

### Daniels Den

By EMORY DANIELS

## Lower Voice, Not Tolerance

Attempts by a small band of students to organize a Student Mobilization Committee (SMC) to oppose the war in Vietnam have been met with sound and fury at both North Farmington and Clarenceville high schools.

MUCH OF the adult discussion about SMC has involved quoting the findings and opinions of J Edgar Hoover and the FBI. Hoover believes SMC is Communist-infiltrated, and a small group of adults has given a blanket indictment which labels all Student Mobers as Reds.

These same adults ought to read Hoover's lengthy report on Students for a Democratic Society. In his SDS report, Hoover concludes with an excellent plea for tolerance and understanding.

When Hoover warns all SDS members should not be labeled Communists, he is saying the same thing about all MOBE members. Blanket indictments are given only by those too lazy to think.

IT IS especially silly to color a student red because he doesn't believe in the Vietnam war, favors immediate withdrawal of American troops and asks for reduction in military spending - even if it means elimination of the draft or an end to the ABM.

None of these views is the sole property of the young. The fact that national leaders believe these things also ought to make these topics worthy of discussion in our public schools - in the classroom and after school.

It escapes me how urging withdrawal of American troops from Vietnam makes one a Communist if the Vietnam wanted American troops out of Vietnam, there would be more efforts at the peace table and less effort in Cambodia.

The fact that there is little activity in Paris and much

activity in Cambodia tells me the Vietcong either want U.S. troops to stay in Vietnam or don't believe Nixon's promises.

If the Communists want U.S. troops to stay in Vietnam to drain the American economy, then how could an anti-war student be a communist or even duped by the Reds?

I wouldn't place a two-dollar bet on what Charley or Dicky will do or what they would like to happen. But I doubt the adults calling SMC members Reds fully understand Communist global policy either.

UNTIL we know all the answers, protest and dissent are needed in America - even in our high schools.

I've got a lot of sorry feelings for the kid who graduated from high school, got drafted and killed in Vietnam, having kept his mouth shut about the war because that's supposed to be loyalty.

There'll be no dissenting in two years when these kids don the Army green. They've got the right and ought to protest now if the war doesn't make sense to them. Loyalty is not synonymous with muzzling young people.

Let students organize anti-war groups in high school. Let them debate, petition and picket. And then let them go out in the jungle and get killed. At least, they had their chance to speak up.

The dead are silent. Living humans are supposed to talk - sometimes they talk about things they believe.

## Youth Scroll Honors City Beautifiers

For the second year, a youth scroll has been placed in the Farmington District Library to honor the groups in the city who have completed spring cleanup or beautification projects.

The City of Farmington Beautification Committee is sponsor of the project. Mrs. Al Schwaller is chairman of the youth scroll committee.

Boy Scout, Girl Scout, Cub Scout, Brownie troops and Indian groups have received forms from the beautification committee to use in filing their projects for this annual cleanup period, May 1-15.

The committee asks troop leaders to complete their forms and return them to Mrs. Schwaller as soon as possible. After the projects are completed, groups may notify the library, showing they have done some work that will aid in beautifying the community.

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HONORARY LEADERS-Student government day was held in the city of Farmington Tuesday with high school students assuming municipal jobs for a day. City Manager John Dinon shows his counterpart, Dave Kenerson (center) the city's budget. At right is Steve Ahkins, the councilman counterpart of John Allen. (Event photo)



CITY BEAUTIFICATION PROJECT-Mrs. Al Schwaller displays the city of Farmington's second annual youth beautification scroll. Mrs. Schwaller is chairman of the project for the City Beautification Committee. The scroll, placed in the Farmington District Library, will list the youth groups in the city who have completed cleanup or beautification projects. (Event photo)

### Readers Write

## \$715 Damage Done At Alameda School

EDITOR: We of the Alameda PTA do not feel that Farmington residents realize the extent to which some of our school buildings and property are being vandalized.

The first step comes in the form of an appeal to parents. Know where your children are and what they are doing. After all, they are your responsibility.

Debris is scattered on the roof at night. Thirty-three holes were shot in windows by individuals using pellet guns. All the outside lights were shot out. Door glass was kicked out and a window broken.

At times the flag cannot be flown because the cable has been cut. Beer bottles and cans are found on the playground every morning. Glass has to be picked up every day before the playgrounds can be used.

Cars and motorcycles run all over the grounds at night. One day a motorcyclist tore around the playground while children were outside, endangering their lives.

What kind of individuals entertain themselves by destroying other people's property? Are they just "doing their thing"? It is felt that vandalism done at Alameda is done by juveniles who do not attend the school. How do we

reach the parties responsible for the aggravation and destruction?

The first step comes in the form of an appeal to parents. Know where your children are and what they are doing. After all, they are your responsibility.

Surely there is something we can do to curb vandalism rather than accept it as a sign of the times.

MRS. JEANETTE VESEY Alameda PTA

## Fensch Named Regional Officer

Charles Fensch of 29799 Linden in Farmington, associate professor of art at Eastern Michigan University, has been named president-elect of the National Art Education Association, (NAEA), Western Region. NAEA is a professional organization dedicated to the improvement of art teaching in American schools and colleges.

A member of the Eastern faculty since 1966, Fensch is a former president of the Oakland Art Education Association and the Michigan Art Education Association.

# Minority Report Gives Challenging Suggestions

It is not often a committee will meet, complete its work, and make meaningful recommendations. Too often committees report findings known beforehand and make recommendations which are marred by ambiguity and lack of conviction.

But this is not so with the report made Wednesday night by the minority relations task force of the Farmington Board of Education's Family Life Education (FLE) committee.

THE REPORT STANDS out not only for its content and clarity but also because of the unmistakable convictions of the persons writing the report.

The task force deserves credit for an excellent performance and a year well-spent.

School trustees reading the report should not have difficulty understanding the intent and scope of the recommendations. The clarity is striking and the document itself is a fine communication tool.

What could be clearer or better put than the definitions in the report? A "minority" exists when "any group with a unifying factor, such as race, religion, national origin, socio-economic status, becomes the objective of repressive behavior by a group with greater numbers of influence."

"Minority understanding," defines the report, is acquiring an "awareness of the minority and its unifying factors which may include cultural backgrounds, life styles, ideals and problems, as well as the more obvious factors of race, religion and national origin."

The report further defines that minority understanding does not require agreement or sympathy with a minority but does demand respect for human beings and their rights to be free from persecution, discrimination or degradation.

WHY IS IT NECESSARY to include special efforts towards minority understanding in the school's

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curriculum? "The traditions of family and group do not reinforce, naturally and easily, the substance and style of government," explains the report, quoting Robert C. Wood, Harvard professor.

Frequently, one set of traditions works against another. Thus schools are charged with the task of Americanization, while the family reinforces old ties and former loyalties.

"Thus government champions fair housing for all citizens, against the dictates of the market place and the desires of many residents. The concept of the melting pot is peculiarly a political one designed to define citizenship and promote political consensus; it does not define individual identity."

Our political ideology often rubs harshly against our private notion of how social and economic affairs should be ordered. Citizenship does not resolve the pains and dilemmas of a nation of ethnicities.

IT IS THE proper function for a public school system to offer minority understanding instruction? Again, a clear answer is given by the task force.

"The public school system is a primary institution of a democratic society and a potent force within any given community. Its basic function is to educate and enlighten the people so that they may recognize and cope with the strains which inevitably grow out of the effort to govern themselves."

"Each generation must be educated to meet the conditions of its time. Yet the fundamental strength of a free society grows from the maximum development of the individual's potential to contribute to an open society despite the existing conditions."

"This right to an equal opportunity must never be subjugated to the existing conditions. Therefore, each generation must re-win democracy for itself."

The report further states the purpose of minority understanding instruction is to prepare the student to function effectively in a multi-racial, pluralistic society.

THE REPORT DOES not really need the backing of this, or any other, newspaper. It stands well by itself. But the Farmington Enterprise & Observer is pleased with the findings and congratulates the task force members for the superb job.

It was especially rewarding to discover the task group did not recommend separate courses in black history or Indian history.

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Fortunately, the task force did not repeat the mistake made by some university students who ask that the black man be taken out of American history and treated in an isolated history of the Afro-American people.

Blacks have played an important part in American history and their contributions ought to be taught in an American history class and not in a separate course.

WE ALSO COMMEND the task force for recommending establishment of a standing committee to review instructional materials and make recommendations to the school board.

This step can insure that history texts used include important contributions of minorities with their place in history properly noted.

Praiseworthy also are recommendations asking that minority understanding instruction be made available not only to the student body but administrators, instructors, PTA groups and the community-at-large through adult education classes.

With its job completed, we ask that the minority understanding the task force break its sole allegiance to the school system and with authorization from Farmington governmental units act as a permanent human relations council.

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