

Gunderson-Bowen

Mr. and Mrs. Charles G. Gunderson of Farmington Hills have announced the engagement of their daughter, Kristin Elaine of Bloomfield Hills to Robert Emmett Bowen, the son of Mrs. Robert E. Bowen of Dearborn and the late Mr. Bowen.

The bride-elect is a graduate of North Farmington High School, Michigan State University and the University of Colorado. She is employed by the Chrysler Corp., Highland Park. Her fiancé is a graduate of Dearborn High School and the University of Michigan and is employed by the Chrysler Corp.

The couple are planning a September ceremony at First Presbyterian Church, Birmingham.



Weller-Runyan

Mr. and Mrs. James R. Weller of Farmington Hills announce the engagement of their daughter Kathryn Ann to David Alan Runyan, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Runyan of Farmington.

The bride-to-be and her fiancé are both graduates of Farmington High School and Michigan State University. She is employed as a speech-language pathologist and he is employed as a staff accountant with Ernst & Whinney in Detroit.

An August wedding is planned in Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church.



Freeman-Simon

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Freeman, former residents of Farmington Hills and now living in London, England, announce the engagement of their daughter Kristin Leigh to Timothy Donald Simon, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Simon of Farmington Hills.

A June wedding is planned in Hollywood.



NOW president takes 2nd term

Marian McCracken has been elected to her second term of office as president of Michigan NOW (National Organization for Women).

The Farmington Hills resident said she was staying on as head of the 5,000 member state organization

to continue the fight "against conservative attempts to ban Medicaid abortions in Michigan."

The fight she speaks of is against a petition drive sponsored by Michigan Right to Life (MRL), a first-step effort to eliminate state funding of abortions.

NOW takes a role in the battle as one of 37 groups which make up a coalition called "People's Campaign for Choice."

"That's going to take all summer at least," McCracken said. "Our goal is to get the issue on the November (1988) ballot and then get out the vote."

NOW's position on the issue is that taking away state funding for abortions discriminates against financially poor women; in addition, the continuation of Medicaid abortions is financially sound.

The present annual cost of abor-

tions to Medicaid-eligible women in Michigan is approximately \$6 million.

McCracken said studies show that without Medicaid abortions, there would be about 20 percent additional births a year to Medicaid-eligible women. This in turn would increase the tax burden at least \$24 million a year, and it would rise substantially every year after.

"More than half of the people in the U.S. live in states which fund Medicaid abortions, and our most recent polling data shows that the majority of Michigan voters support state funding of abortions, so it's important that we get it on the ballot," McCracken said.

McCracken has been an activist in the women's movement since its inception. She is former school teacher who retired from Farmington Public Schools five years ago.



Marian McCracken

Stamp Club offers covers

The annual Detroit Grand Prix VI Formula One Race will be held in Detroit, June 19-21.

In honor of this event the Wolverine Stamp Club will issue two cancelled covers for each of the three days, a total of six different colors cancelled on the three days of the race.

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The two special programs offered

this summer are "Counselor-in-Training" and "Helping Hands." Young teens are given help to develop their leadership qualities in Counselor-in-Training. "Helping Hands" is academic tutoring for children from kindergarten to sixth grade.

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