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UD Mercy will stand in for Harvard in upcoming ABC series



Piper Perabo

Usually, the University of Michigan is proclaimed to be the Harvard of the Midwest. But on Monday, the title will belong for at least a day to the University of Detroit Mercy. ABC-TV is filming scenes

throughout metro Detroit for an upcoming fall series titled "The Prince of Motor City," and the first taping of their 15-day schedule will be at UDM. After visiting several colleges and universities throughout metro Detroit, the production staff agreed that only UDM had a classroom setting they could use to mimic a classroom at Harvard. It's about a Harvard prof who takes over an auto company after

the death of his auto-tycoon dad. Directed by Jack Bender (executive producer-director of "Lost"), the show stars Andie MacDowell, Rutger Hauer, Piper Perabo, Aunjanue Ellis and Warren Christie. Monday's taping is scheduled to take place from 8 a.m. to noon and the cast and crew should be off campus by 1 p.m. Starstruck? Don't bother to try to get on campus. All the casting is done.