

With an eye toward business

Printing class attempts to leave lasting impression



Kay Kennedy spends a morning in the Farmington High School print shop stripping negatives in preparation for printing a set of business cards.

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At 8:30 a.m., when many students are wishing that they could crawl back under the bed covers, Mary Bruce, a Farmington High School senior is sitting in front of a computer console typing out letters that will eventually show up on a roll of film instead of paper.

Across the school's print shop Kay Kennedy, another senior is stripping a negative in preparation for completing a business card. Other students are bent over copying machines or are picking out type as the class goes to work on a printing job for the school district.

In the middle of this concerted activity, Dennis Zaleski, who teaches the vocational course, engages in some early morning housekeeping as he stacks and straightens out various pieces of equipment. It's the beginning of another school day in which he'll teach students from Farmington and North Farmington High School skills which could help them land an entry level job in the production department of a print shop.

His aim is to give the 10th through 12th grade students a taste of everyday worklife in a print shop.

"The students get a good hand on what industry is like. They have to make their deadlines and experience some of the pressure that comes with it," Zaleski said.

PART of that experience comes through the courtesy of the school district which uses Zaleski's classes to print stationery and forms. The students fit an hour of their daily two hour class time around the orders they receive from the district. If a deadline looms for an order, they sometimes use their after school time to complete a job, according to Zaleski.

In return, the district reimburses the class for the cost of the supplies used in filling the order. This comes in addition to an annual budget allotted to the class. This year, the course was given \$1,000 by the district, according to Zaleski. That money goes toward teaching 160 students divided into five classes.

But work that the students do accomplish in class is limited by the district.

"We can only do school related work. We can't do outside work," explained Zaleski, who's been teaching the class for five years.

While the district uses it chance to print its own flyers, forms, report cards and letter heads, students have a chance to acquire marketable skills.

By the time they leave the two year course, they should be able to handle composing hot metal type, setting type, operating the equipment and spacing the copy, among other skills which are listed among state standards for vocational classes.

"THOSE standards are our credibility," Zaleski said.

His students are able to try their hands at setting type, running a copy machine, using a line camera and acquiring elementary print shop skills.

After a semester of a photo course, the students are eligible for the elementary print course. If they chose to take a second year of the class, they become resource people who help Zaleski.

Usually there are about two or three students who return to take the advanced class.

"They help out with the other students. It helps keep them on their toes to remember what they learned in the other class," he said.

Students who stick around the Zaleski classroom soon find out more strictly textbook material. Speakers in the class include employees in the industry, union members and shop owners.

"I have people from the industry talk to them so they have an inside view of what they can do," he explained.

Resumes and W-2 forms are also explained in the class so students will feel comfortable when they go out to find a job.

SOME acquire their first taste of the working world through a job arranged in the school's co-op program.

Miss Bruce has been working for Future Reproductions, a printing firm as part of the co-op program. She's waiting for a chance to work in their darkroom.

In addition to finding a job, another plus for students is the relaxed atmosphere of the classroom.

"It isn't like a totally strict class. You can do it casually. It's not like you're getting a grade everytime you open the door," said Bill Reagan, a Farmington High School senior.



Julie Fekery (left) and Mary Bruce transcribe business forms onto film through the classes' computer which allows students to become acquainted with more modern printing techniques.



Bill Reagan, Farmington High School senior scrubs down some equipment during the class.

Student joins forestry group

Kenneth McLellan, son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald W. McLellan of Farmington, has been initiated into the Alpha Epsilon Chapter of the national forestry honor fraternity Xi Sigma Pi at Michigan Technological University. A student selected to be a member of the fraternity has shown and maintained a high standard of scholarship. McLellan is a junior and will graduate in May 1979.

Hills schedules meetings

January meetings to be held at Farmington Hills City Hall are:

•City Council (public hearing): 7:30 p.m., Jan. 16, in council chambers.

•Beautification Commission: 8 p.m., Jan. 18, in council chambers.

•Planning Commission: 8

p.m., Jan. 19, in council chambers.

•City Council: 8 p.m., Jan. 23, in council chambers.

•Industrial and Economic Development Commission: 8 p.m., Jan. 24, in council chambers.

•City Council (study session): 7:30 p.m., Jan. 30, in council chambers.

'Weekend Ski Spectacular' highlights Hills recreation

Winter ski enthusiasts have an opportunity to revel this weekend, as Farmington Hills Parks and Recreation department sponsors the annual "Weekend Ski Spectacular" at San Marino Golf Course.

The cross-country ski extravaganza includes a moonlight ski tour and bonfire, special events, and an unusual tournament.

Events begin at 7 p.m., Friday evening with the moonlight ski tour and bonfire. Ski rental, if necessary, is the only expense involved.

At 11 a.m., Saturday, "Special Events Day," the cross-country ski golf tournament begins. On cross-country skis, the players will be hitting a tennis ball. There is an entry fee of \$2, and prizes for the lowest score will be awarded.

Also at 11 a.m., snow hockey is scheduled, free for children. At 1 p.m.,

for a \$1 entry fee, men and women can enjoy the obstacle course.

Open skiing and ski lessons also are available.

"Family Ski Tour '78" is the title of Sunday's event, a non-competitive family event beginning at 1 p.m. A special participation patch will be awarded upon completion of a three mile trail.

A free ski waxing clinic will begin Sunday's events at noon.

San Marino Golf Club has a complete ski rental shop. Charges for rental of skis, boots and poles is \$5 for adults and \$4 for children 12 and under, for a three hour period.

For further information contact the Farmington Hills Parks and Recreation department at 474-6115. Pre-registration is available, as well as on-site registration each day.

Ferguson is promoted

Marine Private 1C Robert K. Ferguson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert B. Ferguson of 32332 Wayburn, Farmington Hills, has been meritoriously promoted to his present rank upon graduation from recruit training at the Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, S.C.

A 1977 graduate of North Farmington High School, Ferguson joined the Marine Corps in June 1977.

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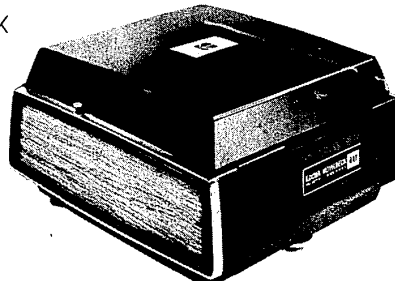
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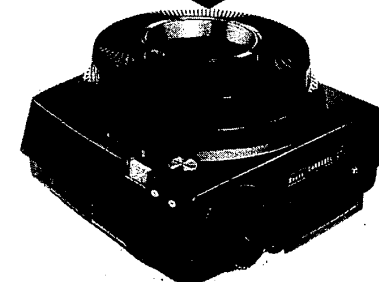
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