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Why some Jaycee women want to stay separate

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Farmington-area Jaycee women want to keep their organization separate from the men's chapter — despite a recent Supreme Court ruling allowing women to join the Jaycees.

And they're angry. Not at the men but at the members of the Michigan Jaycee Women, in particular the executive administrators of the state chapter.

"We don't harbor any hard feelings towards women who want to become Jaycees," says Claudia Heinrich, acting president of the Farmington Area Jaycee Women.

"We're unhappy with our state officers who told us we had to dissolve (our local chapter) and we feel they haven't represented us well at all," she explains.

Nationwide, the Jaycees waged a 12-year, \$1 million legal battle barring women from membership.

The organization's decision to admit women came after a unanimous decision by the U.S. Supreme Court in a Minnesota case. The court ruled that states could use their anti-discrimination laws to force the clubs to accept women.

Because of the federal court ruling, Jaycee Women must either dissolve and merge with the Jaycees or exist on their own, under a new name.

Nationally, the U.S. Jaycee Women voted not to dissolve their organization.

However, the Michigan Jaycee Women voted at their summer convention in Marquette on Aug. 18 to dissolve and merge with the Michigan Jaycees.

THE FARMINGTON Area Jaycee Women are "committed to carry on as affiliated with the U.S. Jaycee Women," Heinrich says. "We feel we can accomplish more by maintaining our women's organization as well as working together with the Jaycees."

In Milwaukee the controversy took

another slant. The Jaycee men dissolved their chapter rather than be forced to accept women. In that city former Jaycee women members are taking over the Jaycee chapter and are inviting men to join. First men have joined.

But Farmington's Jaycee women see neither men joining their group or women joining the men Jaycees.

"We like our organization and we like working with them (the Jaycee men), but it just wouldn't be the same,"

says Heinrich.

The men's organization never voted for us to dissolve, they just voted to let us join."

Despite the recent Supreme Court ruling, women are signing up at local chapters, some have applied to the Farmington chapter, according to chapter president Elvira Stoyanovich.

"We're really happy to see Jaycee women," she says.

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So long, Winona

By Jean Adamczak
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Responsibility doesn't bother Winona Woods. For 16 years she has ably performed her tasks as Farmington's city treasurer and, according to her, has "loved every minute of it."

"To me, government work sounded boring — I thought I'd be bored, but I haven't had a minute of boredom in 16 years," she said.

As of Sept. 28, the 63-year-old treasurer will retire, even though she said she is not ready for it.

"Mentally I am not ready to retire because I've worked at something all of my life," she said.

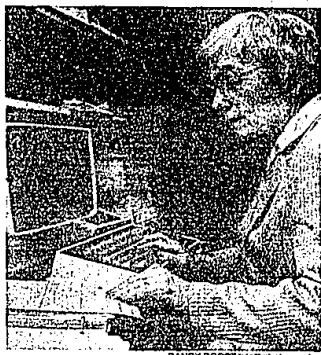
Woods grew up in Spiceland, a "four-corner city in Indiana," and moved to Detroit in 1940 where she attended business school.

Since then she has held four jobs including six years at the Farmington Enterprise where she worked her way up from a bookkeeper to managing editor.

She was then contacted by the former city treasurer who was retiring and wanted Woods to apply for her position.

She was surprised that anyone would even consider her for the position. "I didn't know I was as well-known around town as I was," she said.

WOODS BEGAN her job as city treasurer in 1968, and she said things have come a long way since then. For instance, when Woods first started her job all of the city's



Winona Woods enjoys the new technology at her job in Farmington City Hall.

accounts were in big ledgers. Now all of the city's business is taken care of by a new computer system installed three years ago.

"It was a big challenge," Woods said of learning the new computer system, "and it's good to know you can do new things."

The computer system is used for payroll and general ledger accounts, water billing and voter registration.

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Mercy High shines among private schools

By Joanne Maliszewski
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Mercy High School in Farmington Hills is one of 60 schools in the country honored last week for being the tops in private education.

"It was a very patriotic experience," Thompson said about the three receptions, a panel discussion and speeches by Bell and President Reagan that she attended.

Mercy High was chosen under the Department of Education's Exemplary Private School Recognition Project. The program was funded by the Council for American Private Education (CAPE).

Under a parallel program, 202 public schools also were honored for excellence. Of the 60 private schools honored, 33 were Roman Catholic schools.

"We don't really know why we were chosen," Thompson said.

"Over the past year, your school has



Sister Nancy Thompson

demonstrated the outstanding qualities we need in our nation to return excellence to American education," said Bell in a letter of congratulations.

The study stemmed from a report on educational problems ("A Nation at Risk") released in 1983 by the Commission on Excellence in Education. The project was conducted on an invitation basis, said Will Gervais, associate principal.

The project began with the mailing of letters of invitation to all known private high schools. Of 4,000 that were eligible to participate in the study, 390 schools were chosen for the project.

The CAPE steering committee focused on the schools' success in promoting the intellectual, social and moral growth of students, according to a press release from the National Catholic Educational Association.

After Mercy was chosen as one of the 320, two evaluators visited the school.

There from about 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., the evaluators visited classes, toured the building and asked questions of parents, administrators, staff and students.

"They kept asking what makes it (Mercy) exemplary," Gervais said.

Although never told exactly why Mercy was chosen for the award, Gervais said, "The evaluators were impressed with the number of programs that helped live our philosophy."

According to the school's philosophy, the "primary focus of our educational program is to encourage full human development while providing for individual differences."

The school draws students from

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Bars shying away from 2-for-1 drinks



Linas Gilyudis tends bar at the Ground Round in Farmington Hills. Employees of the restaurant are trained to recognize signs of drunkenness among patrons.

By Joanne Maliszewski
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Many Farmington area bar and restaurants would be unaffected by a proposed state Liquor Control Commission rule change that would prohibit selling two drinks for the price of one.

"I've never believed in two for one. It enables people to drink more than they normally would," said Gary Wood, general manager of Gnopolis Restaurant.

Instead, Wood, who supports the proposed Liquor Control Commission rule change, offers patrons reduced drink prices and food during a "happy hour."

"The same goes for D. Dennison's."

"We don't have anything that is two-for-one," said Louis Burch, one of Dennison's managers. "It encourages people to drink."

Burch says she has found that offering reduced prices on a cocktail "encourages people to come in and get introduced to the restaurant," without getting them intoxicated.

"They do like the idea of getting a reduced price on a cocktail," she added.

"We don't have anything that's two-for-one," Burch said.

But Lori Smith, day manager at O'Sheehans Tavern has a different opinion.

"I think we would be against it," she said. "That (two-for-one) is definitely a draw for us."

The move to prohibit bars and restaurants selling two drinks for the price of one began with a request from Rod Brown, executive director of the Michigan Licensed Beverage Association (MLBA) to the state Liquor Control Commission (LCC).

The MLBA represents about 3,000-3,500 Michigan bar owners.

"We have been trying for many years to educate the public to the fact that use, not abuse, is an individual decision," Brown said.

Serving two drinks for the price of one, he said, "does not allow an individual that prerogative. If they are getting them (drinks) in front of you, you probably will drink it," Brown continued.

Ken Wozniak, as vice in the LCC's executive services, agrees with Brown.

"It encourages too much liquor consumption in a quicker period of time," he said.

The proposed rule change is tied into the MLBA's educational program that encourages bar owners to avoid overserving patrons, Brown said.

Following along those lines, bars and restaurants such as Ground Round and Gnopolis offer free rides home for

those who have had too much to drink.

Ground Round managers, as well as managers and employees at Gnopolis have reacted positively to recognizing signs of drunkenness.

In addition to prohibiting two-for-ones, the proposed rule change would also prohibit bars from selling one drink at a reduced price, or at other times, Wozniak said.

"The language of it is fairly short and simple," Wozniak said. "This doesn't really diminish anything. We're aware of it."

Under the proposed rule change, bars and restaurants would be allowed to sell drinks at reduced prices during "happy hours" or at other times, Wozniak said.

Unlike two-for-one specials though, selling drinks at reduced prices still goes against into a restaurant or bar without forcing them to drink more than they normally would, Wozniak and Brown believe.

That's why many of the bars and restaurants prefer the reduced

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Walled Lake begins sex ed class

Beginning this year, ninth graders in Walled Lake schools will be required to take a one-semester health course that includes a six-week section on "Human Sexuality."

As required by state law, parents may excuse their students from class periods during which the subjects of family planning or reproductive health are discussed.

The course, "Ninth Grade Health and Human Reproduction," recently was approved unanimously by the school

board. The course is a continuation of the sex education program for fifth, sixth and eighth grades, accepted by the school board in June 1983.

THE NEW ninth grade class will deal with many "sensitive issues," according to Donna Trinklwalder, who will teach the course at Walled Lake Western High School this fall. The class is designed to assist teachers in making responsible decisions about these issues, which include peer and family

relationships, drugs and sexual behavior, Trinklwalder said.

The curriculum was designed by a seven-member committee of senior high teachers and administrators. "The problem is designed to emphasize the need for responsible sexual behavior and to affirm the rights of parents to become involved in the education of their children," and to provide formal decision-making based on factual information, the committee reported.

"ONE OF THE things you're required to do is (tell) parents," she said.

Trinklwalder explained that some materials will not be passed on to students who know their parents and are not interested in sex education.

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