

C'ville students must make grade before hitting the road

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Beginning this summer, driver education students in the Clarenceville district will need to make the grade before they make it onto the road.

The Clarenceville Board of Education April 22 approved requiring students to carry a 2.0 grade point average beginning this summer. This translates into a C average and represents the cumulative GPA from the student's most recent semester.

"We are moving in that direc-

tion with all our athletics and also extending it to other extracurricular activities," said Tom Tattan, Clarenceville superintendent.

Approximately 20 to 40 students annually take driver education in Clarenceville. So far, none of the incoming class is affected by the grade requirements, he said.

Public school districts are no longer required to provide driver education, but Clarenceville offers a six-week course for \$100, Tattan said.

However, the declining num-

bers of students taking driver education might prompt future changes.

"...The low number of students enrolling in the summer driver education program gives rise to a future need to evaluate the program offering in the district," Tattan wrote in a memo to the board. "We will monitor the enrollment numbers this summer and provide a direction for the 2000-2001 school year."

The driving force behind the change is having one grade requirement for all activities rather than different require-

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ments. Previously the GPA requirement for driver education was 1.69, according to John

Kanyo, Clarenceville school board president. There have never been grade problems with

driver education students.

"That wasn't the issue," he said, referring to low grades.

The district just wants to make the requirements the same — whether a student wants to learn to drive or play on the football team.

"We wanted to raise that bar for everything — driver education and all other extracurricular activities," Kanyo said. "We wish we could raise it higher, but there comes a certain point, where you can't."

CAMPUS PIPELINE

WALSH SCHOLARS

The following Farmington/Farmington Hills residents were awarded scholarships for the Winter 1999 semester:

Mora Brown, David Schaefer, Jonathan Schroeder, Dennis Smith, Laurel Berry, Jill Bodenhafer, Jeffrey Brown, Sarah Brudi, Gerald Cameron, Tara Kachaturoff, Alexander Macloce, Dennis Sikkila, Eric Syverson, Lynne Willard and Jillian Wright.

QUEEN PLEDGE

Kristen Wild pledged the Albion College Pi chapter of Kappa Alpha Theta during the spring semester. She is the daughter of Edward and Claudia Wild of Farmington and a graduate of Farmington High School.

VARSITY SWIMMER

Danielle Clayton received her first year varsity letter in swimming from Saint Mary's College, Notre Dame, Ind. Clayton broke the 50 freestyle school record and was a member of the record breaking 200 medley relay.

Clayton is a graduate of Mercy High School and the daughter of John and Sue Clayton of Farmington Hills.

Spanish Study
North Farmington High School graduate and current Kalamazoo College student Bradley Rivers will spend the spring term studying in Madrid, Spain.

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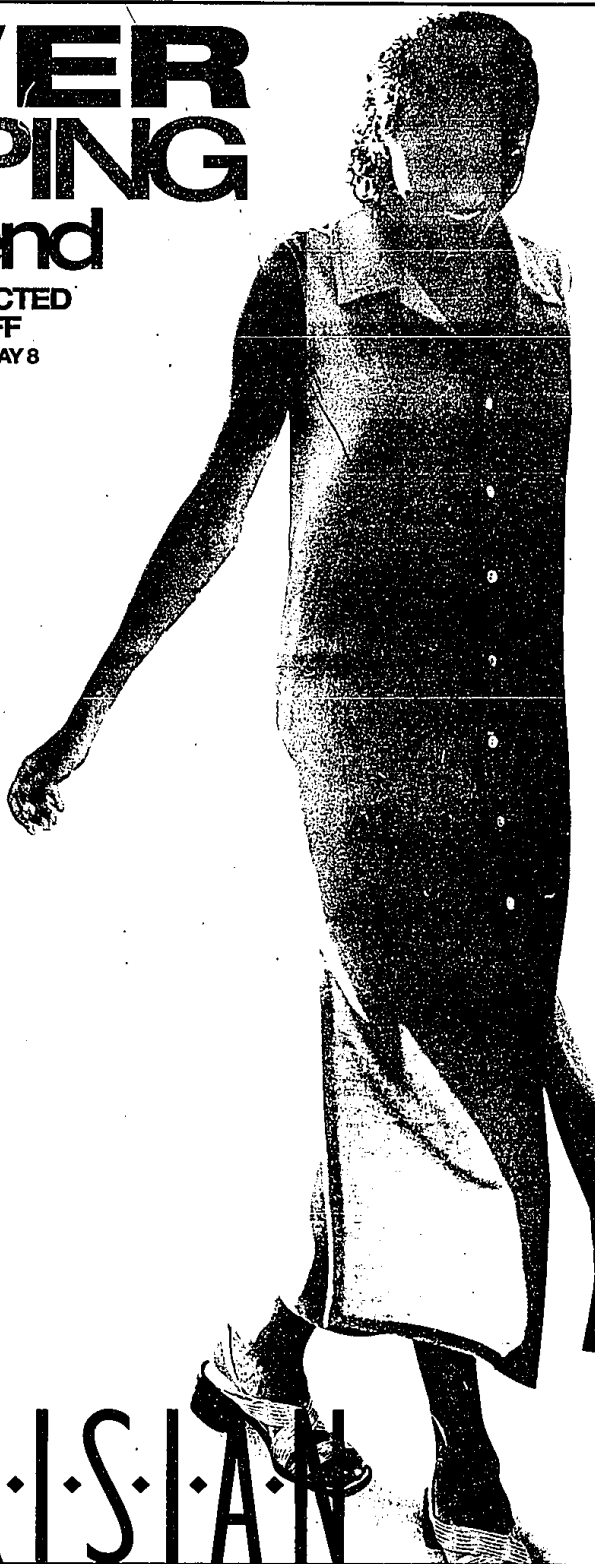
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