



An unusual centerpiece, a boar's head cake, graced the table at North Farmington during the school's annual holiday luncheon for staff. This year, humanities students used a medieval theme.

Days of yore

Boar's Head Banquet helps humanities students study medieval times

IT WAS A FEAST fit for North Farmington royalty.

A mock beheading of the queen, juggling, medieval music, and a grooming board of culinary delights greeted the staff, who enjoyed their own version of a Renaissance festival December 22: compliments of the school's humanities class.

"Every year we have a faculty get-together," said teacher Lynn Olson, who coordinated the sensory event called the Boar's Head Banquet.

"I thought if we could add a little flourish, it would be fun."

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"They all did something."

STAFF AND other guests entered an incense-filled cafeteria, dimly lit for atmosphere until students were ready to begin their program.

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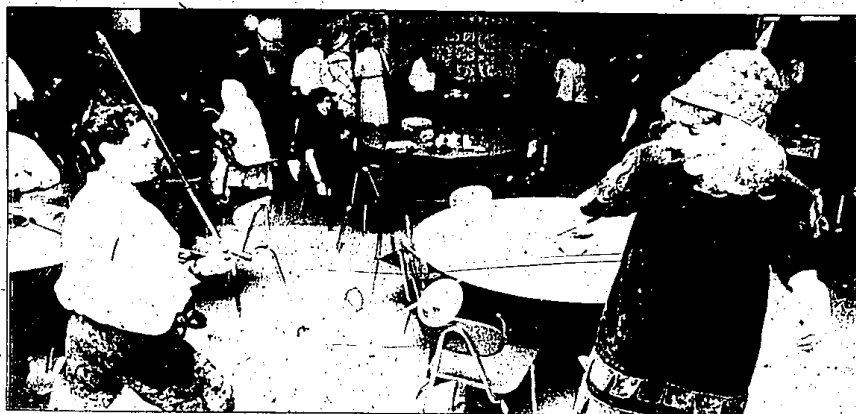
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Meadowbrook Theatre at Oakland University briefed students on costumes earlier in the week, said principal Deborah Clarke.

Although some of the costumes were professional, many were handmade.

The medieval feast was part of the new Humanities program, taught at North Farmington, Harrison and Farmington high schools.

The program emphasizes hands-on learning, and a blending of history art and culture.



North Farmington students Jennifer Shubow and Jeff Selik joust as part of the medieval festivities at the school.



New Queen Tanya Proctor took the throne, with King, Charles Centivny, after the previous queen was "beheaded." The festivities were part of the Boar's Head Banquet at North Farmington High School.



New balustrade

A new balustrade running along the first floor roof line at the Farmington Historical Museum is finally in place, thanks to a \$6,000 grant from the International Organization of Quakers, \$50 from the local Quaker town

Quakers chapter, and \$4,500 from the city's museum budget. Restoration of the balustrade is a significant step toward preserving history, according to local historians.

Sculptors prepare for ice show

CULINARY ARTS students from nearly high schools and community colleges spent part of their holiday vacation carving ice sculptures in preparation for two upcoming ice festivals.

The sculptures were prepared for the Plymouth International Ice Sculpture Spectacular and for the Michigan Winter Ice Festival.

The student competition for the Plymouth International Ice Festival will be 9 a.m. to noon Sunday, Jan. 29. Among those competing will be culinary art students from Schoecraft College, Oakland Community College, Henry Ford Community College, Livonia Franklin and Plymouth Canton high schools. The festival begins Jan. 16.

The Michigan Winter Ice Festival will be Jan. 2 at the Michigan State Fairgrounds.

In addition to the student competition at the fairgrounds, Jim Rudy, owner of Midwest Ice Company, has invited 15 professional sculptors to compete at the Michigan Winter Ice Festival to sculpt on Feb. 17.

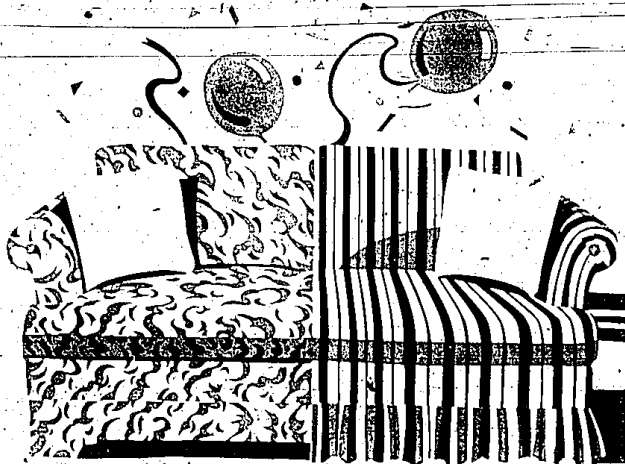
The Plymouth Ice Festival will feature professional ice sculptors from Japan and the Soviet Union. Three professional winners in the Plymouth competition will be invited to the festival in the Soviet Union in March.

In the Plymouth student competition the first place winner gets a \$250 scholarship, second place \$200, third place \$175, fourth place \$150 and fifth place a \$125 scholarship.

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