experience in the car and truck leasing field as manager of truck leasing with one of the nation's largest leasing corporations.

## New Taste

A soy-whey milk has been developed by the University of Illinois Department of Food Science. It reportedly tastes like egg nog or a vanilla milk shake.

## Kunstler Sets March 14 Talk

"The Limits of Liberty" will be discussed by civil rights attorney William Kunstler at 8 p.m. Tuesday, March 14, in the Schoolcraft College Gymnasium. Advance tickets are on sale at the college at \$1 for students and \$2 for the general public. Tickets will be sold at the door.

Kunstler, who has been counsel to the Congress of Racial Equality and Dr. Martin Luther King, specializes in protecting the right of dissent and civil disobedience. He gained fame in the Chicago Seven conspiracy trial which grew out of demonstrations in Chicago during the 1968 Democratic convention. The highly-publicized "courtroom drama" resulted in Kunstler's sentencing on 24 counts of contempt of court. His sentence, totaling four years and 13 days, is being appealed.

KUNSTLER, WHO worked his way through law school by writing more than 500 book reviews for the New York Times and the now defunct Herald - Tribune, has contributed to all the leading law reviews. He has written several books including "The Minister and the Choir-Singer" - The Hall-Mills Murder Case."

The 52-year-old lawyer believes America is characterized by "creeping fascism," as evidenced by pleas for power to wire-tap telephones of anyone thought to be a "threat" to national interests. He sees the '70s as a decade of resistance which will culminate in revolution if resistance fails.

## Students To See Prexy Candidates

Presidential candidates Rep. Paul McCloskey (R-Calif.) and Sen. Vance Hartke (D-Ind.) will be featured in a closed-circuit television series. Three televisions will be set up in Waterman Campus Center beginning at 7:30 p.m.

Those persons who want to see the one-hour interviews but also want to hear William Kunstler, civil rights attorney who is speaking the same night in the gymnasium, can see the first interview at 7:30 p.m. and return after Kunstler's talk for the second.

On March 22, Sen. Harry Jackson (D-Wash.) and New York Mayor John Lindsay will be featured.

## Training Day For Teachers

Clarenceville School District will hold an in-service day on Wednesday, March 15. On this date, the staff will be working with resource personnel concerning the recently approved pilot program on drugs.

Students will be dismissed on that day as follows: High school, 11 a.m.; Grandview and Westbrook, 11:15 a.m.; Botsford and Edgewood, 11:35 a.m.; Junior high, 12 noon.

## Bennett Wins PH Promotion

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