



Contemplation is the name of the game with Al Gruber as he listens to some much sought after advice from an instructor. (Staff photos by Randy Borst)



Reactions were varied as students tried their hands at the challenge of kayaking. But instructor Doug Maddex kept them on the straight and narrow.

KAYAK

Learning to run the rapids

Kayaking in Farmington High School's swimming pool is a little less harrowing than shooting the big rapids, but it's still fun for this group of suburban adventurers.

Doug Maddex has been teaching the popular course sponsored by Farmington Hills Parks and Recreation for four summers.

"We get people with no previous experience. It's really best taught in a pool," Maddex said. "They need to know basic strokes, how to get out of a kayak, and how to negotiate white waters."

The sleek, fiberglass boats sell for about \$400 new, but use of kayaks and necessary accessories — helmet, paddle, spray skirt and flotation bags — come with the course.

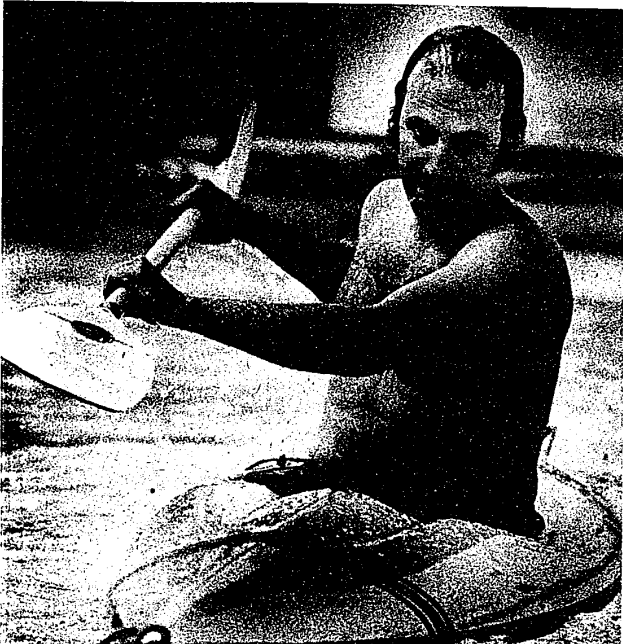
"In rivers, a kayak can take greater volume than any other craft," said Maddex. "It floats in violent rapids. It can take more water than a canoe and is better than a raft."

Maddex has kayaked on the Slippery Rock and Youghagheny Rivers in Pennsylvania.

"It's really lots of fun. It's simple, something everyone can do, especially with canoeing experience."

A new class begins Wednesday, July 11. Registration is open to 18 students. You must be at least 14 years old.

For more information, call the recreation department at 474-6115.



Joe Badamo shows a look of determination as he quickly masters the skill which will take him over many a river rapids.



A little help from a friend was in order as Judy Anderson learns how to get out of her kayak. Helping is Jerry McNeil.

THE INSIDE * ANGLE

OUR VERY OWN bird expert Lois Anderson, author of "A Bird in Our Hearts," remains the last source of refuge for frantic bird lovers. She says that since the publication of her small book a few years ago she's been averaging about two calls a month from persons who have found baby birds evicted from their nest. Her only fear is that someone will ask her to take one of the little ex-nestlings. No more vows Mrs. Anderson. Those feedings every two hours are a real pain in the neck. Her advice to foster bird parents is to cram food down the wee ones' gullets. That is the important thing.

WAKE UP North Farmington grads: The class of 1974's reunion committee is still trying to contact a large percentage of you. The five-year reunion will begin at 8 p.m., August 17 at Glen Oaks Country Club. Tickets are \$15.50 per person. Make checks payable to Dan Brown, 34221 Old Timber, Farmington Hills 48018. Get a move on, slow pokes.

THE DETROIT Graduate Chapter of the Tau Epsilon Rho Law Fraternity is anything if not speedy. It's billing its July 8 picnic reunion as a prelude to the international convention of the fraternity. That's a heck of a prelude — the convention is scheduled for Dec. 28-Jan 1 in Detroit. For those of you interested in making the early party scheduled for 4 p.m. at the home of David A. Goldman, 28682 Millbrook, Farmington Hills, make your reservations now.

Members of the Detroit Graduate Chapter and the local undergraduate chapters and their wives are invited to attend the picnic. Make reservations by calling Mrs. Margaret Gregory at 552-8200. (Look who gets the chore of making up the guest list, a wife and a non-member. tsk.)

DOWN AT the Broadhead Farmington Hills VW Auxiliary the folks were handing out strips of reflector tape recently. No, it's not a new game but an effort to instruct young bike riders on the fine points of bicycling safely. Be careful, the little ones are out on the road now that school is out.

CONVENTION FREAKS get ready for yet another mass meeting of the fans at Sans Souci Hall, Nine Mile at Middlebelt in Farmington. On July 7 the baseball card collector's marketplace will take over the place. The next day, July 8, the collector's book show will appear. (Ready, set, shove.)

CONGRATULATIONS PAM PRICHARD. Farmington's latest beauty came in as first runner-up in the Miss Michigan contest recently. Ms. Prichard joins a winning line-up of

former Miss Farmingtons. Two years ago Holly Ann Schmidt-Lichman was named Miss Michigan. Last year Dotilissa LaMarra showed for the best talent in the contest. The next Miss Farmington will be crowned on July 25 at Vladimir's when 10 local beauties vie for the title.

ALLLLLLLLLLAAAAABOARD. The firecracker special trains will leave from Oakland County on June 29 to transport fireworks watchers to Detroit for the annual festivities of color, flame and sound. SEMTA will offer two commuter trains from Pontiac to Detroit's riverfront for the 4th annual Hudson's/Stroh's Fireworks Display on June 29. In the event of rain, the commuter trains and fireworks are rescheduled for June 30. The first Firecracker Special will leave Pontiac at 7:30 p.m. and arrive at the Renaissance Center at 8:30 p.m. The second special will leave Pontiac at 8 p.m. to arrive at the Ren Cen at 9 p.m. Both trains will stop at the Bloomfield Hills, Birmingham and Royal Oak-11 Mile commuter rail train stations. The fireworks begin at 9:45 p.m. The trains will depart from the riverfront 25 minutes and 45 minutes after the fireworks. Passengers must return on the same train they arrive. Free parking will be available at all train boarding stations.

Roundtrip fare is \$3.50 a person, including any child occupying a seat. All tickets must be purchased in advance and may be bought at the SEMTA main office ticket outlet on the 12th floor of the First National Building, 650 Woodward, Detroit; the SEMTA Shelby Ticket Office, Shelby between Lafayette and Michigan Avenue in downtown Detroit; the SEMTA Renaissance Center commuter rail train depot, Beaubien and Franklin; the JI Hudson Pontiac Mall ticket office and the Greyhound station in Royal Oak. Ticket sales end June 28, 1979 or when all sold.

In the event fireworks are postponed because of bad weather, tickets will be honored on the commuter rail trains for the rescheduled event on June 30. SEMTA's cards and regular commuter rail fare tickets won't be honored on special trains. Tickets may be charged to Hudson's, Master Charge, and Visa. For Master Charge or Visa, purchases must total at least \$10. For further information, call toll free: 1-800-462-5161 or 962-5515.

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