

Rockets cheerleaders take top honors - again

On Saturday, Nov. 9, the Farmington Rockets cheerleaders won top medals for the second year in a row.

The Western Suburban Junior Football League rally was held at Central Middle School in Plymouth and was hosted by the Canton Lions. Out of 14 cheerleading squads judged by Mid-American PomPon, the Rockets freshmen team cheered their way to first place and a gold medal.

■ Of 14 squads competing, the Farmington Rockets freshman team took first place and won a gold medal.

Parent coaches are Debbie Marcus, head coach, Michele Malby and Denise Bratcher.

The Rockets junior varsity squad placed second and received silver medals and also won the spirit stick award, which is given to the squad with the most enthusiasm.

The j.v. squad is coached by

parents Patty Schauer, head coach, and Sandy Kneller. Teen coach Tara Herdell, who coached the j.v. girls to second place this year and first place last year, is a spirited Farmington High School varsity cheerleader.

The j.v. squad includes Taylor Anderson, Julio Aoun, Ashley Butler, Andrea D'Agostino, Lauren D'Agostino, Angela Fodor, Lindsay Forester, Adriane Grace, Mary Beth Inconelli, Kathleen Jankra, Ashley Kneller, Danielle Lantz, Krysten



Reigning queen: Annette Hohl, current Miss Farmington, meets with young fans.

Pageant gears up for '97

July, 1996 was an excellent month for the Miss Farmington/Farmington Hills scholarship program.

The pageant gave \$13,450 in scholarships to the contestants of the Miss Farmington/Farmington Hills program. Not only were scholarships given to the queen and first runner up, but all contestants went home with some scholarship money.

Annette Hohl, the reigning queen, will be able to graduate from Michigan State and continue her master's degree with the \$10,000 scholarship that was

given to her by William Tyndale College. Several other businesses are interested in becoming sponsors.

Applications for contestants can be obtained by calling the pageant office between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Monday to Friday at 471-9042, and are available at the Farmington Chamber of Commerce office during regular business hours.

Tickets for this year's program go on sale April 1. Andrie Chornuckas, 1996 Miss Michigan community service winner, and Cathleen Webb will emcee.

Education

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initials of acronym for pompous titles and did not try to impress by obfuscating with verbosely jumbled, jargoned words.

Our only source of learning and of gaining knowledge was in reading, and that was the totality of our schooling. We used textbooks which contained facts and information and not many pictures, written in language of an elevated tone and containing perfect grammar, punctuation, spelling and complete sentences.

We read the classics and a great deal of other literature, English and American.

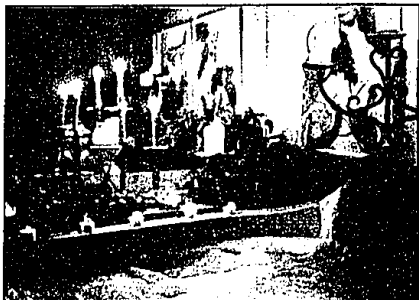
We learned basics, how to add, subtract, multiply and divide, by repetition, memorization and our fingers. Our spelling was learned the same way. We took Latin, French and Spanish. We learned algebra, geometry and trigonometry and had courses in biology, physics, chemistry, world and American history, government, grammar and composition.

We learned because we read, and because we read, we still retain what we learned. In those years, grades 1 to 12, in a rural public school system, a better education was received than is currently available in any college.

I have spent a good half hour in the dictionary, trying to discover the elements of education.

Knowledge is the sum of information which is conserved by a civilization. Civilization is a culture in which exist all the arts and science. Education is the cultivation and seeding of the mind. Education is the distilling out of each of us the barbarian, the animal. To learn is to acquire the basic knowledge and refinements of civilization, the lessons and uses of the past.

(Nick Spicer, a retired attorney, was raised in Farmington and attended school here in the 1940s.)



TRENDY: The hydrotherapy pool at Tamara's spa.

Trends

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Many people are turning away from cigarettes, but they're picking up cigars instead. Bottled water may go down the drain as the cocktail returns, especially the martini.

Gaynor anticipates an interest in bars dedicated specifically for champagne sipping and fine wine tasting.

"Now we're leading two lives," he said. "No smoking, no drinking at lunch. When you leave work, you put on your play clothes."

Affluent boomers don't mind spending the money for premium drinks, along with expensive cigars and steak dinners.

Their belief is "I earned it," he said.

For women's clothes and make-up, Gaynor sees shades of purple leading the fashion parade, along with pastels in blue, green, pink and yellow. The most striking hair color will be red, as well as tints in metallic colors.

"Your vibrant shades, fuchsia, purples and citron colors, will be big for spring and summer," said Lori Cohen, sales promotion manager at Jacobson's in Birmingham.

"Sherbet colors, most definitely. You'll see it in ready to wear, and most of the time home accessories will mimic this."

At Beaton Colors, a hair salon in Birmingham, owner Jeffrey Beaton said that for hair color "metallic stuff has been going on a long time," especially gold and silver in models hair for shoots. Red hair is already popular, but companies have new products that can make some hair colors even more in vogue.

"When I do color, the bottom line is if it looks good on them," Beaton stressed.

Gaynor and other fashion types predict women going for the 1940s glamor, with Eva Peron dresses and accessories, as seen in the movie "Evita."

On the cooking and dining scene, spices of Southeast Asia (lemon grass and cilantro) are expected to become pantry staples, said Gaynor.

On the electronics end, consumers will be using smaller, hand held computers, Web TV to hook them into the Internet, and video-conferencing.



Another era: Farmington High School as it appeared in the 1940s.

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It is important to educate yourself before taking on such a project. For example, inexpensive cosmetic improvements often give the greatest return—paint will increase the value three times for every dollar invested. Landscaping, carpeting, and light fixtures are also relatively inexpensive improvements. Expensive structural improvements, such as a new roof, plumbing, wiring, or foundation repairs, usually add very little to the market value of a home.

Remodeling a kitchen will rarely add more than the cost, but new appliances usually give a fine return. An extra bathroom is the best renovation from an investment point of view, often giving twice its cost in added value; the worst investment is a swimming pool.

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