

Army hunts Farmington grads

By HY SHENKMAN

FARMINGTON HILLS—As the war in Vietnam turned unpopular, Army Recruiting Services bore much of the criticism. In 1970 and 1971, several offices were firebombed in the suburbs.

The Farmington Hills office changed its name to Army Counseling Service.

"We don't make policy," said Sgt. P.C. Duane Sanders. "We just follow it. We are recruiters and counselors. We have nothing to do with the selective process."

"We are told how to maintain defense strength approved by the congress. This is an objective. A goal. Is it a quota?"

"We don't like to call it a quota. It sounds like a body snatcher at any cost."

Their primary target is the high school graduate. But recently they signed up a 35-year-old man. He found in the army job security, medical and recreational facilities, the sergeant said.

BASE PAY is \$344 per month. A married man gets an additional \$170. Once he completes his training he gets a food allowance.

The average man easily gets advanced to the rank of specialist 4th class, he said. If he is single, his base pay is \$414.30, while a married man receives an additional \$128 allowance.

All the medical help, dental work, eyeglasses, corrective shoes and all medical help for his immediate family is included.

Sgt. Sanders, a Southerner trained in public relations said, "In counseling a young man we want to find

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out what he wants to do and where he wants to do it.

"Our recruits are about 60 per cent Protestant and 40 per cent Catholic. In the two years I don't recall enlisting more than one man of the Jewish faith."

"IT IS THE hardest ethnic group to get to volunteer in the armed forces. We aim at the middle and lower middle class, those who can't afford the high cost of college."

An enlistee must be physically, mentally and morally fit. But the Army won't take anyone who is on probation or had a bad record, he said.

The enlistments are for two, three or four years. Women who enlist mostly go for the medical, administrative or communication department. If she is married, her husband can join her. Five have enlisted from the Farmington area.

After basic training he can assume all benefits and enjoy all medical and recreational privileges. He can shop in commissaries and PX, enjoy golf, tennis, swimming and other recreational facilities available to him. He

and talk with them. For the last two years, they have had good response from the Farmington men and women, he said.

Some who expected the worst enjoyed basic, he said. It becomes a game, young people competing for trophies and awards.

Others admit that the service was better than they thought, and they liked the good facilities.

"BASICALLY, ALL we have to give is service, advice, and brochures. Some volunteers are disappointed because they heard from former GIs about great experiences which did not happen to them."

"Others had misconceptions from watching too many Hollywood war movies. Some are under the impression that the Army is full."

"The truth of the matter is that we still need qualified men and women."

Minimum height for men is 5', maximum 6'6". "because we don't have shorter uniforms or longer beds." Women specifically are 5'3" to 5'7" tall. Anyone out of that category would require a waiver.



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This symphonic group is on a 10-day tour, part of "Interlochen Outreach."

and gave 16 concerts in Michigan communities including a recent one in Farmington.

Ronald P. Kendall, trombonist, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter B. Kendall, 3431 Glenview Circle, is on tour with the Wheaton College Concert Band.

The band is on tour through March making appearances in Missouri, Iowa, Illinois and Tennessee.

Farmington students win display awards

FARMINGTON—Three North Farmington High School students won awards at an inter-state distributive education match at Monroe County Community College.

Mary Caviston and Melinda McGowan both won first place in "display" and Jaime Heinerman won second place in human relations. All are in

the advanced display class at the Southwest Area Vocational Education Center in Walpole Lake.

Individual competitive events were held between Michigan and Ohio high schools and colleges and were sponsored by Monroe County Community College, Eastern Michigan University and Western Michigan University.

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