

# Conservative newspaper founded by Harrison grad

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Michigan Review managing editor Douglas Mathieson was right to expect a wide range of reaction after the newspaper's first issue appeared at the University of Michigan-Ann Arbor campus in December.

"One letter (to the paper) was addressed to the 'Cold-hearted Reagan Youth Band,'" said Mathieson, a former Harrison High School student. "Some said, 'You're doing a great job, finally presenting the whole picture.'"

"The reception has been mixed to some degree. From outside, it's been very good. On campus, it has been both good and bad. That's to be expected."

A lot of attention has been focused on the Michigan Review, which has been described as a conservative newspaper on a once-strongly liberal campus. Its second issue is expected out in February.

Mathieson said the purpose of the paper, which will be published monthly, is to clarify issues "that have not been covered well enough in the local newspapers" and to give student writers a chance to express their opinions. "I felt views weren't being accurately represented," Mathieson said. "The Michigan Review is to present views that have not been seen before, or if seen, not accurately."

Mathieson, a political science major, said the paper is conservative "in regard to politics, no doubt about that."

"When we say conservative, we mean we are for a free market, for the individual deciding over the government what is right for the individual," he said. "We're not for paternalism from the government."

"Some will say we're unduly biased, but that depends where you stand when you criticize," the U-M junior said.

Mathieson said the second issue of the tabloid-sized paper will be between 16 and 20 pages long.

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Its first, 16-page, issue contained articles on Soviet chemical warfare, the American Civil Liberties Union, supply-side economics and how the views of rock performers relate to the liberal movement. Former presidential advisor Paul McCracken wrote on the liberal democratic tradition.

One of the first articles, entitled "Dining With a Liberal," drew mixed reviews, according to Mathieson.

"It was meant to be a humorous form of satire, but some said it bordered more on sarcasm," he said.

Mathieson said some people immediately associated U-M's new newspaper with the Dartmouth Review, a conservative student newspaper at New Hampshire's Dartmouth College. The Dartmouth Review was criticized for a series on blacks.

"We like the initiative they took to cover some topics, but we aren't satisfied with how they did it," Mathieson said. "I'd rather not give specific examples."

Mathieson described the Michigan Review as a "mix of a journal and a newspaper."

"We are a review," he said. "Our scope and our aim is different. We're looking for more depth."

"Our articles have bylines. They represent that author's views. We will have an editorial page that represents the majority opinion of the staff. Other articles don't necessarily reflect the viewpoint of the majority. We do have

articles without comment."

The newspaper will have regular columnists, he added.

The second issue of the Michigan Review is expected to have a press run of 10,000, the same as the first issue.

Copies of the first issue were distributed free on campus and to universities around the state. Stories about it appeared in Detroit, Lansing, Flint and Grand Rapids; on the UPI wire and on the radio.

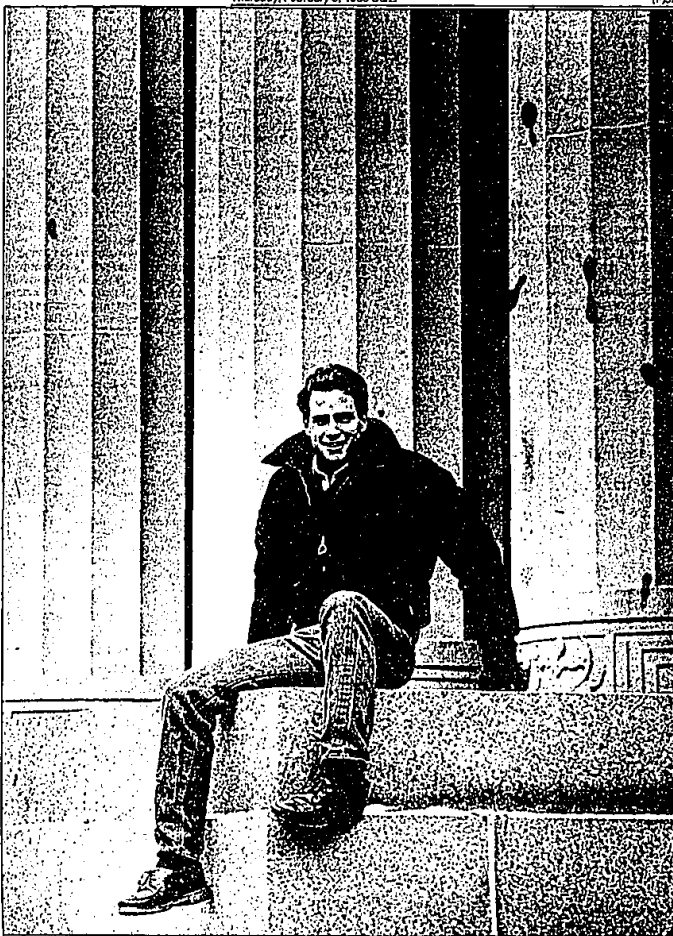
Mathieson said Tom Fous, an engineering senior, first had the idea to start the newspaper. Fous is now its publisher. Mathieson said he had known Fous and got together with him to develop the newspaper.

Organizational work started in October 1981. It lapsed over the summer of 1982 because school was not in session, but started again last fall.

"It took a long time to get all the contacts together," Mathieson said. Mathieson said the Michigan Review does not have advertisers. Funding comes from private individuals.

The staff numbers between 15 and 20, plus contributors. Mathieson said few staff members are journalism students.

"Anyone who would say we don't know what we're doing, I beg to differ," he said. "We aren't putting out the New York Times. We've got more time (to prepare articles). We don't need a full-time professional staff, which isn't to imply we aren't professional."



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## UNEMPLOYMENT

### Counselors feeling the strain

**Editor's Note:** To guard the right to privacy of the persons whose story appears below, fictitious names are used. The Farmington Observer and the Farmington Area Advisory Council extend their appreciation to these individuals for sharing their experiences.

By M.B. Dillon Ward  
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Two years ago, drinking so monopolized Ray's life that his children were begging their mother to file for divorce.

The company Ray owned was failing, and paydays were payless. Because afternoon meetings habitually began over cocktails and ended with nightly alcoholic binges, Ray never made it home for dinner.

Angrily, he'd tear up alcoholism brochures left around the house by his daughter. He was livid. Discovering that his wife Sarah was seeking counseling at the Farmington Area Advisory Council (FAAC). But as she gained the ability to cope, curiosity got the best of Ray.

FAAC is a non-profit counseling center offering individual and group therapy, prevention and education programs, and referrals to adolescents and adults.

One afternoon, Ray stormed over to confront FAAC counselor Magda Schneid and prove to her his drinking problem was non-existent. Schneid challenged him with a test. For 30 days he was to stop drinking after consuming a limit of two alcoholic beverages.

He failed, and reluctantly admitted to himself that for 20 years his drinking habits had been careening out of control. He and his family began in-depth therapy at FAAC.

"I feel a miracle has happened," said Sarah of the results.

"Ray tested Magda in every way he could but she won him over. I'm very happy to say he hasn't had a drink in one-and-a-half years."

Ray's once-stressful homelife is restructured and "better than ever. He realizes how much he's loved, and how much he loves his family," said Shelley Renee, FAAC clinical coordinator and a Farmington High School graduate.

"He says counseling gave his family back to him."

IT'S GROWING MORE difficult for FAAC therapists to batch such success stories. Increasingly, unemployed clients are saddling FAAC staffers with a caseload far heavier than they were hired to handle.

Jobless Farmington area residents now represent a full third of FAAC's clientele.

Dr. Patricia LaFave, FAAC's part-time clinical supervisor, recently joined the agency because, "I really saw a need. In today's poor economy, people can't afford to pay \$50 out of their pockets for counseling."

FAAC clients with the ability to pay are billed \$50 an hour, but the many persons hard pressed or unable to compensate FAAC aren't turned away.

"We like to have them pay something. We try to assess them a minimum of \$10 but we see a lot of people here for less. It's hard to turn someone away who has no place else to go even if our caseload is full," said Betty Arnold, FAAC education director.

Farmington Hills officials estimate that 13,000 Farmington area residents qualify for public assistance. Statewide, the unemployed represent the largest increase in clients.

More than 60 percent of the 75,000 clients admitted to publicly funded substance abuse programs during the last fiscal year were unemployed. That's an increase of 10,000 over 1978-79.



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Clinical psychologist Patricia LaFave suspects suicide attempts are up as a result of stress caused by the poor economy.

FAAC's 15-member staff takes home an average of \$14,15,000 — half or a third of what master-degree-level counselors earn in private practice, estimates LaFave, a former Farmington resident. Primarily dependent on local and state funding, FAAC this year has an operating budget of \$230,000.

WITH THE WORSENING of the economy, clients' problems are becoming more severe, requiring more time to solve.

"Suicidal attempts, I would speculate, are rising. People are trying to escape the misery that results from a lack of self esteem," said LaFave, who maintains a private practice in Jackson.

"Identity is based on a person's job. When people lose their jobs they lose a sense of who they are." Arnold notes "a considerable jump" in the incidence of child abuse, which she attributes to the high unemployment rate.

"It stems from stress in the family. When you're unemployed, you have time on your hands and there's a lot of family boredom. The least little thing can make you even more irritable," Arnold said.

The same family tension and pressure contribute to the abuse of alcohol and other drugs, she added.

"There's a higher number of cases now related to drugs other than alcohol. Lots of cocaine is involved — there's a good amount of it in the area."

"More people are attempting to escape from pressures by medicating themselves — they're taking more tranquilizers and other depressants," added Renee.

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