

Leeds Orchestra Hospitality 'Huge' Success

EDITOR:

I wish to extend my most sincere thanks to the many people who were involved in making the five-day visit of the 76-member Leeds Youth Orchestra from England such a huge success.

Forty-six families in the Greater Farmington area opened their homes to either one or two members of the orchestra. They provided a place for them to stay, fed them "unique" American food, and entertained and took them to places of interest in the Detroit area. My thanks to these host families.

Thanks, too, to the Farmington Community Center for serving as the host sponsor for the orchestra visit. And to both cities — Farmington and Farmington Hills — for proclaiming Leeds week in honor of the orchestra.

Sincere thanks go to my host committee members: Mr. and Mrs. Al Bendem, Mrs. John Hughes and Mrs. R. Childress, representatives of the North Farmington High School band parents; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Kelley and Mr. Harry Williams of the Farmington High School band parents; and Mrs. John

Murphy from the Harrison High School band parents. A special thanks to R. Paul Barber, director of instrumental music at Harrison, who helped with concert arrangements and provided special assistance to Bernhard Armour, director of the Leeds Orchestra.

Thanks also go to the merchants and others for their contributions. Joe Blaszczak of Valley Process Co. contributed the beautiful window posters announcing the concerts. Burger King gave each guest a free meal ticket. MacDonald's furnished free orange drink for the reception when the orchestra arrived. Also, Town and Country Dodge in Farmington furnished a truck to pick up the orchestra's instruments at the airport.

The orchestra visit was indeed a worthwhile undertaking and I appreciate the help of everyone involved. From now on, we should have a great experience for the host families and the English visitors.

DICK PRYOR

Chairman
Farmington
Host Committee

God Is In Locker Room

EDITOR:

The column "Religion Update" appearing in the Observer Newspapers July 28, leaves me a trifle confused.

It expresses a negative attitude toward a style of Christianity which apparently does not fit the format accepted by the writer of the column.

It also implies a judgment on the validity of the faith professed by Tom Landry, coach of the Dallas Cowboys. Mr. Landry is an active member of an organization known as the Fellowship of Christian Athletes. This organization is comprised of elite thousands of athletes in professional, college and high school sports.

This is not to say that these athletes are any less athletic but it does mean that each has professed to have found a personal relationship with the Son of God. They come from many churches or they may have no church home at all. Theirs is a personal belief quite often instituted by personal contact with those of like experience.

My Bible teaches me that we are not to judge our fellow man but that there is one final Judge who makes this decision because He, alone,

knows all the facts. Our society today is prone to make decisions of this type without this necessary knowledge.

Ecclesiastical men with tiny funds have tried to confine God to edifices for formal worship.

While He may be found there, it is by no means the only place in which He may be found.

If we trace the life of the great Galilean as we find it recorded in the New Testament, we discover that He is present often in the grime of life.

We find him as he travels a dusty road, or in a boat, in a quiet garden, in the home of a tanner, or in deep conversation with sinners.

He is present also in a locker room, if He is invited in.

A reference is made to the phrase "God's Game Plan." It does not appear that the reference is intended to be complimentary.

Yet He does have a Plan and that is the basis of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

He is introduced by these athletes to their friends and all else who will listen to their experience of faith.

G.V. TEACHMAN

Farmington

Activities Only Hope

EDITOR:

Re: R. T. Thompson's Aug. 1 editorial "What's Wrong With School Board Outbacks Including Band, Sports?"

I am a junior at Plymouth High School and concerned about the recent cuts in the school budget. With the schools becoming larger and more impersonal as each new school year arrives, I feel that the many extra-curricular activities are the bright spots in the modern computerized system.

These activities are one of the few things left that can give a student any sense of spirit or belonging to the school.

Without the opportunity to join or participate in any activity under the school's name, I think we in high school have become another victim of the technological world — hand out our computerized schedules, ID cards, attendance cards and herd us 2,000 no-names through the four years without giving us much of a chance to make a name for ourselves or enjoy our talents.

I have attended many

sports events in the past year and found most of them to be quite crowded. You cannot interest all 2,000 students in the same thing, but what is wrong with the 700 or more you do attract? When weekends roll around, these sports give 700 kids some place to go. And with school spirit becoming a word of the past, these extra-curricular activities are the only hope left for it.

Not giving sports priority, music and other activities are also a very important part of many students' lives. Please give a chance to the few who still care and want to participate.

I think we'll all be sorry when we find many high schoolers with too much free time on their hands and not any school related activities to join. We can't all get jobs.

Oh, I am sure we'll all make it through high school minus extra-curricular activities; but I am certain many of us would enjoy and benefit more if these were added on to our computerized academics.

ANN RENAUER

Plymouth

Northville Has A Fair

Bingo, rides, a "smash-up derby" and a three-day Bevan "August Fest" will highlight the Northville Community Fair scheduled for Aug. 24 to 26 at Northville Downs.

The Northville Chamber of Commerce sponsors the annual event. Prices will be nominal for food in the cir-

cus tent where the August Fest will be held, and there is no admission charge.

The tent will be open from 4 p.m. to midnight Friday and from noon to midnight Saturday and Sunday, with dinner served from 5 to 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 1 to 4 p.m. Sunday.

READERS' FORUM

Please type (or write clearly) and limit letters to 300 words.

• Letters must be signed, with the writer's address. Names will be withheld only at the writer's request and for good cause.

• The editor reserves the right to reject unsuitable letters.

Responsibility Is With Adults

EDITOR:

I implore the citizens to restore the athletic, music, and extra-curricular programs back into Plymouth's educational system. It is your responsibility to return these necessary programs back to the students.

Due to the previously defeated financial proposals, the Board of Education was left with no alternative but to cut these programs.

We are going without these programs at expense not only to the parents, but more importantly — the students.

The students, without these programs, have lost almost all chances of scholarships toward colleges. Athletics, band, and drama scholarships will not be given to students who are not in these programs. They will have nowhere to demonstrate their skills.

Try to imagine going through your senior year without homecoming, year-

book, the school play, a marching band, Friday night football and basketball games, and spring concerts. Your memories of high school are not much without those things are they?

You now tell us that we are to go without these valuable programs. You are really asking a lot of the students of Plymouth.

This community's citizens have supported its students in the past. Why are they stopping now? The situation is clear: If the voters defeat this millage proposal the students lose.

I ask you to think not only of yourselves, but of the students — who will be most affected. In the name of the students, I urge you to support the students on Aug. 20 by restoring the badly needed programs.

BRIAN M. SMITH
President of the Senate
Centennial Educational Park
Plymouth

Numbers Not Issue In Cuts

EDITOR:

In answer to Mr. Thompson's editorial "What's Wrong With School Board Outbacks?", he is correct in saying the number was small attending the special meeting devoted to percentage of voters.

Mr. Thompson is also right in stating the percentage of students is small who are members of either the music or sports activities.

This, though, is not just an issue over elimination of music and sports. The list is long and it covers items such as student driving. Can we afford to not teach youngsters the importance of handling a car properly? Field trips for students — ask any teacher the value of these.

And, even the school paper which teaches the student to express an opinion may be cut.

Excluding the senior citizen, who has to live on a fixed income, and who should be eliminated from paying the tax by law, the majority in our community, it would seem, could afford the slight increase.

In all of life the percentage is small who truly participate in activities, be it school, church, local government, or service clubs. Yet these are the ones who keep the fires burning, be what it may.

True, maybe extra-curricular activities are "frustrating" on the cake; but isn't that what life is all about for those who choose to be not just spectators but participants.

MRS. PAT JONES

Plymouth

Bad Plug

Robs Power

One misfiring spark plug in an eight-cylinder engine can rob a car of power and waste as much as one gallon of gasoline out of every 20 gallons, according to auto experts. The malfunctioning plug also increases exhaust emissions.

Area Deaths

CAROL J. STEVENS — Services for Mrs. Stevens, 64, of 30300 Eight Mile, Farmington, were held in the Farmington Funeral Home, 10000 South of the River, Farmington, Monday, Aug. 13, at 2 p.m. Burial was in Michigan Memorial Park, Farmington. Mrs. Stevens died Aug. 9 at her residence after an extended illness. She had lived in the Farmington area 15 years.

Survivors are her husband, William P. Stevens, her son, Neddie Stephen of Farmington.

LYLE J. SWEENEY — Services for Mr. Sweeney, 52, a former Plymouth resident, were held in Columbus, Ohio, with burial there, Mr. Sweeney died Aug. 4. He spent his early years in Plymouth where he was a shortstop and coach. He was a supervisor for a Columbus construction company at the time of his death.

Survivors are his wife, Georgeanne, a daughter, Henriette, four sons, Pierre, Paul, James and Dennis, a brother, Lowell, of Plymouth; and four sisters, Mrs. Ann, Mrs. Mary, Mrs. Alice and Mrs. Mary.

SANDRA J. PHILLIPS — Services for Mrs. Phillips, 24, of East Lansing, a former Farmington resident, will be held Thursday, Aug. 16, at 9:30 a.m. in the Farmington Funeral Home, 10000 South of the River, Farmington. Burial will be in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Farmington. Mrs. Phillips died Aug. 12 in a motorcycle accident in East Lansing. She was a brickmaker and served with the U.S. Army in Germany two years.

Survivors are a daughter, Kimberly Lynn; her father, Albert of Largo, Fla.; a brother, James, and two sisters, Mrs. Carol Gradowski of New Hampshire and Mrs. Jeanette Giesche of Largo.

GEORGE E. HERBERT — Services for Mr. Herbert, 59, of 35301 Eight Mile, Livonia, were held in St. Gerard Catholic Church, Farmington, following a vigil prayer service in the Farmington Funeral Home, 10000 South of the River, Farmington, Monday, Aug. 13, at 2 p.m. Burial was in Glen Eden Cemetery, Farmington. Mr. Herbert died Aug. 9 of a heart attack. He was maintenance supervisor at the Farmington Professional Pavilion and had lived in the Livonia area 15 years.

Survivors are his wife, Evelyn; a son, George; and a daughter, Mrs. Richard (Lynn) Hogue, both of Livonia; two sisters, Mrs. Della Kerenan of Dearborn and Mrs. Rita Ropp of Riverview, and two grandchildren.

WILLIAM M. KELLER — Services for Mr. Keller, 51, of 33325 Orangetown, Livonia, were held in the Mary J. Weil Funeral Home with the Rev. Ronald Johnson of Augustus Lutheran Church officiating. Burial was in Assault Park Cemetery, Mr. Keller died suddenly Aug. 4 at his residence. He was sales manager for Hershey's Electronics and a member of Lotte Lodge 549, F.A.M.

Survivors are his wife, Nancy; a son, Martin of Taylor; a stepdaughter, Judith Grace of Livonia; three brothers, George, Warren, Eugene of Sterling Heights and Leonard of Detroit; two sisters, Mrs. Kenneth (Shirley) Shuman of Livonia and Mrs. Robert (Patricia) Woodward of Warren, and two grandchildren.

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Recruiting Boosted

Grote Reorganizes SC Staff

By KATHY MORAN

Completing his first administrative reorganization, Schoolcraft College President C. Nelson Grote has created a new top level position but kept the number of administrators at last year's level of 31.

Kenneth Lindner, formerly vice president of business affairs, will fill the new spot of vice president of administrative affairs and become in effect, the No. 2 man on the Livonia campus.

The long-delayed reorganization involved mostly title changes and didn't include promotions, according to Dr. Grote.

Although the number of administrators wasn't increased for financial reasons, a reshuffling of jobs and responsibilities reflects changing priorities and a look toward the college's future growth, he said.

Greater emphasis will be placed on recruitment and placement of students and the extension center in Garden City.

Dr. Grote has worked with the same administrative structure he inherited from his predecessor, Dr. Eric J. Bradner, two years ago.

His plans to change the structure after one year in office were set back because of the illness of a chief administrator and failure of the college to hire a systems analyst to study the structure and propose changes.

One chief change, potentially the most controversial, is the title change for Lindner.

The change in title is the first step toward Dr. Grote's ultimate goal of shifting responsibility for day-to-day operations to his top administrators.

"I want to have as few people answering to me as possible," Dr. Grote said. "I'm attempting to reduce the number of people answering to me directly in the day-to-day operation of the college."

Although the office will now assume a broader range of responsibility, Dr. Grote said the change is not a promotion for Lindner. He said the change "legitimizes" Lindner's duties which sometimes cross department lines.

In actuality, the change will make Lindner No. 2 man on campus in the president's absence, Dr. Grote conceded. Formerly Dr. Robert Keene, vice president of instruction, was No. 2 in the "pecking order" when the chief administrator was off campus.

Dr. Keene's responsibilities for the instructional program remain the same under the change.

Dr. Grote said he disagrees with the contention that since the college is an instructional institution, the chief administrator for instruction should be in charge when the president is absent.

"I think you should leave the person in charge who is



KENNETH LINDNER
No. 2 Man

most able to handle the broadest range of problems which may arise," he said.

The title change has the potential for becoming controversial because Lindner had been critically ill during the last two years, missing several months work.

The position of director of the Instructional Center in Garden City has been officially added to the administration on a part-time basis. The position was started in January on a trial basis when the center first opened.

Clay Fechter, formerly director of social science, will direct the instructional center and answer directly to Dr. Grote. He will also serve part-time as director of public and human services, a new position. It includes responsibility for law enforcement and industrial security programs.

The personnel office will answer to the business office instead of Dr. Grote under the new structure. Dr. Grote had made the office directly responsible to him during his first year when Lindner was sick and the college was involved in negotiating employee contracts.

A part-time position of director of institutional research and planning has been created and will be filled by Norman Wheeler. Wheeler will handle his former position as director of math and

science on a part time basis along with the new position.

Eventually, Dr. Grote would like the institutional research position as full time office, he said.

"This is a position I identified as a priority before I ever arrived on campus," he said.

Wheeler will assist in both internal research projects, such as aiding instructors in investigating new methods of teaching, and external research, such as a demographic study of the college district.

Financial aid and placement of students were formerly handled by one person, Keith Wilmer, but has been split into two full time positions beginning this fall.

Wilmer will handle financial aid, and Ronald Monfette, formerly director of apprenticeship, will handle student placement.

Monfette's former responsibilities have been divided between an instructor and the director of technology.

Fred Petersen's position as business manager has been changed to manager of business services with responsibility for most business oper-

ations except plant operations.

Under the new structure, Robert Orr's position as director of physical plant will become answerable directly to Lindner rather than Petersen.

Another position, manager of business and finance, has been created but won't be filled this year.

"The changes we made this year are logical, transitional steps toward our long range plan," Dr. Grote said, adding that long range changes may take several years.

"We were trying to look down the road with our binoculars and antennas to see how the college should be organized in 1974-75 or later," he said. "We had to look at where we ought to go and where we are now and determine what the steps forward should be."

"We went into this study without any preconceived ideas of eliminating or adding positions or increasing or decreasing the number of administrators."

"From my point of view we were as objective as you can be and still be a part of the system."

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