

6 From Mercy High Win National Honors

FARMINGTON Six students from Our Lady of Mercy Catholic High School in Farmington were among the national winners in the 1972 AAA School Traffic Safety Poster Contest.

It was the 23rd year that Mercy students won national awards in the AAA contest with much of the credit due to Sister Mary Ignatius, senior high art teacher at Mercy.

Sister Ignatius has been a teacher at Mercy for 50 years, having celebrated her golden anniversary last month, of which she has taught art for 48 years.

THIS YEAR was the 23rd time some of the Sister's art

students have won national awards in the AAA contest. Because of the consistency of Mercy students winning awards, the awards banquet was held in Farmington this year in the Botisford Inn instead of Detroit.

The six winners from Mercy were Janet Gross, 14, Anna Amato, 14, Diane Joniec, 17, Roseann Hebel, 16, Kim Miller, 16, and Linda Witkowski, 16.

Miss Gross of Orchard Lake is the third member of her family to become a national winner in the AAA contest. An older sister has been a national winner twice. She received \$75 for placing

second in the junior high division for her poster with the theme "Stay Away From Traffic."

Using the same theme, Miss Amato of Livonia placed third in the junior high division and received a \$25 savings bond.

MISS JONIEC of Farmington placed second in senior high competition and received \$75 for her poster with the theme "Be Bright At Night."

Miss Hebel of Farmington placed third in the same division and using the same theme to receive \$25.

placed third in the senior division using the safety helmet theme to win \$25.

HONORABLE winners from Mercy High were: Therese Pfeffer, Carol Napierkowski, Kathy Daly, Laura Gillis, Mary Jo Hafner, Therese McFarland, Joan Balaridi, Patricia Kelly, Michele Deron, Margaret Villeneuve, Judy Marcoux, Elena Primicias, Bridget Daly, Robin Piscopink, Susan Vicini, Debbie Holow, Laurie Thomas, Debbie Mullett, Mary Walsh, Mary Sochacki, Mary Jo Giacalone, Harriet Hitchcock and Debora Philbin.

Also: Anita Parlove, Mary Zawadzki, Camille Grobowski, Denise Barkoot, Marianne Pavach, Susan Shaw and Renee Corrivau.



MERCY ART WINNERS -- National winners in the poster safety contest sponsored by AAA from Our Lady of Mercy Catholic High School, and their art teachers, are (from left) Sister Mary Ignatius, senior high art teacher; Janet Gross, ninth grader; Kim Miller, 11th

grader; Roseann Hebel, 12th grader; Linda Witkowski, 11th grader; Diane Joniec, 12th grader; Anna Amato, ninth grader; and Sister Benedicta Mary, junior high art teacher. (Evert photo)

Robert Kainz Earns Medal

Army 2nd Lt. Robert J. Kainz, whose parents, Lt. Col. and Mrs. Robert A. Kainz, and wife, Vicki, live at 29164 Oak Pointe Drive, Farmington, recently received the Vietnamese Armed Forces Honor Medal in Vietnam.

Kainz, who is assigned to the 172nd Preventive Medicine Unit near Phu Bai, is a helicopter crew member on an aerial insecticide spray team.

He received the award for his volunteer participation in

spray missions in support of the 1st and 3rd Infantry Divisions of the Vietnamese Army.

The 24-year-old officer was a student at the Medical Field Service School, Brooke Army Medical Center, Ft. Sam Houston, Texas before coming to Vietnam last June.

He is a 1966 graduate of North Farmington High School and received his BS degree from Eastern Michigan University, Ypsilanti, in 1970.



ENGLISH CLASS ARTISTS — Clarence Stoll visits the Farmington High School English class of Lee Peel to admire an oil painting being copied by Chris Barnett. (Evert photo)

FHS English Students Attempt Oil Paintings

FARMINGTON Oil painting in an English class takes some getting used to.

The beginning "artists" in an American culture class at Farmington High School have adjusted, even if the passersby frequently do double takes.

TWENTY-ONE students in the class, this is the first experience with a brush, a palette, and an easel, but they're doing a remarkably good job on their first attempt, according to Lee S. Peel, their instructor.

Peel has worked with advanced English students in painting projects before, but

this class is for the non-college youths. These are my main aim," he said.

"The paintings are copies of others, famous or otherwise. I've found," Peel said, "that teaching a set-up or a landscape is absolutely an impossibility for the rank amateur. Besides, all the greats did copy work when they started."

"CREATING artists is not all the aim of the project, however," Peel said. "The class has to do with our cultural background. Art is a part of it."

"Painting teaches students to appreciate the difficulty in painting and teaches students to be better observers of art, nature and their surroundings. They may not get hung in a museum or even in their bathrooms at home, but wherever, the paintings may just be reminders how tough it really is to paint and that the USA had some artists along with the way really worth appreciating."

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DR. MERVYN B. ROSS

Dear Parents & Friends:

Election Day, June 12th, is not far off. I have been deeply concerned, as a Member of the Farmington Board of Education, that the voice "on the other side of the table" is not always heard. This is one reason why I seek re-election to the Board of Education.

I hope you have had an opportunity to study some of the crucial issues at stake which involve each of us and our children.

I ask you to consider my priorities and with them, my candidacy. Specific areas which concern me include:

COMMUNICATION: We must continue to improve relations between the Parents, Students, Teachers, Administration, and the Board. As a member of the Public Relations Committee, we have developed the bi-monthly Parent Newsletter.

CURRICULUM: Intelligent, dedicated Teachers must be well versed and comfortable in the subjects they present. Parents' interest and enthusiasm is vital. An example of this is the success of The Bucket Brigade Program institute this past year.

I feel that balance must be achieved in the areas of the academically able, Career and Vocational Programs, the marginal student and extra-curricular pursuits.

COMMUNITY SCHOOLS: Provide educational programs controlled by and responsive to community needs. School facilities must be utilized and fully accessible year round to student and community activities.

FINANCES: We must continue to pursue, as we have this year, meetings and discussions with the Governor and our Legislators. I feel very strongly that means other than our high local property taxes must be found to support Education.

IF THERE IS ANYTHING WE CAN DO FOR AND WITH OUR CHILDREN TOGETHER — ANYTHING THAT WE SEE EYE TO EYE ON — ANYTHING THAT WILL RELIEVE RATHER THAN WIDEN THE "GENERATION GAP" — IT MUST BE WHAT WE CAN DO TO MAINTAIN ENRICHMENT AND POSITIVE ATTITUDES TOWARDS OUR CHILDREN'S EDUCATION.

Respectfully

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Junior Champ Meet's Slated

FARMINGTON The annual junior champ track competition will be staged Saturday, June 10, by the Farmington Area Jaycees at North Farmington High School.

Competition among athletes aged eight to 18 will be conducted in five divisions: pee wee, eight to 10; junior, 11-12; prep, 13-14; intermediate, 15-16; and, senior, 17-18.

Separate track and field events will be held for boys and girls and medals will be awarded the top three finishers in each division event.

Ed Davis, cross country and assistant track coach at North Farmington High, is meet director.

Competition for pee wee and juniors begins at 9 a.m. and for preps, intermediates, and seniors events will begin at 1 p.m.

Registration is being handled through the Farmington School District physical education instructors. Entries are unacceptable the day of the meet.

Families, friends and public may attend.



DAVID K. WENGER of 28161 Grand Duke Dr., Farmington, has been appointed metropolitan area general manager of Michigan Bell Telephone Co. He was previously assistant vice president for switching systems. Wenger started with Bell in Saginaw handled assignments in Flint, Detroit and Saginaw before returning to Detroit in 1968.

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