



Bathing suit competition ran high, as exhibited by contender Patricia Ann Wright. The 20-year-old sophomore at Oakland Community College won cheers from the pageant-goers with her rendition of "If They Could See Me Now."

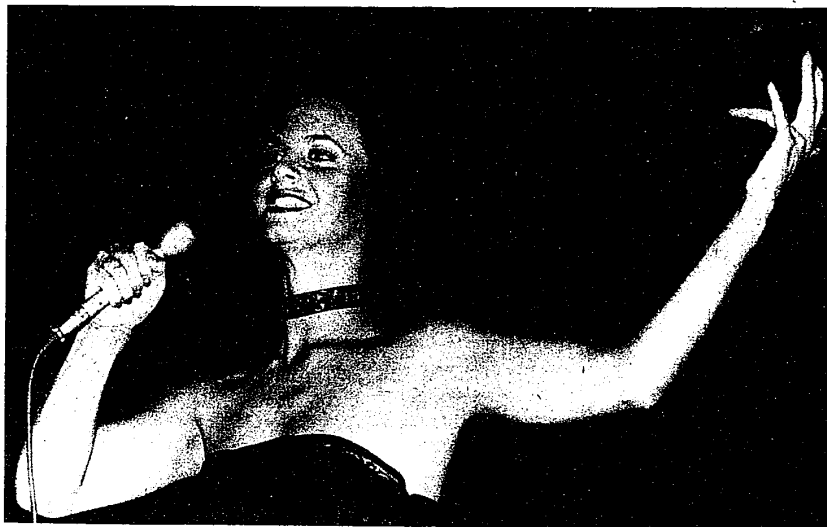


Terri Deanna Todd sang her way into the first runner-up spot with "Come in From the Rain." She is a music major at Oakland Community College and one of seven daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Darvin Todd.



Another big competitor in the talent department is Jan Ellen Haugen, in bobby sox and her '50s style dance to "Rock 'n' Roll is Here to Stay." The 18-year-old sophomore at

Michigan State University was Homecoming Queen for Farmington High School a few seasons ago.



The combination of beauty, talent and brains won the Miss Farmington title for Vickey Jean Whinnery, a 1978 graduate of Harrison High School, on her way to a musical career. The brunette, blue-eyed

miss wore a Spanish mantilla and black lace gown for an aria from 'Carmen' she performed to capture the 'best talent' award in the 1979 Miss Farmington Scholarship Pageant.

Winner takes talent award

Vickey Jean Whinnery is new Miss Farmington

By LORAIN McCLISH

Nineteen-year-old Vickey Jean Whinnery captured both the title of Miss Farmington, 1979, and the special award for "best talent" in the polished and professional staging of the scholarship pageant that leads the way to Miss America.

Terri Deanna Todd, a freshman at Oakland Community College, was named first runner-up and Deborah Ann LaVere, a 1979 graduate of Farmington High School, took the second runner-up position.

The new Miss Farmington is five feet, two inches tall, the most petite member of the family of Mr. and Mrs.

Dwain Whinnery of Farmington Hills. A crowd-pleasing rendition of "Habannara" from the opera "Carmen" while clad in a black lace gown with huge red rose at her waist, won her the judges' points for most talented of the 10 competitors.

Her voice lessons, which began while she was a resident of Arizona and continues here with Phyllis Gadie, are aimed toward a career in classical music.

"She's mimicked records ever since she was a little girl," said her mother, "all kinds of music, but all of her teachers steered her into the classical."

Her father's reaction to his daughter's talent was "I couldn't believe

what I was hearing the first time I heard her sing for her elementary school graduation."

He explained that he and his brothers would get together for family sings. "But we were never aware there was any great voice in the group. I guess with all the noise she was just drowned out during those affairs."

"But we're aware of it now. When she practises she can rattle the windows."

MISS TODD, also on her way to becoming a professional singer, performed with a poignant rendition of "Come in From the Rain." The daughter

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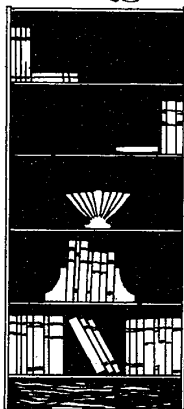


A fun jazz dance to "Ease on Down the Road" was the contribution of talent from Deborah Ann LeVere. The pixy-like beauty switches from her clown role this fall when she enters Yale University to study nuclear physics.

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