

COMMUNITY LIFE

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Schools get poor review

The Farmington Public Schools organized the Frameworks committee about four years ago with about 30 interested parents, teachers and administrators.

It has since narrowed down to eight members; four from the schools administration, two teachers, and two parents. In October of 1994, this group released subtenant guidelines.

When approved by the Farmington school board, it will formally state a policy against pursuing high standards of academic excellence through the tracking of the academically gifted.

The document states as its rationale, "Combining students of all achievement levels enhances student learning. Conversely, tracking and ability grouping compounds the disadvantages of lower achieving students and sometimes adversely affect higher achieving students. We are committed to a curriculum which ensures that all students have an equitable opportunity to learn and which does not provide any student or group of students an advantage at the expense of others."

Of course, there are some exemptions to these new guidelines. The schools won't, for example, be allowing just any mediocre musical talent on the school symphonic band; this kind of equity could be offensive to the ears. But Advanced Placement class, come one come all. Evidently, the standards are so low now just about anyone can give an AP class a shot. Of course, for team sports like football, there will be as much physical ability track-

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Hugs and hopes: Audrie Chernaukas embraces her pageant princess, Kirsten Haglun, of Farmington after learning she won the Miss Farmington/Farmington Hills Scholarship program.

Pageant winner dances to victory

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Audrie Ann Chernaukas won the hearts of judges tip-toeing in a ballet routine at the Miss Farmington/Farmington Hills Scholarship Pageant Wednesday, but during her one year reign she plans to help

stamp out smoking.

Chernaukas won three times at the pageant; she was crowned Miss Farmington/Farmington Hills, she sold the most advertisements for the pageant program, and scored the highest points in the talent competition.

"I plan to go to schools and church affiliated youth groups to spread the message to young children about how harmful smoking is for them," Chernaukas said minutes after she was crowned by the outgoing pageant winner, Megan Kate Smith.

"As the number of young smokers

increases, it becomes more apparent and necessary that children be educated about the harmful effects of smoking," said Chernaukas, who volunteers for the Michigan Cancer Foundation and the American Lung

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