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WHO'S WHO

The 1993 edition of "Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges" will include the names of four students from William Tyndale College in Farmington Hills. These students were selected as outstanding campus leaders by a nominating faculty committee. They are: Catherine Allen, Jeffrey Rowland, Sarah Sims and Fern Rita Smith.

Students were selected based on their academic achievement, service to the community, leader-

ship in extracurricular activities, and potential for continued success.

They join an elite group of students selected from more than 1,400 institutions of high learning in all 50 states, the District of Columbia and several foreign nations.

ASSISTANT STAGE MANAGER

Anjalee Deshpande, daughter of Ashok and Asha Deshpande, of Farmington Hills, was the assistant stage manager for Kalamazoo College's fall theater produc-

tion of "Ubu, the King" by Alfred Jarry.

The landmark absurdist comedy was staged Nov. 19-22.

Deshpande, a sophomore, is a graduate of North Farmington High School. She is a theater major and the recipient of a theater scholarship.

CHORALE

Cynthia Lynn, of Northville, and Mark Reagan, a Farmington resident, became members of the 1992-1993 chorale at Taylor University. Both are Farmington High school graduates.

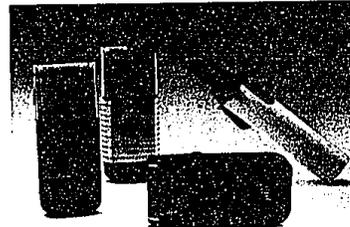
Cynthia is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Lynn. She is majoring in music at Taylor and is a senior this fall.

Mark is the son of Mr. and Mrs. David Reagan. He is majoring in music at Taylor and is a freshman this fall.

The chorale performs a repertoire selected from the Renaissance through contemporary periods, including hymns and spirituals. The chorale highlights each year with a spring break tour.

Taylor University is a Christian liberal arts institution in Upland, Ind.

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Jewish leader mourned

BY CASEY HANS STAFF WRITER



Longtime Jewish community leader William Avrunin was mourned by friends and family last week and remembered fondly by those who knew him.

"He was a very kind man," said George Stutz, a family friend and professional acquaintance who had known Avrunin for 40 years. "He was not only a good professional, but someone who understood people's feelings."

Avrunin, 81, died Nov. 19 following an illness of about two years. He was a longtime Southfield resident.

Stutz said his friend should be remembered not only for his involvement with the Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Detroit, but for the way he linked the federation and other groups including many social service and community agencies.

"He could be found everywhere," Stutz added.

Avrunin came to the Federation — then known as the Jewish Welfare Federation — in 1948 as associate director, eventually becoming executive director in 1964, executive vice-president in 1967 and then served as executive vice-president emeritus until his death.

His daughter Stephanie Waldman, remembered her father as a "wonderful husband" and family man who provided well for them and had everything in order when he died. "He wasn't the kind of guy who got down on the floor and played with you," she added. "You learned to appreciate him more the older he got. He always took care of business — he just always did the right thing."

He officially retired from the organization in 1976, though continued to provide counsel to those who followed in his footsteps.

Current federation president David Page and executive vice-president Robert Aronson released a statement in which they said Avrunin was key to shaping the post-war Detroit-area Jewish community. "His abilities were acknowledged throughout the country, and a generation of Detroit Jewish leadership owes a debt of gratitude to this extraordinary teacher and role model," their statement said. "Even though he officially retired in 1976, Bill continued to counsel succeeding federation executives who respected his knowledge, his judgment and experience."

In addition to his many affiliations with numerous Jewish groups, Avrunin served as an author and lecturer. A Cleveland native, he held a journalism degree from Ohio State University and a graduate degree in applied social science from Western Reserve University and had worked at the Cleveland Plain Dealer as a reporter and as an investigator for a county welfare department in Ohio.

A 1976 interview with the Eccentric painted Avrunin as a modest man who preferred discussing the many people he had dealt with over the years. He called his affiliation with the Federation "a way of life."

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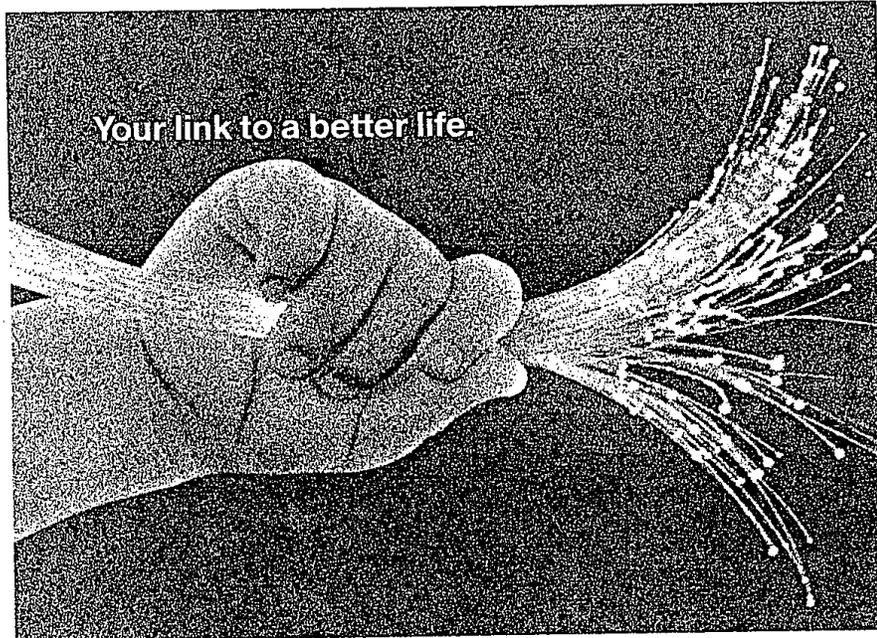
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