

Pair Delineate Sex Ed

EDITOR'S NOTE: This is the last in a series of articles by *Enterprise* & *Observer Staff* Writer Elizabeth Wismann exploring the growth of sex education in the area and its effect on Farmington.

If sex education is only as good as the people who teach it.

Not only as good as good sex education material is used—Then the success of the Farmington Area YMCA sex education programs is directly the result of the personal qualities of Dr. Edwin Blumberg and the Rev. Carl F. Kallreider, resource persons for the YMCA program.

Both have the primary requisites of skilled teachers in this field -- a relaxed and open approach to the subject matter, concern for sexual honesty, plus the all-important capacity of being unshockable.

They know, moreover, that the teen-agers to whom they talk are moral young people looking for rational values which they can relate to life as it is lived today.

BUT THEY ARE also practical men—they know that an understanding of human sexuality must begin in the home.

They agree that sexuality, defined in the sociological sense, means an understanding of what it is to be a man or woman in one's total life. Blumberg and Pastor Kallreider are aware that many confused life may confuse the children of this marriage.

Time was when the father had specific jobs, the mother hers. The line between the two was sharply drawn.

But now, young wives finance a husband's education, husbands care for children while the wife works. The wife may handle family finances; the husband may cook the meals.

THE MEN WHO conduct the YMCA's program know that the old guidelines between masculine and feminine sexuality have become blurred—and the "pimp" isn't responsible for it all.

The YMCA program, as Blumberg and Pastor Kallreider run it, is an attempt to establish guidelines, but most important it is an attempt to equip adolescents with facts—facts on sexuality, facts on morals, facts on maturity.

The men never talk above the level of their junior high audience.

They work with the knowledge that these boys and girls have strong drives for independence from their parents, status with their fellows and socialization with the opposite sex.

While Blumberg deals in irrefutable physical facts, Pastor Kallreider with spiritual and moral concerns, both manage to project sanity and common sense into the not-to-be ignored font of humanism called sex.

THEY CALL A spade a spade, and if nothing else, teen-agers leave the sessions possessed with correct terminology they may never before have heard in open discussion. Each man shoulders at the cutie-pie approach to sexual terminology.

Two Have Roles In WMU Play

Two Farmington residents have roles in performances of "Cry, The Beloved Country" to be given at Western Michigan University Feb. 13-16 and Feb. 18.

One student is Stephan Varian, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Varian, 28410 Alyce Kay. A senior and president of Theta Alpha Phi, Varian is a 1964 graduate of North Farmington High School.

The other is Polly Brancheau, a freshman and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Brancheau, 20031 Lyncastile. She is a member of the WMU Ski Club and Sailing Club and a 1967 graduate of Our Lady of Mercy.



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Blumberg tells his audience that he and the pastor viewed dozens of films before selecting this one.

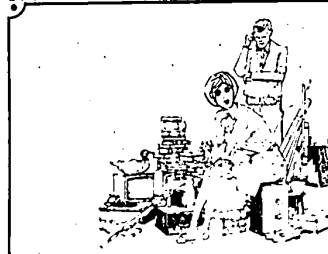
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