

Krohn loses Supreme Court appeal

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A Southfield gynecologist who temporarily lost his license and was placed on probation for molesting a woman in her home four years ago has lost an appeal to the Michigan Supreme Court.

In deciding against Dr. Donald Krohn, the high court ruled Oct. 20 that the disciplinary action imposed by the state board of medicine for the doctor's alleged "immoral conduct" should be continued.

The board of medicine had suspended Krohn's license to practice for 30 days, placed him on a three-year probation and ordered him to abstain from alcoholic beverages and keep to a strict diet.

Krohn's probation also requires him to report at regular intervals to state officials.

In addition, a letter of reprimand placed after the 1976 incident remains in his state file.

Krohn is the chief of the Department of Gynecology at Providence Hospital in Southfield. He is a Farmington resident.

His legal problems stem from an incident in the early hours of Oct. 1, 1976, when after drinking alcoholic beverages, the doctor entered the home of a West Bloomfield woman who was talking to a neighbor on the telephone.

Krohn, according to court records, attacked her, pulled open her clothing and molested her. When neighbors came to help her, the doctor ran from the house into his car and was chased at high speed by township police.

After being apprehended, he was arrested on a traffic violation and later charged with second degree criminal sexual conduct.

In June 1977, he was found not guilty for lack of criminal intent because of intoxication by Oakland Circuit Court Judge William Beer.

At the trial Krohn said he may have had temporary amnesia due to his heart and blood condition and the alcohol imbued, as well as stress.

After hearings by the board of medi-

cine, the disciplinary action was imposed on Krohn in Feb. 1979. Part of this action was erased by order of Judge Francis O'Brien of the Oakland Circuit Court after a challenge by Krohn that the board had exceeded its authority.

O'Brien's order was overruled in May, 1980 by the Michigan Attorney General's office and the previous discipline conditions reinstated.

Earlier this year, Krohn was barred from practicing medicine for 30 days.

Civil suits against Krohn by the woman and her husband were settled out of court with terms undisclosed. The suit alleged the incident caused emotional problems and had asked for \$1.1 million.

Sculpture to be unveiled

A commissioned sculpture honoring Kingswood School's deceased director of admissions, Dorothy Campbell Sott, will be unveiled at a ceremony in the Kingswood School Green Lobby at 6 p.m. Nov. 16.

The four-foot tall sculpture by Pamela Stump of the Kingswood art faculty, will be formally presented to the school by alumnae and friends who also established a scholarship fund in Mrs. Sott's honor.

The piece depicts an adolescent girl emerging from a bronze block. The sculpture symbolizes Mrs. Sott's work with teenage girls during her years at Kingswood, according to Alice Aikens,

Kingswood faculty member and alumnae director.

Mrs. Sott died Dec. 18, 1979 in Bloomfield Hills. Before her retirement in 1977, she had been director of admissions for almost 20 years. She had also worked in the alumnae relations department.

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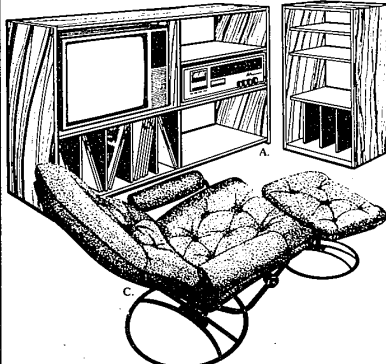
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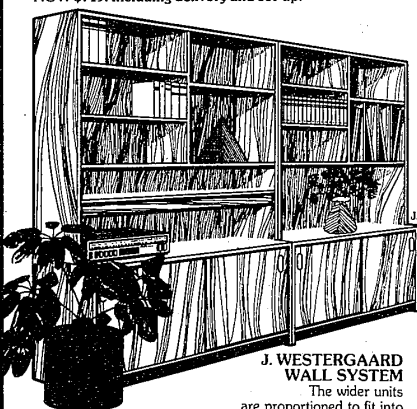
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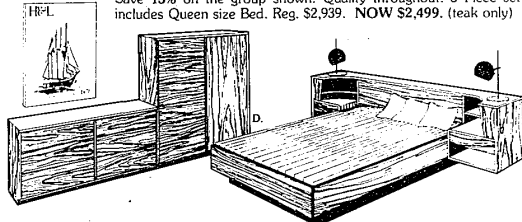


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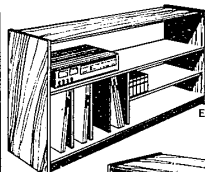
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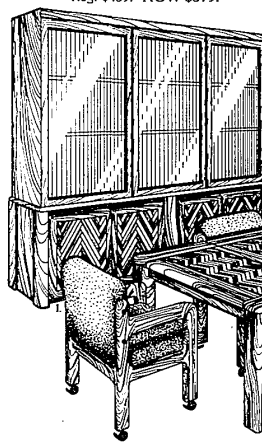
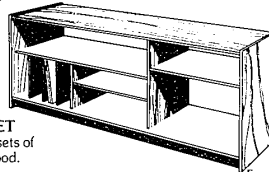


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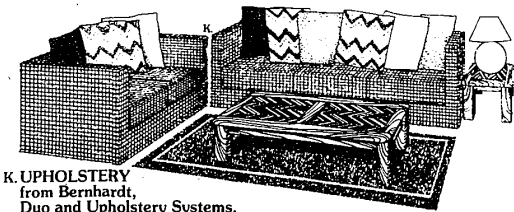


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