Local star part of baseball goodwill tour

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Bulldog pitching staff and recored a 16-3 mark during his two varsity sea-sons. His batting average this year

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The Philippine squads such as Far
Eastern University, Cavite and Calubeng were no match for the Americar
unit, which won by such scores as 12-1.
31 and 10-1. However, twice the team
came close to defeat and just slipped
by its opponent, 3-1.

The weather was a major factor dur
ing the visit to the islands. It rained
every other day and the humidity took
every other days. "Hos said
"The weather was so had a number
of times that it was hard for us to even
jog out onto the field to play. The
games themselves were normal baseball games," continued Ross. "The
games were really not as important as
the trip itself.

"We got to tour by ourselves and
walk around Manila where we played
most of our games. I think everybody
on the team had a good time.

"We saw some of the country when we went away from the city to play but most of the time we stayed in Manila. We were scheduled to play every day, but the rain usually gave us some days off, "explained Rosa." The team arrived in the islands after a 22-hour alfright to the sounds of bands playing, crowds cheering and right, the team was given did to the rest to recover from jet lag before playing its first contest.
"I think the plane ride was the biggest part of the tip. That and the city of Manila itself. We got to know the tip really well.
"On days when we didn't play, we would walk around the city and get to know as much of the area as possible. We had a fairly free reign of the city." Ross said.

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Ross mentioned the presidential palace, the congressional building and the American Embassay as sights that impressed a great deal.
Ross, who has played baseball for mine years, was chosen for the team in Feburay. He accepted and the started to raise \$1,500 which was needed to make the journey.
He combined money that he had in the bank, some money from his parents and money from the Livonia

Optimist Club to obtain the cash.
"Some of the players were chosen because they went to a baseball camp in Florida. Others were recommended by various coaches. I had attended the camp last year," said Ross. "I was very surprised, though, when I received the letter. It was am experience that I really didn't want to miss."

The tour by the United States team was the first of its kind in the Philipples, according to Ross, and the sland per seased that way. Each same peaker seased that way. Each same peaker state that the state of the same peaker shall be supported by the same shall be supported by the same peaker shal

had fun playing," Ross explained.
Ross is now looking forward to playing baseball at a major university. He plays for two summer teams, Burger King and Crowe in the Comie Mack and Adray Leagues.
"I'd like to make baseball my life if I think I can do my best, and be good at it," concluded Ross, who will turn lân late November.

Farmington splits weekend games

Farmington's American Legion League baseball team started off last weekend well, defeating league-lead-ers Royal Oak Friday night and Novi on Saturday. But they collapsed on Sunday, dropping a pair of games to Auburn Heights.

It took a big comeback in the last of the seventh inning to beat Royal Oak. With one out in the seventhand trailing Royal Oak 20. Tim O'Malley walked and Billy Lehman followed with a single. Rob Silverstein also drew a walk, loading the bases. The next player fanned, but Marty Bona came through with a base hit, cutting the Royal Oak lead to 2-1. Bill Philp then delivered a clutch hit, driving in

two runs and giving Farmignton the victory, 3-2. Kevin Delp was the winning pitcher as he went the distance, surrendering six hits and one walk, while striking out three. Philip had two hits to go with his two runs batted in. Delp also contributed two hits had two walks. Skeve Zerlo put tin a strong pitching performance on Saturday, as Farmington defeated Novi, 4-1. Zerlo gave up that three hits and two walks, while faming seven Novi batters.

Farmington got on the board in the first iraning as O'Malley tripled. Tom Bakasslew walked, and Delp grounded out, bringing in O'Malley with the first run of the game.

Mark MacDonald hit his third home

run of the year in the second to put Farmington in front, 2-0.
Farmington got its final runs in the sixth as MacDonald walked, Mike Mariok tripled him home, and Doug Orhistensen singled, scoring Marok.
Fortune turned against Farmington or Sunday, as it lost two, 5-3 and 13-8.
Craig Misch took the loss in the first game, giving up four runs, three of which were unearned. Marty Bona's three-run homen in the sixth accounted for all of Farmington's runs.
In the second game, Auburn Heights scored 12 runs in the first inning and coasted from there. Marty Kelly took the loss. Philip. Bruce Hulscher and two RBIs.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED BUDGET

Oakland County Community Mental Health Services Board For Fiscal Year 1978-79

In accordance with the Michigan Mental Health Code, Sec. 226 (d), the Oakland County Community Mental Health Services Board will hold a public hearing on its proposed budget request for the fiscal year beginning October 1 next, for submission to the Michigan Department of Mental Health.

This hearing will take place on Friday, August 4, 1978, at 2:00 P.M., the next regular meeting of the Board, and will be held in Committee Room A of the Board of Commissioners. Offices, Oakland County Service Center, 1200 N. Telegraph, Pontiac, A copy of the proposed budget request will be available at the administrative offices of the Board, 1200 N. Telegraph, Pontiac, for public inspection during regular business hours.

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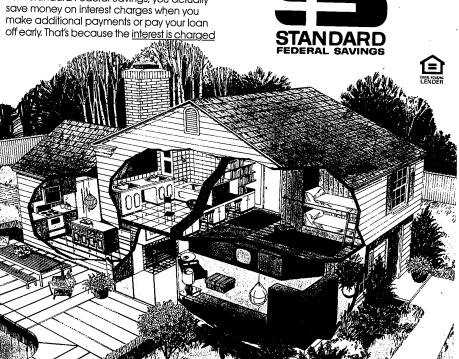
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