



McCosh's Column

# YES Committee Has The Right Idea

### FARMINGTON

The current flap over the Youth Employment Service gives one a feeling something like seeing the "Ten Commandments" on television.

We've seen it before, but it still has an interesting plot.

That this is a rerun is something a few of the major participants in the controversy would like to forget.

Township Trustee Frederick Lichtman was against the whole idea a year ago.

A few weeks ago, when the program budget was brought up as one part of a report from the YES steering committee, Lichtman indulged in one of the longest "I told you so" speeches this side of a filibuster.

He systematically blasted the aims of the program, the qualifications of the director, the effectiveness and its cost.

Since that meeting, the steering committee directors took a vote of confidence in the director, Mrs. Claire Orians, and released a report which countered most of Lichtman's direct charges.

With all the charges flying, it seems like the main point of the steering committee is being lost.

That is the attempt to get the whole program under the arm of the Youth Assistance Program, a county-funded program.

Lichtman swung wide of the mark on several points.

His criticism of the program director seemed mainly aimed at a report which emphasized the "counseling" given some of the job applicants.

While the report might have been poor public relations, emphasizing the minority of the cases the program handles, the attack seemed out of proportion to the offense.

Aside from the vote of confidence, support for Mrs. Orians' handling of the program has been widespread. In fact, Lichtman seems to stand alone on this point.

Since the program was set up to aid 14-21-year-olds, it is difficult to see why he is concerned that most of the applicants turn out to be 16 and 17 years of age.

His concern over the cost and "creating jobs" might be directly tied into the proposed reorganization of the service.

Considering the population of the Farmington area and the number of applicants (about 2,000 a year), a two person staff and a \$26,000 budget might seem steep.

County funding would relieve the local tax burden and also allow widening the service area to include more kids and more jobs.

The chamber of commerce is pressuring for another alternative - reducing the time spent (and the salaries) of the local agency.

The Youth Assistance People are yet to be heard from.

The steering committee, actually the closest to the action, is on the right track. At least that's the way it looks from here.

### Jacalyn Kirk Graduates

Jacalyn Kirk, 37101 Jefferson Court, Farmington, has graduated with a bachelor's degree in speech from Iowa State University.

She was among 700 students awarded degrees in the Feb. 24 ceremony.

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### Deans List

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A student, to be eligible, must achieve at least a 3.25 grade point average of a possible four points.

Farmington students listed were Arne Carlson, 23337 Liberty; Don Dames, 21044 Robinwood; Debra Hester, 32116 Leelanau; Mary Poelstra, 34552 Nine Mile; Jane Scharfenberg, 35949 Quakerstown Lane; Stephen Shakotko, 28984 Kendallwood; and Joann Sprayberry, 30004 Deorr.

### Singles Plan Party March 4

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The Menora Singles will hold a dance and party at 8 p.m., Sunday, March 4, in Alvaro's Restaurant, 1824 W. 14 Mile. All singles over 18 are invited.

## 2 Police Are Cited

FARMINGTON Ernest Miller and Richard Krueger were awarded citations by the Farmington Township police recently.

Stephen Santo, Norman Kilmer, Charles Archambault, Raymond Aranson and Arthur Fleischer were awarded letters of commendation.

Miller was cited for his part in apprehending a man escaping from the robbery of the Boron gas station, 2911 Middle Bolt, last December.

Miller, who made the arrest after the getaway car was stopped fleeing the scene, was cited for professionalism in handling the arrest of the armed suspect.

Krueger was cited for the

arrest of three people suspected of robbing hitchhikers, who were later found responsible for a series of burglaries.

"Good observation" was cited in their report.

The letters of commendation were for the police who responded to an alarm and apprehended juveniles who broke into Woodcreek Elementary School in January.

### Leader Dogs Supported

One of Michigan's best-known self-help facilities is the Leader Dogs for the Blind School near Rochester. Supported by gifts to 150 local united fund campaigns, the school, a member service of the United Way of Michigan, provides dog guides for the blind and an intense training course for the new Leader Dog owners, many of whom come from other countries.

### Pierdon In Honors College

FARMINGTON Steven Pierdon, 29784 'oxgrove, Farmington, is among 115 Michigan State University students admitted to the honors college winter term.

The honors college is open to the top five per cent of the student body who have attained sophomore standing.

Pierdon, a 1970 graduate of North Farmington High School, is a sophomore majoring in zoology.



CITED — Ernest Miller (left) and Richard Krueger receive their citation from Public Safety Director Ronald Holko (center). (Evert photo)

### KFM Has 24 Drug Banks

The Kidney Foundation of Michigan (KFM) operates 24 drug banks throughout the state. A member service of the United Way of Michigan, KFM also provides artificial kidney machines and trains people to operate them in their own

home. With the financial support provided by contributions to 150 united funds in Michigan, KFM also sponsors research into the causes, prevention and the cure of kidney disease.

### Problem Child Needs Checkup

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