

OBITUARIES

WENDELL A. EASTON

Mr. Easton, 79, of Farmington Hills died Sept. 30, 1975, at Beverly Manor Convalescent Home, Novi. He was a retired Detroit school teacher. Survivors include his wife, Jessie E., and son Delmar D., of Farmington. Funeral arrangements were made by the Thayer Funeral Home, Farmington.

MARY E. BRUCE

Miss Bruce, 50, of Farmington died

Sept. 26, 1975, at Grace Hospital, Detroit. A 1947 graduate of Marygrove College of Detroit, she was a member of Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church, Farmington. She worked in the employ insurance department of H. L. Thibault Co., Detroit. Surviving is her cousin Mrs. Joyce Culik of Farmington. Funeral arrangements were made by the Heene-Sundquist Funeral Home, Farmington.

IYV M. CABLE

Mrs. Cable, 43, of Farmington Hills

deed Sept. 22, 1975, at Botsford General Hospital, Farmington Hills. A secretary for J. L. Hudson Co., she was a member of the Clarenceville Methodist Church, Livonia. Survivors include her husband, Cecil, son John and daughter, Mrs. Ray (Deborah) Deppmann. Also surviving is her mother, Mrs. Anne Marston of Detroit. Funeral arrangements were made by the Heene-Sundquist Funeral Home, Farmington.

LUCILLE I. BURDICK

Miss Burdick (Jentz), 53, of Dearborn Heights died Sept. 24, 1975, at Oakwood Hospital. Survivors include five sons, James Jentz of Farmington Hills, Robert Jentz, Raymond Jentz, Edward Jentz and Michael Jentz. Also surviving are 11 grandchildren. Funeral arrangements were made by the Fred Wood Funeral Home, Inc.

Rick King leaves money to alma mater

By SUE ROSIEK

When Rick King III of Farmington Hills died of cancer last August, he was thinking about the future. In particular, the future students at Schoolcraft College (SC) in Livonia. One month before he died, Rick, 27, gave Schoolcraft, his alma mater, \$2,000 to establish a student loan fund. The gift, accepted by the college board of trustees Sept. 24, will provide \$100 tuition loans to 20 students, and then as many as the fund balance allows.

Rick graduated from SC in 1969, earning an associate degree in liberal arts. According to family, friends and counselors, he always had a soft spot in his heart for the college.

"He always liked Schoolcraft," says his mother, Marian King. "I think he left the money because when he went to college he didn't have much money. He wanted to make it a little easier for other students."

THE OLDEST of four children of Leonard and Marian King, Rick graduated from Farmington High School in 1966. He loved music and played clarinet in the high school band.

He entered SC in 1968 and was interested in English and psychology, recalls Mrs. King. "He always wanted to be a teacher," she noted.

In 1969, Rick transferred to Eastern Michigan University, but dropped out later that year and enlisted in the U.S. Air Force. While in the Air Force, he spent a tour of duty in Vietnam, where doctors discovered a few lumps on his wrist bone. He was sent back to the states and doctors diagnosed the lumps as bone cancer.

His right arm was amputated at the elbow in an effort to arrest the disease. Rick returned home and resumed his studies at Eastern. He checked into Veterans Hospital in Ann Arbor for periodic checkups and was told in 1974 the disease had spread.

WHILE ATTENDING Schoolcraft, Rick lived with his grandparents, Leonard and Christabelle King, on Haggerty Road in Plymouth.

"He lived here and of course we were very close," remembers his grandmother. "When he made up his mind to leave the money I took the lawyer to the hospital. He always enjoyed his studies at Schoolcraft."

Despite his suffering, Rick's spirits remained high, says Mrs. King. "He wasn't bitter and never said 'why me'." He said he would rather live without an arm than be dead. For as sick as he was, he was very easy to take care of.

Rick's friends included Robert Burnside, his counselor at Schoolcraft. Rick developed a close personal relationship with Burnside while at SC, and often came back to visit him on service leaves and in his spare time at Eastern.

IT WAS Burnside who Rick asked to see when he offered the loan money to Schoolcraft.

"He wasn't a shy young man. He loved to talk. He was very friendly," says Burnside. "He enjoyed helping people and was a member of the Circle K service club on the SC campus."

"He also had his lighter moments. He participated in a marathon teetotaler contest at SC."

"Rick was a pretty sharp thinker. His mind was always three to four jumps ahead of you. He tried to understand and solve society's problems by utilizing his psychology training," remembers Burnside.

RICK COPED with his amputation



RICK KING III

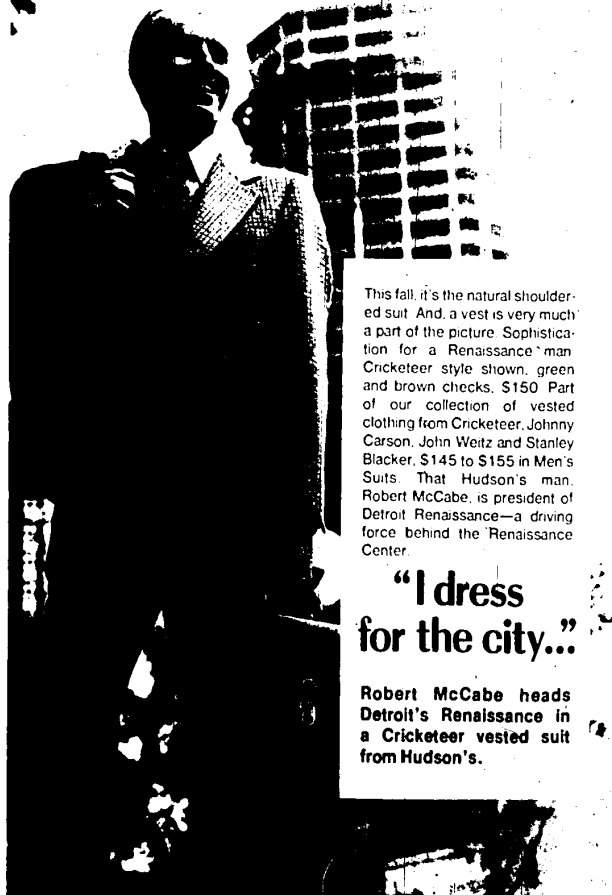
remarkably well, says Burnside. "He was bound and determined that he was going to manage. He learned to write with his left hand. He was a diligent and persistent fellow."

"The college meant a lot to him. He had a lot of good times here. He had more teachers and counselors as friends than he did students his age. I think that was because he could count on the staff always being here, whereas the students go off in so many different directions."

"I visited him in Veterans Hospital last July and he was very sick then. He said 'If I don't get out of here I want a loan fund set up.'"

"It's rather unusual for former SC students to will the college money, but Rick never forgot us."

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