



U-M Gymnasts To Visit N. F'ton

The University of Michigan gymnastics team will be at North Farmington High School for an exhibition on Friday, Nov. 15. Admission is \$1.

The U of M team, one of the best in the nation, has been Big Ten champion from 1961-66 and in '68.

Among the outstanding performers is Dave Jacobs, 1967 NCAA champion in floor exercise and trampoline events, and current world trampoline champion.

Ron Rapper, '68 Big Ten parallel bars champion, placed third in the NCAA meet. George Hutzicker was first in the '68 NCAA meet on the trampoline and placed fifth in floor exercise.

Proceeds will go to the North Farmington and U of M gymnastics clubs. The North Farmington gym team itself has been one of the best in the state in recent years.

Mercy High Celebrates Senior Ring Blessing

By DEBBIE BLAUH
Our Lady of Mercy High School

Mercy High School's 293 seniors recently celebrated the blessing of their class rings in the Mercy Provincialate chapel.

The ring blessing was incorporated into an evening mass offered by Rev. Pouget.

The mass was Miss Bossa Nova, and students not only participated in playing guitars, but also assisted in the liturgy.

The theme of the ring blessing was, "I have friends to

discover and a great many things to understand."

Senior Class President Jo Ellen Rick said, "The purpose of the ring blessing was exactly what the theme expressed and Father Pouget related in his sermon. Our class rings are a symbol of our years at Mercy and the friends and discoveries we have made here. In a sense, we are all sharing our rings with each member of the class."

Top Ten Songs

- (1) Hold Me Tight - Johnny Nash
- (2) Who's Making Love - Johnny Taylor
- (3) Ramblin' Gambelin' Man - Bob Seger
- (4) Love Child - The Supremes
- (5) Those Were The Days - Mary Hopkin
- (6) Hey Jude/Revolution - Beatles
- (7) Sunday Sun - Neil Diamond
- (8) White Room - Cream
- (9) Do Something To Me - Tommy James
- (10) Both Sides Now - Judy Collins

Miss Kitzman Begins Student Teaching

Jo Ann Kitzman, of 32015 Bretton Road, Livonia, a student at Wheaton (MI) College, is participating in the college student teaching program for the first semester of the 1968-69 year.

Miss Kitzman is teaching fourth grade at Lincoln Elementary School in Wheaton.



SENIOR SCOUT JANET ALEXANDER, at piano (picture taken when still a Cadette), is one of the four Girl Scouts chosen from the Detroit area to be in this picture which will appear for the month of March in the 1969 Scout calendar. From left, Senior Scout Jocelyn Burfell of Detroit, Janet Alexander of Redford Township, Junior Scout Janice Baker of Grosse Pointe, and Cadette Scout Sally Meyer of Trenton.

St. Agatha Sophomore In Calendar Picture

"I thought it was a great honor, I was really surprised," said Janet Alexander, 15, one of the four Girl Scouts from Michigan in the March picture of the 1969 Girl Scout Calendar. Janet is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard R. Alexander, of 19263 Lenore, Redford Township.

This is the first time in the 25 years of the calendar's publication that Michigan scouts have appeared.

HER TROOP was one of the four that had the biggest attendance at the Detroit Symphony, thus qualifying it for the calendar. Then Janet was chosen from a field of competent musicians to be pictured at the piano.

The St. Agatha High sophomore has played the piano for five years. "I really didn't think that I was qualified," said Janet, "so it was quite a surprise."

JANET PLANS to go all the way to the rank of leader in the scouts, "I have this year and two more as a senior scout," she said, "then I become an aide and after that a leader."

Her mother is also active in the scouts. Mrs. Alexander is the troop organizer for the neighborhood which includes Brownies, Juniors, Cadettes, and Seniors. She was the leader of her daughter's troop when Janet was in her second year of Brownies.

Janet's interests include baseball and horseback riding. She would like to attend Michigan State University and major in mathematics.



THE OBSERVER NEWSPAPERS nominate Linda Shelly, captain of Farmington High's cheerleaders, as cheerleader of the week.

The children are home from school on Veteran's Day

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Young Wheelmen Seek Open Space

The boys of Junior High East, Plymouth, are upset over the lack of facilities in the area to ride mini-bikes, and motor bikes and drive go-karts.

"We aren't looking for a place to ruin property, but a place to enjoy our hobbies," said Jack Lawrence, a ninth grader.

The law in Michigan says that a person must be 15 years old with a driver's license to operate any vehicle on the road, but those under 16 may ride their bikes in a field or a designated spot as long as it

isn't on a street.

THE PROBLEM is that there is no place for these boys to use. They don't want to lose their hobbies and have to sell them.

"We put a lot of time and money into our bikes, and if we have to sell them, we lose money... hard-earned money," said Jack.

"Mini-bike, motor bike and go-kart drivers with proper guidance and instruction for rules of safety will become better automobile drivers," Jack said, "because they will learn

the rules of the road and highway safely before they get behind the wheel."

The boys in this area want a safe location with adult supervision, appointed to enforce rules and regulations.

THEY FEEL a sponsorship is needed to provide the use of such an area, along with registration forms and insurance.

"If such an area were designated, the boys in this area would participate in the upkeep of the property as thanks for the use of it," Jack said.

At Workshop

Three staff members representing Clarenceville School District recently attended a Science for Early Elementary Teachers Workshop on the Michigan State University campus.

They are Mrs. Patricia J. Vickery, elementary school consultant; Mrs. Ruth N. Pilliar, principal of Westbrook elementary school; and Mrs. Norma Kitzman of the elementary intern program.

Guest Teen Editorial KDB Teens Work For A Needed Goal



MELANIE ROBINSON

BOTH OF THESE groups of young people were interested in changing and improving America. The sign carriers saw all of our country's problems and weaknesses but offered only their opinions.

The only difference between the two was that the Detroit teens were trying to help solve some of their city's problems through actual work.

Our government offers the discontented the right to dissent, but it also offers the dissatisfied the right to make changes and improvements.

While some dream and plan for a Utopian society, others, more realistic, bring the hard work of cleaning the streets and campaigning to improve their cities.

THE HARD WORKERS are beginning to reach their goals, while their more peaceful counterparts still parade the streets seeking love and understanding.

Even though the volunteers can answer many of today's problems, they must continue working to be certain the problems of the future can also be solved. Their goal of a fair and honest America will eventually be reached when Indian children living on reservations learn to read and write English, and when the poor of the cities and Southern Appalachia can find jobs in business and industry.

The KDB teens, and others like them, realize their city is needed not only in Detroit, Michigan, but in Detroit's area over the country. Still, they continue to work for what they realize their investment is total.

EDITOR'S NOTE: The following editorial was written by Melanie Robinson, 17, a senior at Plymouth High School.

This summer a group of Detroit teenagers spent an afternoon raking papers and beer cans out of a vacant lot near Grand River. Many of the workers wore badges on their jackets that said "KDB Teens Care."

Keep Detroit Beautiful, more commonly known as KDB, is the code for more than a thousand Detroit teens, who after the Detroit riot thought that there must be a better way for their city, a better way made possible through planning and the work of volunteers.

The same day, several beautiful flower people on a New York City street corner were carrying signs protesting the war, our president and the American system in general. Their plans for improving the country were quite simple. Stop the bombing, and love your neighbor.

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Society Honors Area Students At Schockcraft

Schockcraft College's Omnicron Iota chapter of the national scholastic honorary society for community colleges, inducted four new members in ceremonies at the college recently.

Inducted in the special rites at 2 p.m. in the lower level of the Lois L. Waterman Campus Center were Maureen Hayes, 34607 Wood Drive, and Mary Polanch, 32254 Barkley Ave., both of Livonia; Donald Weigand, 9012 Rocker, Plymouth; and Frederick Flynn, 14647 Stratmoor, Detroit.

Theodore Pfeiffer, president of the chapter, presided at the ceremony. Dr. Ralph Atchley, chemistry instructor at the college, is faculty advisor. A reception followed the ceremony.

2 From Plymouth Attend Wheaton

Two Plymouth students enrolled in Wheaton College, Wheaton, Ill., this fall.

Stephanie K. Senocki, of 42757 Phoenix Court, a grad of Plymouth High School, entered as a freshman and William L. Evans, of 15114 Maplewood, enrolled as a junior after two years at Schockcraft College.

Wheaton College is a coeducational liberal arts college which combines conservative Christian faith and practice with high academic standards.

Farmington Girl Enters Brandeis

Shira Lynn Young, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Irving I. Young, of 32280 Shrewsbury, Farmington, is among 804 students beginning their freshman year at Brandeis University in Waltham, Mass.

Livonia Coed Pledged By AXO

Louise Zevchak, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Zevchak, of 8904 East Clements Circle, Livonia, has been pledged by the Gamma Xi Chapter of Alpha Chi Omega at Western Michigan University, where she is a freshman.

Pledged By WMU Sorority

Linda Schmitt, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Schmitt, of 36095 Scone, Livonia, has been pledged by the Gamma Xi chapter of the Delta Zeta Sorority at Western Michigan University.

Miss Schmitt is a freshman and is an English-secondary education major.

She has been elected historian of her pledge class.

Cynthia Clark Joins Chorus

Cynthia Ann Clark, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Clark, 34884 Grandon, Livonia, is a member of the 1968-69 Capella Singers at David Lipscomb College, Nashville.

Miss Clark is a graduate of Franklin High School and is an elementary education major.

Sue Robinson Selected For College Band

Suzanne Margaret Robinson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James H. Robinson, 8555 Canton Center Road, Plymouth, has won a position in the David Lipscomb College Band, Nashville.

Miss Robinson is a graduate of Plymouth High School where she was the art editor for the year book and participated in dramatics, the choir and the mixed chorus. She plays clarinet.

Jerry Young Has Lead Role

Jerry Young, son of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Young, of 28385 Juggalyn Drive, Livonia, has a leading role in the all-student production of Gilbert and Sullivan's "H.M.S. Pinafore" to be presented Nov. 1 and 2 at Taylor University, Upland, Ind.

Young, a junior music major in voice, graduated from Bentley High School in 1965. He is a member of the Music Club, the Taylor Chorus, the Oratorio Chorus and sings with the Patch of Blue musical group. He played the tenor lead in "The Mlladno" and also had a role in "Don Pasquale" last semester.

3 Area Students Enter Miami's Honors Program

Robin Gephart, of 28411 Ridgebrook, Suzanne Roberts, of 28337 Bradyville, both of Farmington, and Mark Whitaker, of 19255 Ridgewood, Plymouth, have been selected for Miami University's honors program in Oxford, Ohio.

Plymouth Cadet Receives Medals

Cadet aspirant Kurt R. Thornbladt, junior, of 15018 Maplewood Lane, Plymouth, received the American Legion Silver Medal for Scholastic Excellence and Department of Military Science Academic Ribbon for Leadership and Academic Achievements at an outdoor military ceremony at Ripon College, in Ripon, Wis.

Miss Richardson Attends Anderson

Cheryl Diane Richardson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Richardson, of 14595 Shadywood, Plymouth, is among 452 freshmen enrolled for the fall semester at Anderson College, in Anderson, Ind.

Miss Richardson, a graduate of Plymouth High School, anticipates a major in speech.

Plymouth Grad Enters Bryan

Thomas L. Cape, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas H. Cape, of 46511 Betty Hill, Plymouth, has begun his studies at Bryan College, Dayton, Tenn.

Cape, a freshman majoring in business administration, graduated from Plymouth High School in 1968.

GVSC Picks Nancy Timmer As Daisy Mae

Nancy E. Timmer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Timmer, 3185 Eycroft, Farmington, was chosen to reign as "Daisy Mae" at the Grand Valley State College Saddle Hawkins dance, Oct. 2.

Miss Timmer is a freshman at Grand Valley and a '68 graduate of North Farmington High School.