



Jim Bonner, a Catholic Central sophomore, contemplates the future as he listens to Bob Curtis discuss mechanical engineering.

What to do? CC students weigh job choices

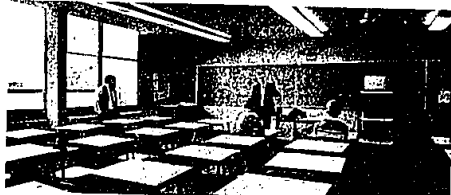
DOCTOR, LAWYER, merchant and more. Catholic Central High School students got to hear from men (and two women) in more than 40 professions at a school-wide Career Day last Friday. More than a fourth of them were Catholic Central alumni.

Counselor Linda Orsargos, who organized the program, sought out professionals in fields in which students had indicated previous interest. Students then signed up for three speakers — with the older students getting first pick.

Sellout fields were most phases of engineering, architecture, marketing, communications, law and law enforcement, medicine, dentistry, psychology and business.

But some more offbeat fields also drew. Steve Joppich, a senior from Farmington, wants to be an attorney, but he learned a lot from Stanley Salkewald Jr.'s description of a funeral director's job.

"I had no idea that job was like that," Joppich said. "He really ex-



Most fields drew larger crowds. However Richard Heaman was able to talk with the two students who signed up for the third of his talks on manufacturing engineering.

plained it graphically. The hour really flew by."

Joppich said he was happy to hear from John Gierak, a corporate attorney and Catholic Central alumnus, that law doesn't always entail going into court.

"He didn't get all A-plusses while he was here either," Joppich said. "I still have a chance."

Speakers were asked to focus on the

following questions:

- What was your personal pattern or path which led you to your present profession?
- What does your career field really involve?
- What types of preparation are necessary and/or helpful to pursue studies in this area?
- What reflections do you have regarding the future in this career area?



Former pro-football player Frenchy Fuqua talked to many a variety-clad student about life in the world of pro sports. The Southfield resident now is in the Detroit News circulation department.

Criminals' booty jumps, cops' statistics reveal

By Joanne Meliszewski
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Although incidents of burglary and robbery in Farmington increased only slightly during 1984, the value of property stolen increased 84 percent over the value taken in 1983.

"It's changed a lot from the precious metals (being stolen). They are still being stolen but on a lesser scale," said Frank Lauff, director of the Farmington Public Safety Department. "What we're seeing now is household appliances being stolen."

The number of robberies increased from three in 1983 to five in 1984, according to the city's annual crime statistics report prepared by Lauff. Burglaries also increased from 142 in 1983 to 146 in 1984.

For burglaries alone, police arrested 18 juveniles and eight adults in 1984. That's compared to four juveniles and two adults the previous year.

While the increase in these reported crimes was slight, the value of property stolen in 1984 totalled \$144,179 compared to \$78,160 in 1983.

But one of the armed robberies accounted for \$25,000 of the total value. The incident involved a new car which was taken during a customer, during a test drive, pulled a gun on a salesman and fled with the car, Lauff said.

When the value of property stolen in robberies and burglaries is combined with that stolen in larcenies and auto thefts in 1984, the total climbs to more than \$418,000. Approximately \$178,000 of the total value stolen has been recovered.

UNLIKE ROBBERY and burglary, however, the number of larcenies and auto thefts committed in Farmington dropped in 1984. The number of larcenies dropped to 313 in 1984 compared to 354 in 1983. Auto thefts also dropped to 42 from 47 in 1983.

Arrested in 1984 for larcenies were 60 adults and 27 juveniles. In 1983, 78 adults and 26 juveniles were arrested.

A drop was also seen in the number of aggravated assaults. In 1984, seven incidents were reported compared to 17 the previous year.

But in 1984, the number of criminal sexual assaults increased from three in 1983 to five. The number of arson fires reported also increased from three in 1983 to six in 1984.

Despite increases in some of the crime categories listed as serious crimes, generally referred to as Part I crimes, the overall number of serious crimes

reported in Farmington during 1984 dropped to 524 from 569 in 1983. Serious crimes specifically include murder, rape, robbery, aggravated assault, burglary, auto theft arson and larceny.

In 1984, as well as over the last 10-year period, the overwhelming majority of criminal incidents were crimes against property, Lauff said. Crimes against property represented 95.4 percent of crimes reported, he added.

The decrease in the number of larcenies, for example, or the 43-percent increase in the number of calls to the department reporting "suspicious activities" is due in large part to the success of the city's Neighborhood Watch program, Lauff said.

"WE BELIEVE that is preventing crime. We have seen a decrease in some of the Neighborhood Watch areas," Lauff said, referring to some of the 35 Farmington blocks organized as watch areas.

Even though the city has experienced fluctuations in various categories of crimes over the last 10 years, Lauff indicated that the crime profile of the community has remained "relatively stable."

"Over a 10-year period it surprisingly stays within a few percentage points," Lauff said. "And it's the same type of crimes."

The annual crime report also shows an increase in the number of Part II offenses such as assault and battery, embezzlement, vandalism, drug and liquor law violations and fraud. In 1984, 1,093 Part II offenses were reported to the department compared to 1,050 in 1983.

The increase in 1984, however, was due in large part to increases in crimes such as Operating Under the Influence of Liquor, other liquor-law violations and no-account and non-sufficient-fund checks, Lauff said in the report.

When the number of incidents reported in both Part I and II crimes is combined, the total number of criminal offenses reported in Farmington in 1984 is 1,619 — identical to the 1983 total.

Also significant is the increase in the number of non-criminal calls for service received by the department in 1984. The total number of calls was up to 5,705 from 5,393 in 1983.

The most significant increase occurred in the categories of suspicious circumstances, which has been attributed to the city's Neighborhood Watch program, Lauff said.

When all three categories of crimes and service are combined, the department logged 7,324 incidents and calls compared to 7,112 in 1983.

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