

### Aging 'Freak' Sneaks

# Spy Invades Farmington High

by WYLIE GERDES

FARMINGTON — I would like to know how a 38-year-old man could get into Farmington High School. So would the Farmington Board of Education.

SEVERAL MEMBERS of the audience at Monday night's regular board meeting questioned the Board about a Detroit News "spy" who spent three days as a student attending Farmington High School.

A former American history teacher now cashing in on the rock subculture, 38-year-old Russ Gibb made Farmington High a stop on his undercover trip through three metropolitan area high schools.

His account of his experi-

ences in the Farmington school, ghost written by Sharon Cassidy, appeared in The Other Section.

The News describes Gibb as the owner of the Grande Ballroom in Detroit. Farmington School Board Trustee John Washburn described Gibb's business as "notorious."

In addition, Gibb is a part time disc jockey on a WKRN-FM radio station.

THE GIBB AND CASSIDY account of life in Farmington concerned a counselor who set up Gibb's schedule, served teachers, and how to smoke in the bathrooms without being caught.

Gibb's comments about Farmington High were gener-

ally favorable. Trustees' and audience comments about Gibb were not.

MARIUS VAN AMEYDE, assistant superintendent for instruction in the Farmington system, said Gibb enrolled Tuesday, Sept. 23, and began attending classes about noon of that day.

He was uncovered Friday afternoon of the same week and left the school, Van Ameyde said. Pictures which appeared with the story were taken a week ago on a police basis, Van Ameyde added.

Van Ameyde said he talked to the counselor who enrolled Gibb. In the article, Gibb names the counselor as Mr. Whitledge. Gibb says Whit-

ledge was an excellent counselor.

RICHARD PETERS, president of the school board, said the article "had about as much in-depth reporting as most of the stuff in the Detroit News." Trustee Gary Lichtman said the story was a "little shal-low."

"I would doubt Mr. Gibb's credentials" to observe the Farmington system, Lichtman commented.

One trustee, Aldo Vagnozzi, said it is good for an outsider to give a close look at the system, but he too doubted Gibb's method.

The audience was less kind. Gibb was reviled as a hippie.

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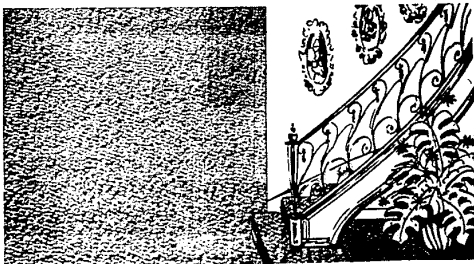
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Winner of the 1970 Oakland County race will receive a trophy and a \$500 U.S. savings bond from national sponsor Chevrolet. He'll then compete in Akron for a share of \$30,000 in college scholarships.

Some 260 youngsters from throughout the United States and from the Canal Zone, Canada, Okinawa, the Philippines, Venezuela and West Germany are expected to compete in the 33rd All-American Aug. 15.

Last year, the program reached an estimated 70,000 boys between the ages of 11 and 15. A record field of 256 entries competed in the world finals at Akron.

## WMU Lists F'ton Students

FARMINGTON — Nine Western Michigan University students from Farmington are among the 1,700 WMU students named to the dean's list for the fall semester.

A total of 1,718 students recorded a grade point average of 3.5 or higher out of a possible 4 while enrolled in at least 4 hours of class work.

Farmington students on the list include: Sandra A. Barry of 26218 Kiltartan, Paul G. Bruno of 2815 Belcrest, Milli A. Davidge of 2373 Green Willow, Gary O. Dix of 22809 Lakeway, Margaret L. Lockwood of 29476 Gramercy Ct., Mark J. Lynott of 22143 Lee-Jane, Steven D. Moore of 32276 Valley View, Sue E. Schmacher of 29944 Ravenscroft and Leslie Ann Scott of 28404 Quail Hollow.

## Boy Scout Week

Two Boy Scout councils serve 19,342 American boys in Europe and 13,480 in the Far East.

William S. Edwards of Birmingham was elected president of the school and day camp. Secretary is Mrs. Robert Stone and B. Michael Puffer of Birmingham was elected treasurer.

Members of the board of directors include V. Leo Campian, Roy Johnston, Francis Kotzian, Delmar L. Lussenden, John McBride, Walter McPhail and Richard J. Romney.

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