



This Oakland University team will demonstrate their methanol burning Pinto in competition with other engineering students. From left: Janice Podgorski; David Jeschurum, Rochester; Mark Shermetaro, Rochester; Gene Polan, Madison Heights; Jeff Hatt, Holly; Glen Ekola, Sterling Heights; Prof. Robert Edgerton, Oxford; Terri Ferrero, Sterling Heights; Julie Fauls, St. Clair Shores; and Dennis Andrix, Rochester.

## OU prof boosting methanol

An Oakland University professor says methanol is one of the best liquid fuels which can be made from coal. And a team of student engineers will help him prove his point.

"President Carter has stated that the United States will embark on a liquid fuels from coal program," said Robert H. Edgerton, an engineering professor. "If that is the case, then methanol is one of the least expensive but efficient fuels to make from coal."

He and the students will demonstrate their point Aug. 12-17 in a competition with fuel efficient cars from colleges across the country.

THE COMPETITION will be held at the General Motors proving grounds near Milford, with OU as the host school. The event is sponsored by SCORE (Student Competition for Relevant Engineering), a non-profit corporation which sponsors a student design competition every two years.

OU's entry: a Ford Pinto on which students have changed the carburetor, transmission and drive shaft to burn methanol. For example, the compression ratio has been changed from 8.5 to 1 for gasoline to 13 to 1 for methanol.

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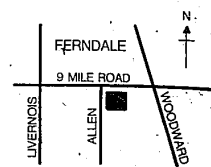
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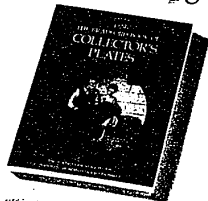
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