



Enthusiastic: Above, Melissa Bouchard shows her spirit—and her skill with makeup—during the homecoming festivities. At right, Director Emeritus Doug MacQueen leads the NFHS band.

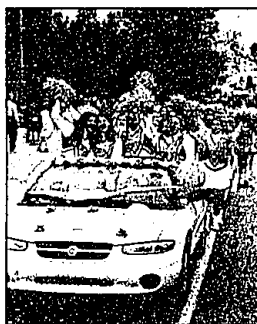


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Cheers: At left, the varsity cheerleaders get a ride during the pre-game parade. Above, the band follows up a masked Raider.

Homecoming a hit at North

By TIM SMITH
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Homecoming is where the heart is at North Farmington High School.

"I think it was one of the best homecomings we've ever had," said North Farmington High Principal Deborah Clarke about the Saturday, Sept. 20 proceedings. "The spirit level was really high."

The positive energy was building from the previous weekend, Clarke said, when parents had their own pep assembly to "get a taste" of the fun atmosphere for

themselves. A successful "Spirit Week" ensued, followed by the students' own pep assembly Friday.

One reason cited by Clarke for the enthusiastic week is the outstanding beginning to the fall 1997 sports season at the school. But she also credited hard working student council members and faculty members.

"We had a lot of the kids in student council getting the school ready with planning and promoting," Clarke said. "Then there was the level of energy created by staff and students. It's a lot of fun. Even the teachers got dressed up. And, the kids are really fired up this year."

Clarke said a parade kicked off homecoming proceedings, based on a Hawaiian theme. Appropriately, watching the bands and floats were many people wearing colorful leis around their necks. The victorious class float was

the seniors, with "The Big Kahuna." Other floats were as follows: juniors, "Treasure Island"; sophomores, "North Rocks and Stevenson Falls"; freshmen, "Surfer"; and the band, "Pigskin Roast."

North and Livonia Stevenson then squared off for the homecoming football game, which the Raiders won 14-7. At halftime of the contest, the winning float was announced as was the homecoming queen and her court.

Picked to represent the school as "Homecoming Queen" was senior Lauren Fleming. Rounding out the court were seniors Stephanie White, Tina Ventura, junior Mami Zack, sophomore Joanne Shunia and freshman Dana Lyons.

Clarke said the homecoming dance also was a big hit. Although not able to estimate attendance, she said there was "a line at the door" to get inside.

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