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William Wooster, Farmington senior class president, delivered the class address Tuesday night.



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Farmington High graduates whoop it up after Tuesday night's ceremony at Ford Auditorium in downtown Detroit.

## 100th graduation at FHS

"We have the memories of yesterday, we hold the knowledge of today, we reach for the opportunities of tomorrow. — motto for Farmington High School Class of 1989

**T**HEY WERE happy and sad at the same time. Pleased to be graduating, yet sorry to leave everyday life with friends.

They could have been graduates of any area high school last week, but those earning diplomas from Farmington High School had something special — they represent the school's 100th graduating class.

The Tuesday night centennial ceremony was held at 8 p.m. at Ford Auditorium in Detroit, where some 252 students received diplomas. Emphasized on the programs, printed by students at the Farmington High print shop, is the schoolwide motto adopted this year: "Our Future Looks Bright."

Senior class president William Wooster gave the class address and math teacher Marie Aratari spoke on behalf of the staff, while principal Gerald Potter and trustees James Abernethy and Helen Ditzhazy presented the class and gave out diplomas.

Speaking were board president Jack Cotton and superintendent Graham Lewis. Musical presentations were made under the direction of orchestra director Grant Hoemke and choir director Margaret Kolzt.

Senior class officers for 1989 included Wooster, vice president Amber Arbuckle, secretary Deborah Ford and treasurer Nadia Elmagrabi. Class colors at gold and white and class flower white tea rose. The class song is "Friends are Friends Forever."



A 1989 graduate, Julie Kendall, gets a hug from her classmates after graduation ceremonies Tuesday.

## New C'ville chief named

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"He's a stable person, he's not a job hopper, he has enthusiasm, and he's a team player," said trustee Linda Brandemuhl. She echoed the comments of trustee Michael Manore who said Montecillo "shows a great deal of empathy for children."

Trustee Daniel Morrison spoke of "the fact that he went into a district where they were having problems, and brought pride . . . He has an empathy for the dignity of the individual person."

Morrison said that when he visited Montecillo's district, people said that before he took the Taylor job, "They sort of slunk around corners because the district was not well thought of." Teacher Estelle Rice said she was impressed by Montecillo's ability in

Taylor "to rally community and business support," an ability also cited by trustee Linda Ahnert.

**ONE STATEMENT** by Montecillo, 53, "I want to end my career here," raised concern with some parents and teachers.

Brandemuhl said Montecillo made the same statement in his first interview with the board.

"It was a concern of ours," she said, adding that after further discussion with Montecillo, she was satisfied that "he's not going to lay back and count his days."

Instead of sitting behind a desk, the new superintendent said he spends little time in his office. "I'll say I'm accessible," Montecillo said, adding "I'm going to be out and

around, sometimes doing strange things, but for a good reason."

Responding to a question from teacher Frank Hickey on how he'd boost teacher morale — shaken in the district by drawn-out contract talks — Montecillo said, "A school district only exists for kids, everything is ancillary to teachers."

He talked of how kids in early elementary grades learn to turn "scraggly lines into words and sentences. A good teacher at that level is a magician, an artist."

Asked what a good district should offer, Montecillo stressed practical skills, as well as advanced courses for those who benefit from them.

The trustees said they will soon negotiate a contract with Montecillo before he takes his post July 1.

## Co-signing draws more fire

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ring to the agreement. "They (the bank) want their money one way or another."

**BUT BIBEAU** disagreed. The agreement says Marmion is entitled to reimbursement for his costs invested in the building based on an amortization schedule attached to the agreement.

"Maybe Mr. Bibeau should go back and fine tune it because that's not what the contract says," Sowerby said.

The agreement, he said, is unclear whether both the bank and Marmion must be paid off if there is a default. "It is conceivable it could exceed \$250,000 if it's not (made) clear," Sowerby said.

**MARMION SAID** he did not have enough collateral for the loan. The

bank, he said, suggested asking city officials to co-sign.

"I'm not building this to walk out. I've been the pro here for 15 years. The community knows me," Marmion said.

City Manager William Costick said he never expected the agreement to be controversial.

"The city, I don't believe, will ever have any liability if Marmion fulfills his contract."

Bibeau said the agreement calls for Marmion to assign his interests in the project to the bank, including a liquor license that has not yet been obtained.

"There can't be double-dipping here," Bibeau said.

**UNDER THE** agreement, the city owns the building, while Marmion owns the inventory. In the first two years, Marmion will receive all the

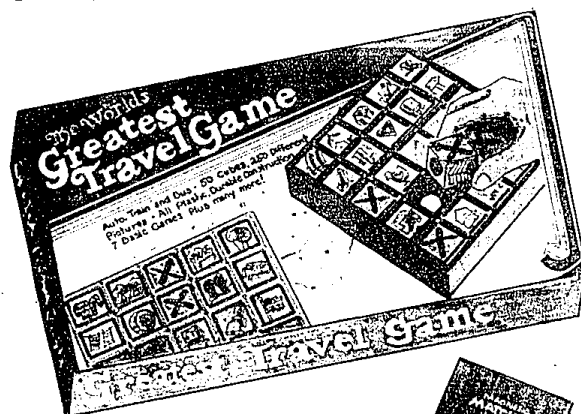
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— Al Marmion

profits from the clubhouse and restaurant; in following years, the city receives a share, Bibeau said.

City officials said that if Marmion defaults on the agreement, the city could operate the restaurant, which most city officials oppose, or a new concessionaire would be hired.

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## 19-year-old worker dies on job in B'ham house

A 19-year-old West Bloomfield Township workman died Tuesday while on the job in a Birmingham home. The cause of death had not been determined by Friday, according to an Oakland County medical examiner spokesman.

Officials there are awaiting the results of a toxicology report on Jeff Gillies, they said.

Gillies, an employee of Pease Floor Coverings, was refinishing

floors in a home at 607 Vinewood. A co-worker heard him fall, but did not see Gillies fall down a flight of stairs, police said. Investigators said he may have broken his neck in the fall. The death was ruled accidental, according to Capt. Millard Squire.

Paramedics were unable to revive Gillies and transported him to Beaumont Hospital, where he was declared dead at 10:33 a.m.

Gillies is survived by his mother,

Denise Lorente of West Bloomfield; father, Robert J. Gillies of Farmington; sisters Heather and Maria, and brothers Michael and Danny.

Gillies attended Lakeside High School in Bloomfield Township and St. Mary's Prep in Orchard Lake, but did not graduate.

Funeral services were handled by McCabe Funeral Home in Farmington Hills. Burial was Saturday in Pine Lake Cemetery.