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DATE 2-18-83

FULL NAME RICHARD HOKANSON
(No initials if you can possibly get full name)

ADDRESS 2428 NW 21ST Ave

CITY Rochester STATE MN ZIP CODE 55901

DATE OF BIRTH 1936 (This is important and should be exact)

APPROXIMATE AGE 47 (To be used ONLY when date of birth is not known)

RELIGION UNITED Methodist NATIONALITY AMERICAN

OCCUPATION IBM - STAFF ENGINEER

EDUCATION COLLEGE, MASTERS

WEIGHT 195 HEIGHT 5' 11" RACE White

COLOR OF HAIR Grey COLOR OF EYES -

OUTSTANDING CHARACTERISTICS OR INTERESTS Indian Lore, camping, sports

MARRIED OR SINGLE Married CHILDREN 3 2 Adult 1 HS Julie
(Number, ages, and names, if possible)

NAME OF SPOUSE Sandy

ROUTING CONNECTIONS:

UNIT #	CITY	STATE	POSITION	DATE REGISTERED	DATE RESIGNED
T-210	Rochester	MN	SM	22 yrs ago	Oct 10, 82

SPECIAL RECOGNITION St George Award Silver Beaver District award of merit, Regional Wood badge Staff

SUSPENDED OR DENIED REGISTRATION FOR FOLLOWING REASONS:
1st Degree Sexual Assault - 2 proved on BOYS - 16 documented

SPECIFY THE FACTS WHICH LEAD YOU TO RECOMMEND DENIAL OF REGISTRATION AND LIST ATTACHED SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS (STATE ONLY KNOWN FACTS, NOT RUMOR, CONJECTURE OR SPECULATION):

ATTACHED

NOTED

JUN 15 '83

JOSEPH E. ANGLIM

Signed [Signature]
SCOUT EXECUTIVE

Council [Signature] #299

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June 17, 1983

Mr. Graham T. Howard
Scout Executive
Gamehaven Council, No. 299

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: Richard Hokanson

Dear Graham:

Thank you for the detailed information concerning the above Scouter. We have reviewed this case with our Attorney and have now placed this man on the Confidential File.

Sincerely,

Paul I. Ernst, Director
Registration Subscription &
Statistical Service

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cc: North Central Region

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DOCUMENTATION IN REGARD TO RICHARD HOKANSON

Late Monday afternoon at 4:00, October 4th, 1982, I had a call by my own source who told me of the allegation being readied against Richard Hokanson, Scoutmaster of Troop 210, St. Pius Catholic Church, Rochester.

Early the next morning on October 5th, I went to see Jack Le Clair, detective of the Juvenile Bureau, and we sat down for a talk. Jack said he was in an investigation and it was alright to keep Hokanson on as a leader for the present. There was a boy in a psychiatric ward in a detox center in Albert Lea whose mother complained but charges could not be pressed because of the psychiatric treatment. There are others named by this boy and he is investigating those and he would keep us informed. I in turn, explained the position of the Council in regards to the leaders, the boys, and the sponsoring institution.

Thursday afternoon, 4:00, October 7th, call back from Jack LeClair, said the investigation was proceeding. Contacts had been made to the families of those boys named and none would complain.

On Friday morning, October 8th, Jack LeClair called again and said there was a possibility of three complaints, and at that time he had a mattress, a towel with semen on it taken from St. Pius Church to his office. That the complaints were that these incidents did happen on the mattress in the church. He asked me to work with Hokanson to stop contact with boys as soon as possible. He had already talked to Father Taylor, the new pastor of St. Pius Church and Father Taylor had some questions. At this point I brought Mary French into the picture. Mary then along with me talked to Father Taylor and arranged a meeting with Richard Hokanson to ask for his resignation. Called Hokanson at IBM. The rest of the day, the call not returned. Called Hokanson at home. Call not returned. As part of the back-up, Father Taylor asked me to contact our National Council to ask about possibilities of psychiatric treatment underwritten by the National Council. Called Ted Accas at the Region, the answer was no. Called Father Taylor back and told him that psychiatric treatment paid by the National Council was out of the question and that I had talked to a key Council officer, namely the Treasurer, and he said no. Jack LeClair called again at 4:00, asked if the contact with Father Taylor and Hokanson had been made. I explained the progress to that point. He said that he had been trying to call Hokanson all that day too and that Hokanson had not returned any of his calls. He left messages at the message center just as we did at IBM and he called me back again at 5:00 and told me that none of these messages had been picked up and no calls had come in from Hokanson. I called Father Taylor after 5:00 and he said he would go ahead with a letter to Hokanson terminating him as Scoutmaster.

On Saturday morning, October 9th, I saw Hokanson but he had 135 people around him along with an Indian Dance Team as he was putting on a performance and I couldn't get him separated so that I could talk to him. He left for St. Paul immediately after that to work with the Scouts there.

Called him again on the 10th. Calls not returned. That was on Sunday so called him at home.

On Monday, October 11th, I left messages at IBM for Hokanson. No return calls. The Church Cabinet met in the meantime. Father Taylor informed the Church Cabinet. Father Taylor had already written a letter to Hokanson on Sunday the 10th and asked for his resignation. He told Father Taylor that he would resign voluntarily.

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On Tuesday, October 12th, I finally did talk to Hokanson. On Tuesday morning at 8:00 A.M. he told me that he had resigned everything. Immediately I went to the staff, called the staff together, and gave them the message. Called Father Taylor on the progress immediately afterward and he read me the letter that he had written Hokanson. He said Hokanson had not submitted a letter of resignation. I called Jack LeClair. Jack told me that the City Attorney had said that Hokanson had admitted his guilt privately but would not do so publicly. Called LeClair again about 1:00. Gave LeClair the rest of the information from Father Taylor and our staff and my source who had come back and said there was a possibility of 16 more boys involved. He told me at that time that the three were signing a complaint and he was continuing his investigation. I called Father Taylor immediately afterward and he said yes he knew about 16 and that the list may be as high as 23 and that he had a list of these people which he would give to LeClair but not unless LeClair called on him at the parrish and would give him assurances that all the sources would be protected. Called Ted Accas at the Region with the information to date and went through the procedure and he also suggested that I call Paul Ernst at the National Council, which I did and Paul went through the procedures with me again. Then I called the Area Director, Ralph Jordan, and went through the procedures with him again.

Tuesday, October 12th, Marv French talked with Father Taylor at 5:00 P.M. and Father Taylor went through the letter directing Hokanson's resignation again. He said that he included in the letter there would be no Scouting, no Indian Dance Group, and that he should return the keys and never be on the property again. That evening the Troop Committee met with Father Taylor and was told of the situation and temporary coverage of the Troop was selected for the Thursday Court of Honor which was an Eagle Court. Marv French called Bob Milbrandt, the Scouting Coordinator at 7:00 that evening and he was already aware of the situation. He knew about the letter contacts, he knew his boy knew something because he had been pulled out of school but he didn't know what the boys knew. The boys weren't saying.

Wednesday, October 13th, 4:30 P.M., Hokanson brought O.A. material back to the office and picked up badges to give to Charlie Fry for their Thursday Court of Honor. I talked to him personally and he said he had applied for psychiatric care at the Zumbro Valley Mental Health Center and that Charlie and Clix were taking over the Troop. 4:15 P.M. the same day Marv French called Father Taylor to find out what had happened at the Troop Committee meeting and Father Taylor said that they were going to clean the Troop up and hold a meeting of the parents and the boys. Dick had given him a list of the boys involved just ½ hour and this was Dick's list, not the one he had had previously. The list was as high as 16. The list would not be shared with anyone unless the parents came to him one by one and talked to him personally to see if their boy was on the list or not. The sponsoring institution would continue to sponsor the Troop. It would get a new Scoutmaster and in the meantime they would choose temporary leadership.

Thursday, October 14th, talked to Ralph Jordan, the Area Director, again for advise and followed his advise subsequently. [REDACTED] Troop Committeeman, whose son was involved met me at Rotary, told me the Troop Committee was very angry at the investigation methods used by Jack LeClair. I talked to George Allen and McGregor who acts as my own sons Scoutmaster to see what was happening in his area and he told me that his sons had broken down and cried for over two hours and that the boys were aware of it all. Talked to the Council President and he said he would get ahold of Cliff Johnson, the Foundation President also member of the Area Committee, and we would also inform the Council Commissioner.

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Friday, October 15th, Jack LeClair called at 8:30 A.M. and said that Hokanson would be arraigned the following Wednesday. He knew of the list held by Father Taylor and he was not going to follow through with that list unless the three people who made the complaints dropped their complaints. We went through the information decimation, he said that it would be on the blotter the following Wednesday and that the news media would have it at that time. They would allow until that time for plea bargaining between the attorney and the County Attorney.

On Saturday, October 16th, met with the Council Commissioner and gave him the entire information.

On Sunday, October 17th, Bob Milam, Council President, told Cliff Johnson the Foundation President and also a member of the Area Committee.

Monday, October 18th, when I had gone to the Area Director's meeting in St. Paul and while I was gone, Bob Retzlaff of our Board called Marv French at 1:00 P.M. and said the paper had the story. It was a bad one. And that the paper would that night and that he was very angry because Dick Hokanson, instead of giving up as he had promised, had taken a merit badge book to his home to his own son and he had left the book there. The evening before Marv French had found that Bob Retzlaff had already called Bob Milam as President of the Council and so Marv had also called Bob Milam who gave the statement he had given to the press. Marv told the District Chairman and his District Commissioner. I returned at 6:45 P.M., my wife told me about it with paper in hand and the first article was inside.

Tuesday, October 19th, I called the National Council and talked to Bolus, called Ted Accas at the Region, called all the United Ways involved, called the staff together, held a career staff meeting to inform them so everyone knew about it. Called Ron Seeger, the attorney for the Foundation, and he agreed to act as attorney on our behalf if it were necessary. He also suggested that we not put Hokanson on the confidential list until he had been sentenced because in the State of Minnesota this could allow for slander in case he was not convicted and so suggested some type of probation. I called Ted Accas back and told him of this decision. He told me to write the probation letter with a copy to him and a copy to Paul Ernst and to send all the news clips to him and to Paul Ernst as well, which I did. Talked to the Council President, Bob Milam, told him that he was the only spokesman, told all the professional staff and the career staff that he was the spokesman and in the meantime my source called me back and had found out that Dick's wife had gone to the Clinic two months before about his abnormal behavior. That the Clinic, the Mayo Clinic, had not known about the Scouts but had known about divergent behavior elsewhere and said that they thought they had taken care of it. The Clinic will not admit to this meeting. Had a call from Jack LeClair. He apologized to me personally and said that the news release was not from him or the City Attorney and that he was sorry that it appeared on Monday instead of on Wednesday when it would be done. He had like 15 minutes notice and that the pipeline came out of the County Clerks Office directly to the paper, or from one of the complaintents. I had a call from Jim Martin, former Council President, and of the Mayo Clinic, and he said George Allen knew about it and had known about this for over two months but had thought Dick had conquered it.

Second article appeared in the newspaper the next day. It had information in the article that could only be known to four people, Father Taylor, myself, Jack LeClair or the complaintent so we figured it must have been the complaintent.

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Wednesday, October 20th, spoke to the Council Attorney again before noon. Gave him all the information to date. Called the Scouting Coordinator. Called the Council President to see if we were having a lot of contacts. No contacts had been made as yet. Attorney called back and said the information came from the County Clerks Office and that it was normal for the newspaper to react about 20 minutes after anyone had filed a complaint. I was called from the National Council. Mr. Bolus told me to hang in there and he had me run through with him the procedures, which I did. He was satisfied.

Thursday, October 21st, Father Taylor held a parents meeting. Also with the new leaders of the Troop. Father Taylor was in charge of the meeting, Marv French attended it. All the people who went there were screened. Marv was the only outsider allowed. They had a four person panel, psychiatric and social workers to speak to the parents and to answer questions and to help them over the rough spots. They covered everything from beginning to end and didn't leave anything out with their conversation with the parents.

Saturday, October 23rd, Dick Hokanson was observed at the YMCA teaching swimming. He was also observed at the Park and Recreation Department refereeing a football game. We called the Park and Recreation Department, they said there had been no proof, no sentencing and therefore they felt that they couldn't delete him from their roles. Had a call from Jack LeClair of the Juvenile Division and he said Hokanson was going to the Zumbro Valley Mental Health Center and that it was all right for him to deal with adults at this point but that we should see that he did not deal with boys. We explained that he had already been terminated as a leader and he said that that was the reason that he was being allowed to teach swimming at the Y to adults and that he did not know about the Park and Recreation football information.

Tuesday, October 26th, had a couple of crank calls and many other calls that came in from as far away as Singapore, Hong Kong, and West Coast from former members of the Scout Troop.

Wednesday, October 27th, call back from Dick Hokanson. He told me of the disposition of the case, told me he thought the complaints would be dropped, asked if he could be reinstated in Scouting.

October 27th, in the evening at 6:30, the Executive Board met. We gave a statement to the Board through the Council President. The Council President explained all the facts. It was agreed at that time by the Board that we would not recall the Silver Beaver Award and I had already been informed by Father Taylor that he would not recall the St. George Award since both of these awards were presented while he was straight. Just before the Christmas holidays, Hokanson was arraigned, formal charges were made, the complaints did appear, all three of them. He was first held in jail and then sent to St. Peter for a psychiatric evaluation for a period of sixty day. Jack LeClair called and told me that the results could lead three ways: 1st - he could be back on the street in sixty day as an outpatient if he responded to the treatment positively, 2nd - if he did not react to positively but showed hope that he would be committed to St. Peter Health Institution for psychiatric treatment for probably three years, 3rd - if he didn't respond at all and didn't seem to give a dam that he would be remitted to Stillwater prison for 4 years, no less.

Late January, Marv French and I were contacted by a social worker and friend of the court who was helping to make the evaluation for Dick Hokanson. She was a member of Marv's church here in Rochester of which he is a steward and when we sat down she became very frank about what she saw as happening to date. To that date she

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said that he had responded only fairly and that he had considered himself a non-homosexual and did not understand that the assaults were devious behavior because the boys had encouraged it as he put it. She reinstated what Jack LaClair had already told me about the sixty days versus the three years and the four years at outpatient, inpatient, and prison. She said that she was gathering all the facts for the evaluation.

In early February, my source called me again and told me she had documented 16 of the other 23 cases and although these had not made a complaint, they were definate and that Jack LeClair was party to this information and would call on these people if the original three complaintents would back out.

Thursday, Feburary 17th, without notifying the Council, Hokanson had completed his evaluation and was brought before Judge Foley, who then sentenced him to years and years of treatment in the intensive sexual abuse program of St. Peter. This included a ten year supervised probation order in the sentencing and prohibited him from having anything to do with the Scouting Movement ever again. The custody of the Commissioner of Corrections would be 42 months at St. Peter. Hokanson stayed overnight in jail and the next day he was in St. Peter on February 18th and began his sexual abuse program at that time. Since the sentencing had completed and we complied with the wishes of our attorney, all the information has been sent to the Regional Office as well as the National Council Office for the confidetail file.

This is Graham T. Howard, Council Executive, February 19, 1983, 4:28 P.M.

Graham T. Howard
Council Executive

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November 22, 1982

Mr. Graham T. Howard
Scout Executive
Gamehaven Council, No. 299

PERSONAL & CONFIDENTIAL

Dear Graham:

Thank you for the information concerning Richard Hokanson. I am enclosing a Confidential Record Sheet which I would appreciate having completed so that we can easily identify Mr. Hokanson should he try to register in some other council.

I note that there will be further developments after the trial begins in December. At that time I know that you will want to give us all the information that you have available to complete our file.

Thanks again for the material which you have sent us at this time.

Sincerely,

Paul I. Ernst, Director
Registration, Subscription &
Statistical Service

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cc: Ted Accas, Assistant Regional Director, North Central Region

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Local today

Hawthorne parents unhappy with ruling involving Christmas

By TOM WEBER
Post-Bulletin Staff Writer

Parents of students at Hawthorne School voiced their displeasure Monday night with the Rochester School District's Guidelines for Religiously Sensitive Issues and vowed to take their unhappiness directly to the school board.

About two dozen parents met with school principal Thomas Behan in the school gymnasium for nearly two hours to discuss specifically the policy as it pertains to the celebration of Christmas. The policy, adopted in October, doesn't allow the celebration of Christmas in schools but does allow instruction about Christmas and holiday tradi-

tions of other religions. Behan admitted to the parents that he is following a strict interpretation of the guidelines by not allowing Christmas trees or religious symbols to be displayed unless in an educational context.

"My view on this policy is that of a public school administrator and public employee," Behan said. "I am thoroughly satisfied that I am interpreting this in a professional way."

Parents said they don't believe any student or parent at Hawthorne would object to a Christmas celebration. Behan, however, reminded the parents the policy is district-wide. See PARENTS Page 36



Thomas Behan, principal of Hawthorne School, reviews the Rochester School District's guidelines regarding religious celebrations in school during a meeting Monday night at Hawthorne.

Post-Bulletin Photo by Jim Welch

Bennett diagnosed as normal

By KEN McCRACKEN
Post-Bulletin Staff Writer

A psychologist says that Rochester Fire Capt. Richard Bennett, charged by an assistant chief with gross negligence and abusive and inflammatory conduct, is emotionally normal.

The diagnosis made by W.W. Johnston, a consulting psychologist at the Center for Effective Living in Rochester, was contained in a letter from Johnston Bennett that was entered into evidence this morning at Bennett's Fire Civil Service Commission hearing.



Johnston examined Bennett, at the suggestion of Fred Wagner, city personnel director, who told Bennett the examination "might save your job," the fire captain told the hearing today.

Johnston said Bennett had some concern about his mother's health, his own economic situation and apprehension about his suspension, but was emotionally normal.

Bennett, who has been suspended without pay since Nov. 1 while charges filed against him by Assistant Chief Gary Smith are investigated, told the commission he underwent the psychological examination because Smith had suggested counseling. "Even though I didn't think I had any problems."

In testimony Monday afternoon, Smith said he was "so embarrassed" by the term "jerk offs" — which he alleged Bennett had used to describe his firefighters — he changed it "ruthless" when

Ex-Scout leader Hokanson pleads guilty to sex count

By STEVE SCHULTZE
Post-Bulletin Staff Writer

The triple felony sex case against former Rochester Scoutmaster Richard C. Hokanson came to an abrupt halt Monday, with Hokanson pleading guilty to a single count of having sex with a 15-year-old Scout and prosecutors dropping the other two charges in exchange for the plea.

Hokanson, 47, of 2428 21st Ave. N.W., entered his plea before Judge Daniel Foley, who ordered Hokanson to report to the Olmsted County Jail at 9 a.m. today pending sentencing. Foley also approved send-

ing Hokanson to St. Peter State Hospital for an evaluation.

While there, Hokanson will be reviewed as a possible candidate for the hospital's intensive treatment program for sex offenders. Both defense attorney Terry Walters and Assistant County Attorney Ray Schmitz recommended that Hokanson undergo treatment rather than serve any jail or prison time.

No sentencing date was set, but Schmitz said Hokanson's evaluation will take about 60 days.

As a first-time offender, Hokanson's recommended sentence under the state sentencing guidelines is 33

months in prison. But Foley made it clear to Hokanson the plea bargain didn't include any binding agreement on sentence.

"Mr. Hokanson, I want you to understand, there has been no promises from the court as to sentence," Foley said.

Hokanson, who is married with three children, stood before the judge with his head bowed and spoke in a barely audible voice. He showed no visible sign of emotion as he pleaded guilty.

When contacted after the hearing, Hokanson declined to be interviewed on the advice of his

attorney.

Hokanson was charged in October with two first-degree and one second-degree felony sex counts for having sex with boys under his supervision in a local Scout troop and as a YMCA "Big Brother." Hokanson was Scoutmaster of Troop 210 at St. Pius X Catholic Church, although he was not a member of that church. He resigned that position about 10 days before charges were filed.

The case came to light when two of the alleged victims, while patients at the Fountain Lake Treatment Center in Albert Lea, report-

ed the incidents. The boys were there undergoing drug treatment.

The charges stem from events dating back some two years. The complaint describing the charge to which Hokanson pleaded guilty states that Hokanson "used his position of authority as Scout leader to cause (the boys) to submit." Hokanson's alleged criminal sexual conduct "involved several boys" under 16, according to the complaint.

Hokanson, a staff engineer at IBM, was honored last February for his 20 years of work with Scouts in Rochester with the "Eagle Centennial." See ADMIT Page 38

Tale of two banks:





Hokanson committed indefinitely

By KEN McCracken
Post-Bulletin Staff Writer

A former Rochester Boy Scout leader, who in December pleaded guilty to first-degree sexual conduct with young Scouts, today was ordered committed for an indefinite term, to the Minnesota Security Hospital at St. Peter. He appeared for sentencing before Olmsted District Judge Daniel Foley.



Hokanson

Richard C. Hokanson, 47, resigned as leader of Boy Scout Troop 210 at St. Plus Catholic Church on Oct. 10, before he was charged with the criminal sexual offenses.

Foley sentenced Hokanson to 42

months in the custody of the Commissioner of Corrections, but stayed execution of the sentence on condition Hokanson undergo "years and years — not months — of treatment" in the intensive sexual abuse program at St. Peter.

Both Terry Walters, Hokanson's lawyer, and Ray Schmitt, Olmsted County attorney, recommended the treatment program at St. Peter.

Foley told Hokanson he would have to "earn your way back to society and it's a long way back for you, Mr. Hokanson."

Foley called Hokanson's crime "repulsive, shameful and despicable." He said Hokanson had brought "dishonor" to the scouting movement and included a 10-year supervised probation order in his sentencing and prohibited him from having anything to do with the scouting movement ever again.

"My impulse is to send you to Stillwater," Foley said, "but my

judgment says you are a very sick man and sending you to Stillwater might do more harm than good."

Olmsted County Sheriff Charles Von Wald said Hokanson would be kept in the County Jail overnight and taken to St. Peter on Friday.

According to the criminal complaint, Hokanson was charged after a Scout in his troop told a counselor at the Fountain Lake Treatment Center in Albert Lea that he had been sexually abused by Hokanson while he was a member of the scoutleader's troop.

Although head of the Scout troop at St. Plus, Hokanson was not a member of that church.

The boy whom Hokanson sexually assaulted in January 1981 was being treated for alcoholism when he confided in the counselor at Fountain Lake, authorities said. Officials said another boy being treated at the center later made a similar accusation.

Hokanson, who is married and has three children, is a staff engineer at the IBM plant in Rochester. He had been involved in scouting for 22 years and was a recipient of the Silver Beaver and Eagle Centurian Awards.

In February last year he was given the Eagle Centurian award for his work in guiding 100 Scouts to the level of Eagle, the highest rank in scouting. The award was created especially for Hokanson by the Gamehaven Council of the Boy Scouts.

Hokanson, who had been under psychiatric evaluation at St. Peter since December, wore brown corduroy pants, a gray, checked shirt and blue and white tennis shoes in court today.

Among those in the courtroom were some of his former Scouts and their parents, who sat quietly throughout the 30-minute sentencing.



Post-Bulletin Photo by Jim Welch

Rochester's urban forestry program has — for the third consecutive year — won for the city the title of "Tree City USA." The National Arbor Day Foundation presents the award to encourage tree care and tree planting programs. Among the 11,000 trees planted in the city since 1978 are these trees located behind Rochester's City Hall at Broadway and Third Street Southwest.

Arbor Day group again honors Rochester as 'Tree City USA'

Rochester has been named "Tree City USA" for the third consecutive year by the National Arbor Day Foundation.

The Nebraska-based organization is dedicated to encouraging tree care and tree planting programs across the country.

Rochester received the award for its urban forestry program, through which about 11,000 trees have been

Communities entering the nationwide program receive the designation upon recommendation by state foresters.

Next month, Gov. Rudy Perpich will present the "Tree City USA" flag and other recognition materials to Mayor Chuck Hazama and Park and Recreation officials during a ceremony in St. Paul.

In Minnesota, Arbor Month is

Medical school funding said still possible

By STEVE SCHULTZE
Post-Bulletin Capitol Bureau

ST. PAUL — A top aide to Gov. Rudy Perpich Wednesday held out some hope that the governor may restore partial funding for Mayo Medical School in the governor's 1983-85 budget proposal.

Tom Triplett, Perpich's deputy chief of staff, said the governor "would like to restore some of that funding," but added that the tight budget makes restoring any Mayo funds difficult.

Perpich's budget cuts all state subsidies for students enrolled in the basic four-year medical training program. Minnesota students currently each get \$8,300 in state "capitation" funds. Mayo Medical School had requested an increase to \$8,910 per student for the 1983-84 school year and another increase to \$9,530 for the 1984-85 school year, but Perpich recommended they get nothing.

Based on a visit from Russell Hanson, Mayo Medical School ad-

week, the governor is considering restoring part of the funding for the school, Triplett said.

Rationale for the governor's proposed cut was that studies show there is a doctor surplus and that it doesn't make sense for the state to subsidize tuition at a private school.

Meanwhile, Sen. Mel Frederick, IR-Owatonna, said the cut in Mayo Medical School funds doesn't make sense in light of Perpich's advocacy of boosting the medical technology industry.

But Gus Dunhows, Perpich's finance commissioner, said in Austin Wednesday "The number of doctors trained is not related to medical technology as a business."

Sen. Gene Waldorf, DFL-St. Paul, said he opposes cutting Mayo Medical School funding, calling state support for Mayo "an awfully good bargain." Waldorf is chairman of the Education Division of the Senate Finance Committee, which reviews Mayo Medical School

proposed by the governor's suggestion on Mayo," Waldorf said.

Frederick also said that the fund cut would result in more students from out-of-state and high-income families attending Mayo Medical School. The cut would also jeopardize the educations of students only part way through the four-year Mayo program, he said.

"I don't think the (cut) was very well thought out," Frederick said, raising the question of whether some freshmen, sophomore and junior students would have to drop out if funding is cut.

He also maintained that the state aid to Mayo Medical School is really aid to students, not the school.

Rep. David Bishop, IR-Rochester, called the governor's cut "disgraceful" and short-sighted.

"Withdrawing the (state) support for the Mayo Medical School is a betrayal of the basic support initially given," Bishop said.

The medical school has 140 dentists enrolled, most of them

from out-of-state if state funding is withdrawn, Bishop added.

Triplett gave no timetable for when Perpich may make a decision on restoring some of the cut. If he does agree to restore some Mayo funding, the governor would send a message to that effect to legislative committees dealing with money matters.

The governor left intact the Mayo Graduate Medical School's request for funding for the Mayo Family Medicine Graduate Residency Program, a three-year graduate residency open to four graduate students per year. Those students would get \$12,700 each in 1983-84 and \$13,800 in 1984-85, or \$153,000 for the first year of the biennium and \$163,000 for the second year of the biennium. That represents a 7 percent increase for each year.

Mayo Medical School had requested 7 percent increases in capitation aid for students in the basic four-year program as well. The

Red Wing, Minn., Wed. Nov. 24 '82 Republican Eagle 11

Scout sex charge heard

Dakota County Judge John Daly has taken the case against a 47-year-old Boy Scout leader charged with molesting four Boy Scouts under advisement following a hearing in Hastings.

Floyd F. Peltz, Apple Valley, appeared in court Monday in an omnibus hearing. He is charged in Dakota County with 11 counts and in Goodhue County with three counts of sexual misconduct involving boys aged 12 to 14.

The Goodhue County charges are

being included in Dakota County Court proceedings, according to Goodhue County Attorney Gary Fridell.

The judge will decide if there is probable cause that he committed a crime. A decision is not expected before January, Fridell said.

The alleged assaults in Goodhue County occurred over the past two years during campouts at the Cannon River Scout Reserve in rural Cannon Falls.



harvest is nearly three weeks behind

10/19/82

Scoutmaster accused of sex acts with troop members

Associated Press

Rochester, Minn.

An award-winning Rochester scoutmaster has been accused of engaging in homosexual acts with three scouts under age 16 who were members of his troop.

Richard Hokanson, 47, is scheduled to appear at 8:30 a.m. Wednesday in Olmsted County Court before Judge Harold Krieger on two charges of first-degree criminal sexual conduct and one second-degree charge.

Three complaints signed by Ray Schmitz, Olmsted County assistant attorney, said Hokanson admitted in engaging in homosexual acts in September and October 1980 and in January 1981.

The complaints said he was in a position of authority over the scouts and "used this position of authority" to make the boys submit to his sexual advances.

Hokanson, an engineer at IBM-Rochester, was awarded the Eagle Centurion award in February for his work in guiding 100 young scouts to the eagle level, the highest rank in scouting. He has been involved in scouting for more than 20 years and his scouts are known for presenting Indian dancing demonstrations.

He resigned as scoutmaster at Troop 210 of St. Plus X Catholic Church after the investigation started earlier this month, according to Robert Milam, president of the Gamehaven Council of the Boy Scouts of America.

Under Minnesota's sentencing guidelines, a conviction or guilty plea of first-degree criminal sexual conduct carries a sentence of up to 43 months in prison. Second-degree criminal sexual conduct can bring a year in jail.

University of Minnesota and in the state university system, and the community college system expects a much larger increase in students than it actually had.

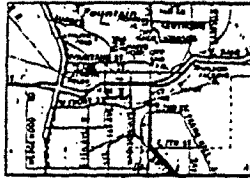
"We were watching for any kinds of major shifts," said Marion Shane, executive director of the Minnesota Private College Council. "One thesis is that when money is tight and financial aid is uncertain, students may shift from higher-tuition institutions to lower-tuition schools. But the information is too spotty to tell."

University of Minnesota enrollment increased slightly and at Duluth there are 210 more students than there were last fall, setting a record enrollment of 7,734.

Those enrollments may be deceiving, however. University figures available now tally the number of students enrolled, not the number of full-time students.

Jim Preus, coordinator of student support services, said that the number of transfer students at the uni-

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Around Minnesota

St. Paul: State breeding livestock to debut on sales videotapes

The use of videotape to sell Minnesota purebred breeding livestock around the world will be tested soon in a project funded by the state and federal government, officials said Monday.

State Agriculture Commissioner Mark Seetin said videotape will enable potential buyers to view the actual animals offered for export without leaving their own country. Buyers will be encouraged to begin direct negotiations with the exporter or to visit Minnesota for further discussions and animal selection.

Each 20-minute tape will show the

animal in motion, the layout of the farmer's operation, the technology used in production, technical specifications and delivery price.

Seetin said officials hope the project will enable more Minnesota producers to enter a growing world market on a competitive basis.

About 10 pilot videotapes in English, Spanish, Chinese, Japanese and Korean will be funded by a \$32,000 grant from the U.S. Agriculture Department, which is being matched by funds from the Minnesota Agriculture Department.

St. Paul: FmHA provides loans of \$122 million to state farmers

The Farmers Home Administration (FmHA) provided 3,314 loans totaling \$122 million to help Minnesota farmers in fiscal 1982 that ended Sept. 30, FmHA State Director Russ Bjorhus said Monday.

Preliminary figures show the agency provided about 100,000 loans to farmers across the country during the same period. About \$4.1 billion was loaned through FmHA farmer programs, Bjorhus said.

The loans are to be repaid in full, plus interest, to the federal government.

FmHA is a credit agency of the U.S. Agriculture Department, providing assistance to farmers who need credit, but who cannot get it from commercial banks or other lending institutions.

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November 22, 1982

Mr. Theodore P. Accas
Assistant Regional Director
North Central Region

PERSONAL & CONFIDENTIAL

Dear Ted:

Thank you for the information concerning Richard Hokanson from the Gamehaven Council in Rochester, Minnesota. I will appreciate any additional information which you receive and I am sure that Graham Howard will send me extra information in addition to what has already been transmitted.

We have removed Mr. Hokanson from your regional committee mailing. Hopefully, his name will not appear on your renewal roster next year, although we have had some problems in deleting the name completely.

Thanks again for your help in building a file related to this matter.

Sincerely,

Paul I. Ernst, Director
Registration, Subscription &
Statistical Service

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November 19, 1982

Mr. Graham T. Howard
Scout Executive
Gamehaven Council, No. 299

PERSONAL & CONFIDENTIAL

Dear Graham:

Thank you for the information concerning Richard Hokanson. I am enclosing a Confidential Record Sheet which I would appreciate having completed so that we can easily identify Mr. Hokanson should he try to register in some other council.

I note that there will be further developments after the trial begins in December, at that time I know that you will want to give us all the information that you have available to complete our file.

Thanks again for the material which you have sent us at this time.

Sincerely,

Paul I. Ernst, Director
Registration, Subscription &
Statistical Service

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October 21, 1982

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

Mr. Paul I. Ernst
Director
Registration, Subscription and Statistics

Dear Paul:

Do you recall our conversation last week regarding one Richard Hokanson, registered as Scoutmaster, Troop 210, of the Gamehaven Council, Rochester, Minnesota?

As of this moment, it seems that three parents are filing criminal charges against Mr. Hokanson. The attached news story outlines the background.

Scout Executive Teed Howard will be processing to you the necessary information and background for our Confidential File.

In addition, Mr. Hokanson is a member of our Regional Committee -- see attached renewal papers for our Regional Scouters. Please remove his name from any mailings, etc. that might be made on a national level.

Cordially,

Theodore P. Accas
Assistant Regional Director

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October 18, 1982

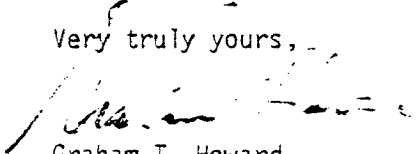
Mr. Ted Accas
Director of Support Services
North Central Region, BSA
2600 Power & Light Building
Kansas City MO 64105

Dear Ted:

The purpose of this letter is to place on the Probationary File the name of Richard Hokanson, former Scoutmaster of Troop 210, sponsored by St. Pius X Catholic Church, of District 2. Mr. Hokanson has been accused of homosexual practices involving three Scouts during October 1980 and January 1981. (newspaper clipping is enclosed) Mr. Hokanson will be arraigned on the morning of October 20th, 1982. We will follow this letter with another, placing him on the confidential list, if necessary.

Richard Hokanson is married. Wife's name is Sandy. He has two sons in late teens or early 20's, one daughter - slightly "slow". He is tall, grey-black hair, assertive, and interested in camping, high adventure, indian dancing, Big Brother, YMCA, and life-saving.

Very truly yours,


Graham T. Howard
Council Executive

cc: Paul Ernst

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offenses were committed in September and October 1980 and in January 1981.

Hokanson, of 2428 21st St. N.W., a staff engineer at IBM, was awarded the "Eagle Centurion" in February for his work in guiding 100 young Scouts to the level of Eagle, the highest rank in Scouting. He has been involved in scouting for 20 years.

Hokanson was also known locally for presenting Indian dancing demonstrations by his Scouts.

This is the first time in his recollection that "anything like this" has happened since the Scout group

ment was started locally about 70 years ago, according to Robert Milam of Rochester, president of Gamehaven Council of the Boy Scouts of America.

Milam said Hokanson, who also has worked with the YMCA Big Brother program and youth football programs, resigned all his connections with the Boy Scouts here about 10 days ago.

According to the complaints, Hokanson "was in a position of authority" over the Scouts and "used this position of authority" to make the boys submit to his sexual advances.

ary. Scouting officials said Hokanson was the first area scoutmaster to bring so many young boys to the rank of Eagle Scout and possibly the first in the nine-state region.

Under Minnesota sentencing guidelines, criminal sexual conduct in the first degree calls for imprisonment of up to 43 months with consecutive terms for each first degree offense. Second degree calls for local jailing up to 12 months.

However, the guidelines also permit judges the latitude to depart from the guidelines, depending on circumstances relevant to each

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Hokanson appears in County Court

A former Rochester scoutmaster appeared in Olmsted County Court this morning to face charges of criminal sexual conduct.

Richard C. Hokanson, 47, of 2428 21st Ave. N.W., was bound over to Olmsted District Court, where he will be arraigned Oct. 28. The three charges against Hokanson, two counts of first-degree criminal sexual conduct and one count of second-degree criminal sexual conduct, are felonies.

Hokanson is charged with engaging in sexual acts with three Boy Scouts under the age of 16 who were members of his troop.

He is free on his own recognizance.



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Dear Paul

To place in probatory file of
Richard Hakanson, former Scoutmaster
Troop 210, H. P. of Gamehaven Council
199, until resolved

John Howard
Council Executive



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Hokanson pleads not guilty

Former Rochester Scoutmaster Richard C. Hokanson pleaded not guilty today in Olmsted District Court to three felony charges accusing him of criminal sex acts with Boy Scouts.

A jury trial was set for Dec. 13, with Judge Daniel Foley presiding.

The 47-year-old Hokanson, of 2428 21st Ave. N.W., waived an omnibus hearing before Foley this morning after entering not guilty pleas.

Hokanson will be tried on two first-degree and one second-degree felony charges that he engaged in homosexual acts with Scouts from his troop. The charges stem from incidents dating back two years.

Hokanson, meanwhile, is free on his own recognizance.

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