

Spotlight on Women

For Best Friends

Scholarships By The Pair

By MARGARET MILLER

Women's Editor
Just 100 high school senior girls from all over the country are winners of four-year scholarships from the U.S. Army Nurses.

Two of the 100 are top students in the Garden City West High School class of '72. What's more, Judy Storey and Kathleen Fitzpatrick have been best friends as long as they can remember — even before kindergarten.

IT WAS A WILD moment at Garden City West last Wednesday when the word came through that both girls were winners of the coveted WRAIN (Walter Reed Army Institute of Nursing) grants.

"I got the message in a note while I was in class and really screamed," Kathleen said. "Then I dashed through the school to go find Judy."

"We were so excited when we got together that one teacher closed her door to cut down the noise."

THE CELEBRATION was held on Florence Avenue in the homes of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred K. Storey and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Joseph Fitzpatrick. Both Judy and Kathleen are the oldest of big families, so assured college education are no small thing.

And there was more jubilation in the Garden City West administrative offices.

"We're all really excited," said Mrs. Nancy Roleson, counselor to both girls.

Judy and Kathleen will go into the Army Nurse Corps as privates when they start their studies at Mercy College of Detroit in September.

The first two years will be at Mercy, and the girls plan to commute from Garden City. Besides paying all tuition and fees, the WRAIN scholarships include a monthly Army salary.

AFTER MERCY, the girls will continue their training at Walter Reed Hospital in Washington, taking advanced nursing courses at the University of Maryland. They'll come out of the training registered nurses and first lieutenants in the Army. "And if we want to go on to master's degrees, they'll help on that, too," Kathleen said. Mrs. Roleson said the school is especially proud of the girls' accomplishments because of the stiff requirements for the grants.

"There were 1,300 applicants from all over the country," she said, "and all had to be in the top 10th of their class."

"They had to have taken the courses required — biology, chemistry, physics, math. And they had to be active in school — the Army Nurse Corps isn't interested in girls who have 4.0 averages and do nothing but study."

"They also had to take a rigorous physical, and they were interviewed by a colonel in the nurse corps who flew from Washington to see candidates in this area."

AT GARDEN CITY WEST, both are members of the National Honor Society — Judy is president — and Kathleen is president of the Library Club. Judy spends an hour each day working in Mrs. Roleson's office, and Kathleen works in the school library. Both are biology room assistants.

They both are active too in the teen club of St. Raphael Catholic Church — Judy is secretary and Kathleen is treasurer — and Judy was named this year by St. Raphael as its outstanding teen.

Winning the WRAIN scholarship meant Judy had to turn down a \$1,000 scholarship prize she would have received from Wayne Federal Savings



THEY'LL SOON be in the Army, so Judy Storey (left) and Kathleen Fitzpatrick practice a salute at Garden City West High. They've both won scholarships that will train them as Army nurses. (Observer photo by Leonard Poger)

and Loan for winning an essay contest dealing with majority at age 18. She also won — and declined — an academic scholarship to Mercy.

Judy has wanted to be a nurse as long as she can remember. For Kathleen, the decision to go into nursing came only recently, although her mother is a registered nurse, employed in the Garden City Medical Center.

Mrs. Fitzpatrick is especially pleased about her daughter's achievement because she received her

training on a similar program in the Army.

THE GIRLS, who have "practically lived at each others' houses" since they were small children, were separated in grade school when Judy attended St. Raphael and Kathleen, Memorial and Vogel Junior High.

But at Garden City West they've been together in a surprising number of classes. "It looks as though we'll be together for a few years more," Judy said, and Kathleen grinned "Think we'll be able to stand it?"

Secretaries Have Their Day

You can't help wondering if the Observer area's secretary of the year was taken to lunch in the Stevenson High School cafeteria.

For the lady selected for that honor by the Town and Country chapter of the National Secretaries Association is Mrs. Samuel Patruski, and her boss is Stevenson's principal, J.W. Formsma.

For sure, Mrs. Patruski will be honored tonight, April 26, when the chapter celebrates Secretaries' Day of Secretaries' Week with a dinner in the Mercy College of Detroit Conference center.

Business Institute. Mrs. Patruski has studied data processing and attended many educational workshops.

She has served as secretary to the principal of Stevenson High School for seven years. Currently she is president of the Past Matrons Club of the Eastern Star, chairman of the nomination committee and a member of the workshop committee of the Livonia Educational Secretaries Association.

SINCE JOINING NSA in 1965, she has held such offices

as chairman of the ways and means committee and recording secretary for the Town and Country Chapter. She is also past president of the Women's Society of Christian Service and past chairman of Christian Social Concerns Commission of the First United Methodist Church of Dearborn and past president of the Livonia Educational Secretaries Association.



MRS. PATRUSKI, the 1972 secretary of the year, talks with her boss, Stevenson High School principal J.W. Formsma.

THE TIME OF YEAR to honor secretaries — and maybe take them to lunch — is being marked all over the country by the NSA, an international organization. In the Detroit area, five chapters in addition to Livonia's Town and Country have picked top secretaries and scheduled dinners to honor them during the big week.

Several local secretaries were on hand in Lansing Wednesday, April 12, when Gov. William Milliken signed an executive declaration to make April 21 to 29 officially Secretaries' Week.

They included Louise Watson of Westland, president of Town and Country Chapter and secretary to James P. Thomas of Consumers Power Co., Phyllis Schmidt of Detroit, Town and Country member and secretary to Donald W. Hramiec of Mercy College, and Doris Bondy, president of the Macomb Chapter and secretary to Schoolcraft College vice president Kenneth Lindner.

MRS. PATRUSKI, the Town and Country secretary of the year, was nominated and elected by her peers because of her outstanding qualifications and contributions to the chapter.

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Patrice Sings Her Way To Town Hall Hearts



PATRICE MUNSEL, Northville Town Hall guest, holds an instrument she can't identify by name but she found it in Morocco and it's made from a tortoise-shell. (Observer photo by Bob Woodring)

By BETTY MASSON

Can a mother of four children who do modern math and have a large number of pets keep an audience of mothers and grandmothers glued to their seats for more than an hour?

She can if her name is Patrice Munsel and her audience is the Northville Town Hall. This is exactly what Miss Munsel did Wednesday morning, mostly with her singing, although her commentary was also fascinating, as she presented a program "From Grand Opera to Baroque Rock."

The latter, according to Miss Munsel, is what is popular now. It is rock music featuring baroque instrumentation (a la Bach and Mozart), with flutes, lutes and organs.

"LISTEN TO THE LYRICS," she urged her audience. "Contrast them with the moon-june songs we grew up with. They tackle serious problems." She illustrated this with three songs, beginning with the Beatles' "Eleanor Rigby," dealing with loneliness, lack of communication, over-

"Most opera singers are considered to be not terribly bright. It's true," she commented, revealing her own difficulties with arithmetic and spelling.

Fortunately, she claims, her husband, Robert Schuler, is very bright and very well-organized. This helps account for the fact that they have been happily married for 20 years (in June), much to the amazement of people who know show-business personalities.

"It would be so exhausting to break in a new husband," commented Miss Munsel. "The important thing is to be lucky the first time." Commenting on a recent centerfold of Burt Reynolds in a women's magazine, she said, "If you've got a good one at home, you don't need to go out and buy one."

MISS MUNSEL also said that she is very much a mother and has no problem children. Her four children range in age from 12 to 18 and there are two girls and two boys.

It is possible to be a mother and have a career at the same time, she said, but added: "Of course, you have to run fast."

If she goes on an extended tour — more than a week — the whole family (and all the pets) go along. They rent a house in which to live. All of the children were on stage with her in "The Sound of Music" and several appeared with her in "The King and I."

They know what their mother and father do and they know that theater productions don't just happen — that they are a lot of hard work, said Miss Munsel.

LEISURE ACTIVITIES are also family affairs. They have a ski lodge, where "all friends are welcome, just bring sleeping bags." Scuba diving is another favorite recreational activity.

There may be a Dorothy Parker role in Miss Munsel's future. Her husband has the rights to do the famed author's life story as a musical with his wife, of course, in the lead.

Miss Munsel is a native of Spokane, Wash., and first began her musical career with the Metropolitan Opera Company at the age of 17. "Madame Butterfly" stunned me and hooked me for life on grand opera," she said. She's also been interested in popular music from the days when "Spiral Agnew was just another pretty face, a pot was a plant holder, grass was something you cut, marriage was before children and dancing cheek to cheek was above the neck."

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