

# The Dressings Of Discontent

# Farmington Calendar

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 Richard Frankel disagrees. He wants the board to come to grips with the question of civil liberties.

"Does the board have the right to tell students how to dress?" Frankel wonders. "We've got to answer that question first."  
 "I think the committee wants us to set down certain policies," Washburn answers.

NO TRUSTEES however, want to dictate specifics in a code. "The board can't go around measuring mini-skirts," says Richard Peters, board president. Preferably the board would issue a general policy statement—possibly indicating a slight liberalizing trend.

But both Hughes and Graham are expecting a definite yes-or-no response to the new code. So the board is in a quandary. If it does stamp its approval on the code, it may exacerbate the situation at Farmington High School (FHS).

FHS students have enjoyed a more relaxed dress policy than NFHS students for several years. (e.g. beards, mustaches are allowed). The new code would reverse positions. "I think we are going to have to deal with this problem of one school getting ahead of the other," Peters reflects.

JAMES GEIGER, FHS principal, also favors coordination between the two schools in setting policy. But Geiger wants to wait until school begins to set up a steering committee to study the problem.

FHS doesn't have a parents association. And student government elections won't be held until the fall.

But sending the code through another committee would probably take several months—which would irritate students at both schools.

Geiger has generally championed this idea at FHS. "I don't like to have the code spelled out in black-and-white," he explains, "if you make a list, you have problems following it 100 per cent., besides, you can never include everything on a list."

Geiger would simply set down guidelines of "neat, clean and appropriate." Each case would be interpreted on its own merits.

STUDENTS, however, are likely to still want some say in evaluating individual cases. Winning guarantees of student adjudication for dress discipline, though, will be a tough battle—because it could open the way for more student control of non-academic issues.

If a student judiciary, for instance, could settle dress disagreements between an individual student and his principal—then a student judiciary might be used to arbitrate other disputes.

Dress codes have been the jumping-off point for student power campaigns at many high schools in the 1960's.

Because of these implications, several school boards have tried to subdue the issue without confronting it. Farmington officials could even decide to abolish dress rules, thus depriving student radicals of an issue.

BIRMINGHAM Schoolmen reached that conclusion five years ago when it abandoned all rules.

"We've had fewer problems without a dress code than with one," assures Russell Curtis, assistant principal. "We've had no trouble with students taking advantage of our policy."

Several other area high schools have watered down their codes to correspond roughly to NFHS's proposed code.

Officials from Birmingham

FARMINGTON Five area chairmen who will assist in enrolling, training, and directing volunteers for the 21st annual Outfit Foundation Torch Drive have been announced by Mrs. William W. Bowman of 28015 Ridgebrook, Torch Drive division chairman for North Farmington.

MRS. ALFRED L. COLLINS, of 35765 Humbers Point will head Area 1, which is bounded by 14 Mile, 13 Mile, Halstead and Farmington Roads.

Mrs. L. J. Foster, of 30940 W. 13 Mile again is serving in Area 2 which extends from Northwestern Highway to Farmington Rd. and from 14 Mile to 13 Mile.

Mrs. Elmer Muscarelli of 29010 Bannockburn will be in charge of Area 3 from I-696 to 13 Mile and from Orchard Lake to Farmington Rd.

MRS. DONALD G. FISHER of 28221 Greenmeadow is chairman of Area 4 from I-696 to 13 Mile and Inkster to Orchard Lake Rd.

The campaign in Area 5, which extends north from Northwestern Highway to 14 Mile and east to Inkster Rd., will be led by Mrs. Victor J. Saliba of 31914 Old Franklin.

Crows, Bloomfield Hadover and Bloomfield Lakes—all concede that loose dress restrictions co-opt student discontent and cause fewer problems than harsh restrictions.

Almost all Detroit public high schools allow women's slacks and men's long hair. "Each principal operates independently of the Detroit Board of Education," said a board spokesman. "But we have gone along with relaxing all dress rules."

Detroit suburban high schools have slowly followed this lead.

FARMINGTON'S school board is at crucial juncture in retaining respect and legitimacy among its high school students.

If the board turns down the proposed code, student backlash could radicalize many apathetic moderates.

"All the kids are concerned about dress because it affects them," Hughes explains. "It isn't like changing the curriculum or teachers or something like that where only a few students get involved."

But if the students find they must fight for dress reform, whether through regular channels or otherwise, they may

press for further reforms. On the opposite side, many parents and administrators believe a drastic change in dress policy might signal a stampede for more student demands.

BOTH SIDES await the school board's decision, expected to be announced Monday night. Most trustees admit to feeling "a little ridiculous" in arguing over grooming.

"The farther away we get from this issue, the better I'll like it," acknowledges Peters. "But people are concerned over this...and it's our responsibility to answer them."

Graham joins in, "It would be nice not to have to pay any attention to this."

Both Peters and Graham seem to be seconding the NFHS code committee's reasoning "that the way a student dresses and is groomed is the joint responsibility of the student and his parents."

But a solution would be that facile only if schools abdicate their role as dress disciplinarians. And the school board does not appear ready to sanction that.

### ORCHARD RIDGE POP CONCERT

Aug. 20 "All the Lonely People" will perform at 8:30 p.m. in the amphitheatre at the Orchard Ridge campus south of 12 Mile between Farmington and Orchard Lake Roads. Admission is 50 cents and the public is invited.

### BLUE STAR BUSINESS

Aug. 21, Chapter 49 of the Blue Star Mothers of Farmington will hold its business meeting at 1 p.m. in the Clarenceville Methodist Church.

### SENIOR CITIZENS SOCIAL CLUB

Aug. 22, The Senior Citizens Social Club will meet at noon in the first Methodist Church social room for a pot-luck lunch. A social afternoon with cards will follow.

### CLARENCEVILLE BOOKSTORE HOURS

Books for Clarenceville Senior High students will be on sale from 9 a.m. to noon at the bookstore in the high school as follows: ninth and 10th grades on Aug. 22 and 11th and 12th grades on Aug. 25 and 26. Books will not be taken in for credit at this time.

### SCHOOL BOOKSTORE HOURS

School bookstores will be open through Aug. 29 in East Junior High School at 25000 Middle Belt, Dunckel Junior High School at 23800 12 Mile; and the main bookstore at 33000 Thomas. Hours: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday-Friday 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Aug. 22; 9 a.m. to noon Aug. 23.

### REPUBLICAN PICNIC

Aug. 24, The 19th Congressional District Republican Committee will sponsor a picnic and barbecue at noon at the John F. Ivory Farms on Cooley Lake Rd., Commerce Twp. At \$2 for adults and 75 cents for children, the picnic will provide swimming, games and races, and a water safety show by the Oakland County Sheriff's Dept. Tickets may be obtained by calling 646-8414.

### OCCED PUBLIC HEARING

Aug. 27, The Oakland County Commission on Economic Opportunity (OCCO) has declared a public hearing to review its compliance with federal Office of Economic Opportunity guidelines. Comments from the public will be welcome. The meeting will begin at 7:30 a.m. in the fourth floor auditorium at 1 Ladyette St. in Pontiac.

### SCHOOL REGISTRATION

Junior and senior high school registration will take place from 9 a.m. to noon and from 1 to 2 p.m. on Aug. 25, 26 and 27.

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- Route 46 - Start at O.E. Dunckel, 12 Mile, Inkster, 14 Mile, Teuball, Cold Spring, Brookridge, 14 Mile, Orchard Lake, 13 Mile, Middle Belt, 11 Mile, Power.
- Route 47 - Start Ridgewood on Farmington Rd., 12 Mile, Drake, Edythe, 13 Mile, Ravenscroft, Embassy, Briarton, 13 Mile, Orchard Lake, 10 Mile.
- Route 48 - Start at Eight Mile on Farmington, Nine Mile, Folsom, Nine Mile, Shawassee, Inkster, 10 Mile, Briarhill, 10 Mile.
- Route 49 - Start at Gill on Nine Mile, Halstead, Rhonswood, Lujan, Eight Mile, Farmington.
- Route 50 - Start at Moore on Gill, Grand River.
- Route 52 - Start at Drake on 12 Mile, Halstead, Freedom, Farmington.

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