

**CARRIER OF THE MONTH: FARMINGTON**

Meghan, 14, delivers the Observer in the Lincolnshire subdivision. She has been delivering the Observer since August 1990. The Mercy High School ninth grader's favorite subjects are math and art. Her hobbies are piano competitions and basketball. Meghan would like to go to college and get a degree to teach the deaf. Managing money and meeting customers are some of the things she has learned about on her paper route. A route helps students learn to be responsible, she's found. If you want to be a Farmington Observer carrier, please call 591-0500



Meghan Erickson



Big moment: Marilyn Fullerton, LTU's Employee of the Year, shows off her award as Mary Marburger, former LTU president Richard Marburger and current president Dr. Charles Chambers look on.

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before dry cleaning them because otherwise they wouldn't look white," he said. Karakashian, who along with his brother Jack, owns the Farmington Hills store along with a Country Cleaners in Novi and Rosedale Cleaners in Livonia, said his company is the only one in the area to have the new technology to his knowledge. "We've always prided ourselves on being able to clean special fabrics, such as silks," he said. "In fact, women's clothing and lingerie has been a big part of our business. But don't look for coupons to this dry cleaners, which depends largely on word-of-mouth and

repeats. Karakashian, 43, said shirts cleaned and pressed at Country Cleaners are hand finished, so they don't have those tell-tale sleeve wrinkles. That will cost you \$1.50 at Country Cleaners rather than the 39-99 cents you pay elsewhere. "Our customers have noticed the difference," he said. "If you feel like you got your money's worth, you don't mind paying more." Although he may be the first in the area to own the more environment-friendly machine, EPA regulations will require dry cleaners to adopt the new method by 1997, Karakashian said.

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**Lawrence Tech honors Hills resident**

Marilyn Fullerton's job in the registrar's office at Lawrence Technological University started in 1978 as a means to a paycheck, but after 16 years the job has provided more than money. It has given Fullerton many memories and friends. "I enjoy Lawrence Tech," said the Farmington Hills resident. "I enjoy helping the students. I cry at every commencement," she said. "I know a lot of the students. There's a few that are special to me." Fullerton has been named the 1993 Employee of the Year at Southfield's Lawrence Tech. She will receive a \$1,000 award from the Richard E. and Mary E. Marburger Fund for Excellence. Fullerton, and architecture professor Gordon Bugbee, named the winner of the 1993 Teaching Excellence Award, were honored at a reception Oct. 19. "This award goes to the registrar's office, not just me. Everybody says how helpful I am, but I can only be helpful because of their backing and support," Fullerton said, referring to her

colleagues. At any Lawrence Tech function there is a chance Fullerton will be there, helping with whatever needs to be done. Fullerton, a registrar's assistant, takes on a number of tasks, including coordinating orientation with the Student Affairs Office; helping students with registration; working on student files; and supervising the part-time employees in the Registrar's Office. For students, there is always a sympathetic ear waiting for them in the registrar's office. But Fullerton, even with her very ready smile and easily provoked laugh, is no softy. "I used to be told I was too much of a mom to the students," Fullerton said. "That's my way — if they need help I try my best. We can't always give them their way." Her commitment to education began in the early 1970s as teacher's aide at Beechview Elementary School in the Farmington School District. She also served as a noon aid.

"Some of the students from those elementary school days came in here and were surprised to find me. They'd tell me how mean I was," she said, stopping to laugh. "I used to make them hold my hand, and everybody would know they were in trouble." Fullerton is still ready to hold a hand, or to pat it, or just spend some time talking to help a student out. But she is also ready to do the same for any of the staff at Lawrence Tech. She is still "Mom." "I'm eligible for retirement in 1997. I'll continue to work until then. After that, I'll see. I want to keep working," she said. "They'll probably have to carry me out. That's the only way Lawrence Tech will get rid of me." Four other finalists were recognized by the Employee Recognition Committee of the staff senate, Chantal Gonzales, of the Veraldi Center; John Greden, of the Edward Donley Computer Center; David Reinhart, of the EDCO; and Leo Keshishian, of mechanical engineering.

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