

## At Bosco's Party Store

## It's good to relax with your boss

Don Bosco didn't mean to hire a store full of skiers. It was a coincidence. The owner of Bosco's Party Store, Farmington Hills, says the situation does have its drawbacks.

"It's tough having a store full of skiers. Everyone wants to go on the skiing trip," he says.

Bosco takes his teen-aged employees to Colorado, Boyne Mountain and Vermont to try out new slopes.

"The kids earn their own money to go on the trips," he explains. "I afford them the opportunity to go."

This year, Bosco took them to Jay's Peak, Vt.

"I've been to Jay's Peak five times," he says. "Last year, we went in a Chevy van with five of us. It was a little too crowded."

THE TRIP caused the boys to miss the first week of school in January.

"Every single boy that I checked on either maintained his grades or raised them," he says. The only exception was a boy whose grade in Spanish dropped slightly.

Bill Burns of Farmington Hills, a Bosco employee, fell and sprained his leg.

"I was sitting on his crutches and watched game shows while everyone else went skiing," Bosco says.

Burns' 15 enjoyed the trip in spite of his

fall. Bosco says. He's going on another ski trip with some friends to Colorado.

The group stayed in a nearby dorm. "It was very pleasant. We laughed a lot. The 16 of us sat together at dinner and laughed from soup to dessert," he says.

Bosco thinks it's good for his employees to be able to relax with their boss. He is both boss and a friend to his employees but maintains that there are separate occasions for the different roles.

He tries to create an atmosphere in which the young men he employs aren't afraid to disagree with him. "A boss is never always right," he says. "At 16, kids can be very mature."

Bosco's Party Store has a low employee turnover, the owner says.

"I'm flattered I don't just take everybody," he explains.

He knows the boys before he hires them. "I KNOW the parents of every kid," he says.

After six months, each boy is given a red jersey, which identifies him as a full fledged Bosco employee.

Bosco says the trips and the shirt are an incentive for his young workers to do a good job.

He enjoys his easy relation with his employees and the "kid stuff" they get to do on their trips.

On a camping trip last year everyone agreed to behave. "I said 'No drinking,'" Bosco recalls.

Shortly after they set out the boys were up on "his canoe and dunked him."

The water was fairly shallow, he remembers with a wry grin.

Bosco was a teacher at Groves High School in Birmingham before he started his business. His students at the school taught him to ski.

"I got so involved in it I became manager of the ski team. Those kids were good, they were so good they became ski instructors," he says.

So-buff Bosco plans to take a trip to Colorado before the season closes. He is also considering taking his employees on a bicycle trip to Mackinac and a trip to Toronto.

"Tonight, we're getting together after work to play pool with some of the kids," he grins.

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undation of how the community is developing and what plans it should make for future setbacks or expansion.

The northwest section of the district is a mystery to us. Until we receive the study, we don't really know what to plan for," Frank says.

A large part of that section still is with out water and sewers and that causes a real hangup when it comes to the future of schools in that area.

Freedman and a district committee have been looking into the problem of declining enrollment to see what the district can do to help eliminate it.

"The most difficult part of the enrollment problem is dealing with the economy because it is so difficult to say for certain what will happen," says Freedman.

We literally have to fly by the seat of our pants because we don't know for certain what enrollment figures will be from one year to the next. Right now we are examining and pulling together all our data.

We may see that enrollments may level off or increase in the next five years for all we know. Decline efforts may not be felt for years to come," he continues.

That is why we must look at all the information first and then see where that puts us.

If the economy picks up then enrollments may pick up. Different things will happen depending on what happens in our community.

WHILE ENROLLMENTS are declining, school officials quietly point out that hasn't reached a level where the district must consider closing schools.

Just because we are experiencing a decline, it doesn't mean we will have to close any of the schools," says Lewis Schulman, assistant superintendent of secondary schools.

Even though enrollment trends are down in the Farmington school district most of our schools are holding their own. We must plan ahead three all the figures are in, then we will start making plans for the future," he continues.

But we first must wait for the demography study before finalizing any plans.

We must first look at how we are going to best utilize the facilities for different classroom activities," adds Freedman.

The important factor we must keep in mind when we utilize a school building for something else is how it fits in with the best interests of the educational program.

Farmington school officials feel that all schools in the district offer good programs for students.

None of our schools have reached the level yet where they have become too small to effectively operate," says Frank.

I must measure everything in dollars and cents and when it comes to the point where we are looking toward leaving certain schools open, I will have to inform the school board and let them make the decision.

## Police nab 10 in drug bust

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Steve B. Braunstein, 23, of 3200 Franklin Road, Southfield, Governor Vertraum, 22, of 2122 Pembroke, Detroit, and Alvin Strasser, 32, of 2027 Varga, Detroit.

Arrested in Bloomfield Township were Futowski, M. Shobe, 24, of 218 Colonial Way, Bloomfield Township; Karen Ann Norris, 22, also of 218 Colonial Way; and Gary Stephen Norris, 23, of Phoenix, Ariz.

On Monday, March 1, four more persons believed to be involved were arrested at their homes. They are: Michael Daniels, 24, of 2802 Central Westland; Michael Prymer, 27, of 1318 Magnolia; Inlander, Gary Gilbeau, 25, of 2200 Colgate; Farmington Hills; and William R. Red Jr., 24, of 613 Pearson, Ferndale.

THE FIRST SIX were arraigned Monday, March 1, before U.S. Magistrate Paul Komuves on charges of manufacturing methamphetamine, a federal offense punishable by imprisonment up to five years and a \$15,000 fine. Karen Ann and Gary Stephen Norris were ordered held in lieu of \$10,000 bond. The other four were released on personal bond.

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