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KATINA MEHAS

Mercy College appoints 3 from Farmington area

Three Farmington area residents recently received appointments or promotions at Mercy College of Detroit. They are Jeffrey Nolte, of Farmington Hills, named coordinator of the College's Title III Advanced Institutional Development program; Katina Mehas, of Farmington, appointed director of personnel; and Dr. Michael Akerman, of Farmington Hills, promoted to associate professor.

A former faculty member at Eastern Montana College, Nolte coordinated several federal grants there and at the University of Iowa.

He obtained his Bachelor of Arts in European history and his Master of Arts in history from Marquette University in Wisconsin. He presently is a Ph.D. candidate in higher education administration at the University of Iowa. Ms. Mehas was with Himehoch's for 30 years, the last five as vice president for personnel and operations. An active member of the Detroit Chamber of Commerce and the Fashion Group of Detroit, she also has taught at Oakland Community College.

She is a graduate of Wayne State University with a Bachelor of Science in merchandising and management. Akerman, formerly an assistant professor of mathematics, holds a Master of Arts from the University of Arizona and a Bachelor of Science from the State University. He received his Ph.D. in philosophy from Oregon State. A member of Mercy's faculty for the past six years, he is also the college's volleyball coach.



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Assailant sought

Police investigate double slaying

Police are tracking a suspect in Tuesday's double slaying of a West Bloomfield husband and wife.

"We have a suspect but nothing we can release at this time," said Cpl. Robert Scott of the West Bloomfield Police Department.

"He's a black male. We're attempting to make contact," Scott said.

The bodies of Donald and Mary Louise Freedman were discovered Tuesday afternoon in the living room of their Horseshoe Drive home by Mrs. Freedman's 4-year-old son, Brian Glonka. Her 8-year-old son was in school.

The couple were victims of multiple knife wounds to the head and throat, said Scott. Their fully clothed bodies were found at their hands and feet with wire coat hangers.

MRS. FREEDMAN, 29, was found on the sofa with a jacket partially covering her head. Freedman, 39, was face down on the floor. There were no signs of a struggle, Scott said.

"Drug paraphernalia lay on the floor of the living room, which would make us believe there were drugs involved," Scott said. A large amount of a white powdery substance, suspected to be cocaine, was found in containers throughout the home, according to police.

"It would be more than the average drug user would keep on hand unless he was laying in a year's supply," Scott said.

However, police downplayed the importance of drugs in the case.

"As far as drugs are concerned, we aren't really interested in whether they're drugs or not," Scott said. "It won't make any difference in the prosecution of this case unless we find it necessary to establish a drug connection."

NEIGHBORS REPORT seeing a dark-complexioned man driving a gold Cadillac out of the subdivision some time after noon. The time of death was estimated to be early afternoon.

A stained kitchen knife, found on the living room floor, may have been the murder weapon.

Freedman, an electrical contractor registered with West Bloomfield Township, was disabled and didn't work regularly, according to neighbors. It wasn't unusual for him to be home during the day. There were a number of cars stopping at his house, they said.

Although he lived in the one-street subdivision off Walnut Lake Road near Inkster Road for about seven years, Freedman apparently counted few neighbors as friends. Neighbor Fred Orrit described him as "a loner."

"Every time I saw him, he was really stoned," said another man.

"He wasn't anyone I would have wanted to live with," a woman said.

"He was just into some very heavy stuff."

But Danny Lossia, proprietor of the nearby Walnut Lake Market, said, "He

never seemed like he was into anything funny. I've known him for four years, and he never gave us a problem."

Even fewer people appeared to have known Mrs. Freedman. The couple were married in August.

THE TWO BOYS are hers by a first marriage to Tim Glonka, who arrived on the scene by late afternoon.

"Oh, daddy," Brian cried as he rushed into Glonka's arms.

Forensic team wins opener

The North Farmington Forensic Team has successfully opened its 1979 season with a third place all-around team win at Edsel Ford High School.

Awards which pushed the team towards the win belong to Mo Megarian, first in oratory; Anne Marie Hebel, second in oratory; Troy Burgess, first in storytelling; Janice Somerville, third in informative and multiple members Mary Sue Patek, Kelly O'Neill, Missy Sweish and Tomi Hallean for a first in that category.

Sixteen team members reached the semi-finals.

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