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## The Eccentric Takes Seven MPA Awards

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The Birmingham Eccentric received seven awards in the 1964 Michigan Weekly Newspaper Contest, sponsored by the Michigan Press Association.

This was one more than The Eccentric won last year. The Eccentric won the most awards in the Suburban classification this year.

The awards were presented at the MPA's 96th annual convention Friday and Saturday at the Kellogg Center in East Lansing. Some 300 weekly newspapers participated in the contest.

The Eccentric's awards were: FIRST PLACE—News coverage. FIRST PLACE—typography (physical appearance of the paper).

FIRST PLACE—advertising idea of the year.

SECOND PLACE—general excellence.

SECOND PLACE—feature story of the year. This honor went to Larry Eves, The Eccentric's city editor, for his series of articles on "Woodwarding."

SECOND PLACE—Best use of pictures.

THIRD PLACE—editorials.

ALL BUT the feature and editorial prizes were won in the Suburban classification, which includes weeklies exceeding 4,000 circulation in Oakland, Macomb, Wayne and Kent counties. The Eccentric's circulation now stands at 16,350.

The editorials and features were judged in open competition with all weeklies in the state.

In 1963, The Birmingham Eccentric received 13 state and national awards.

## Board Suspends 12 at Seaholm

By LARRY EVOE  
City Editor

Twelve boys at Seaholm High School are scheduled to begin suspensions from classes today for belonging to two fraternities.

The Birmingham Board of Education at a special meeting Sunday night ruled the youths should be suspended "with no make-up privileges."

Nine of the boys, who have been active members of KST or MSPC during the current school year, will be suspended for 30 days.

Three youths, who have admitted being pledges of either organization, will be out of school for 10 days.

The school board reached its decision after a study by the administration and Seaholm Principal Ross A. Wagner.

SUPT. JOHN B. Smith said that since the opening of the current school year, it had been rumored some fraternities and sororities continued to be active in spite of notice by the board that such groups are in violation of state laws.

"It is the opinion of the administration of Seaholm and Groves high schools and the central administration that KST and MSPC are subject to state law that prohibits membership in secret societies by public school students," Smith said.

He said two incidents have occurred in recent months which the board might consider significant concerning the two organizations.

ON NOV. 2, 1963, a group of boys met in Romeo; and as a result of investigation by the school administration it was determined that the meeting was an activity of KST.

Through the cooperation of the Romeo police, the names of 25 boys were secured who had attended the meeting.

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David Zimmer, 17, president of the Seaholm Student Congress, will serve as a teen consultant to The Birmingham Eccentric.

He will be responsible for selection of a Teen of the Week and a Teen Driver of the month.

He also will arrange a periodic panel discussion between representatives of the public, private and parochial high schools in the Birmingham-Bloomfield area.

In effect, The Eccentric accepted suggestions for coverage of teen news offered by Zimmer in a letter to the editor published in the Jan. 30 issue. It is an effort to view in more positive way the activities and behavior of area teen-agers.

ZIMMER is the son of Mr. and Mrs. David W. Zimmer, 2680 Middlebury Lane, Bloomfield Township. His father, a retired naval commander, is supervisor of salary personnel and training for the Ford Motor Co.

David is enrolled in a college preparatory course and is debating between a naval career and law. He has an appointment to the Naval Academy at Annapolis.

He is a breast-stroke swimmer on the Seaholm swimming team and last year won All-American honors. He also is a member of the Birmingham United Nations Association (BUNA); the Presbyterian youth group called FOCUS; Cicero, school service club; Proscenium, dramatics club; and is historian of the Varsity Club.

Zimmer has a grade average of 3.9 out of a possible 4 points.

BORN IN Virginia, he came to Birmingham with his parents and three brothers from Hawaii five years ago. Last year, he served as an American Field Service exchange student in Quillota, Chile.

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## New Hearing Set For Feb. 25

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Psychiatric examinations of 15-year-old Daniel Lovaas were scheduled to continue today in Oakland County Juvenile Court. Daniel is being held at the Children's Center in connection with the Jan. 24 slaying of Nancy Jean Jones, 14, as she walked along Purdy Street in Birmingham.

Probate Judge Norman R. Barnard Friday ordered the youth held for the crime and directed juvenile officials to begin a series of psychological tests of the boy.

It is expected the tests will take 10 days to two weeks.

Judge Barnard said Wednesday morning the official hearing on the case has been scheduled for 9:30 a.m. Feb. 25.

DEFENSE ATTORNEYS Walter R. Denison and Richard P. Condit said that two psychiatrists who examined Daniel at their request will cooperate with court officials in their investigation.

Judge Barnard's decision Friday ended nearly nine hours of preliminary investigation by the probate court.

After the formal hearing the judge talked to the boy alone for an hour in his chambers. He said the youth denied stabbing the girl or being in the area of the crime.

The judge also held a private conference with the youth's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Lovaas, 1042 Smith. There was no indication of what the judge and the parents discussed.

IN A STATEMENT released through Denison, the Lovaases said they were "agreeable" to the court taking jurisdiction of the case, "despite the confusing nature of the testimony so far."

Neither the parents nor the attorneys would elaborate on the testimony.

"We love our son and he has continuingly denied any knowledge of this tragedy. My wife, Nancy, and I are anxious to know the entire truth of the matter as are the authorities," Lovaas said.

During the hearing Friday an English and dramatics instructor at Seaholm High School testified about a paper Danny wrote about a month ago.

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