

# OU sports booster retires to Colorado

By MARTY BUDNER

"I'm going out to buy a hat, a pair of blue jeans and cowboy boots . . . I've got to get ready for the Cheyenne (Wyoming) rodeo."

Hollie Lepley is enjoying life these days near Denver, Colo., with his wife,



Hollie Lepley's "retirement" consists of studying at the University of Denver, and substitute teaching. The 61-year-old former OU professor lives just outside of Denver, with the Rocky Mountains gracing his backyard.

Margaret. The former Oakland University professor, administrator and athletic coach is becoming enriched by Western culture.

"We (Lepley and his wife) passed through Cheyenne in 1958, and we were going to stop at that same rodeo. But, it was too crowded and we couldn't get in. Now, 21 years later, we're finally going to make it."

In between trips to Cheyenne, Lepley spent two decades of his illustrious life-time at Oakland University where his name has been immortalized.

Last May Lepley was honored by some 250 friends for 20 years of faithful service to OU and its surrounding communities. The farewell dinner at the Pontiac Silverdome was a complete surprise for Lepley.

The evening's highlight was the announcement that the Sports and Recreation Building — the athletic palace at OU — was formally renamed the "Hollie L. Lepley Sports Center."

"The party was a complete surprise because, at first, I just thought I was going to be a few friends," said Lepley via telephone Monday afternoon from Colorado.

"But, there were a lot of people there, and I'm still writing out thank-you notes. And, when they said they were naming the building in my honor,

that was the climax. I didn't know a thing about it."

LEPLEY NOW lives in Englewood, a suburb immediately south of Denver. The majestic Rocky Mountains, located just a few miles to the west, almost fence in his backyard.

"I'm sitting on our patio right now, and I can see Pike's Peak to the south about 55 miles. We have some of the highest peaks in the Rockies right near us. One of the highest — Mt. Evans — has an elevation of 14,264 feet."

Lepley moved to Colorado primarily to be with his two sons. The eldest, John, is a lawyer with the Environmental Protection Agency, and Charles is an associate district attorney for the City of Denver.

Lepley is currently spending this summer as a student in a sports participation workshop at the University of Denver. Sports administrators, psychologists and program directors from across the country are in attendance.

Later this fall the 61-year-old Lepley hopes to begin a new job as an elementary school substitute teacher. His classes would include the teaching of physical and movement education to

young students in the Cherry Hill and Arapahoe School Districts.

Lepley plans to remain as active in Rocky Mountain country as he did in Rochester.

"I really don't know what the word 'retirement' means," said Lepley, who was born in Milwaukee. "I'm very busy here, and I'm getting associated with some youth groups."

"We have an age-group swim program out here like they have in Rochester, and I believe these programs are very beneficial. There are a lot of activities to keep me busy."

LEPLEY'S FIRST year at Oakland University was 1959 — when the school first opened its doors. His job was to plan, develop and coordinate a physical education and recreation program.

"I was recommended for the OU job by a person that I had previously worked with — Louis Monz," said Lepley. "The same day that I got the OU job, I got a call from the Pontiac Public Schools telling me that I had a job with them. I ended up with both jobs."

"When I was in school, I was always interested in developing programs for

elementary school kids and the handicapped. I got involved in a lot of programs, and eventually one thing led to another."

"That's how I got so involved in everything related to youth and physical education," he said.

As the university grew, so did Lepley's responsibilities.

By 1964, with the recommendation of the university's Senate, Lepley coordinated the school's original intercollegiate sports program for men and women.

The University of Wisconsin graduate volunteered his time constantly to help in formulating wrestling, basketball, tennis and swimming tournaments at Oakland. He was instrumental in arranging for the old Virginia Sims Tennis Circuit to play at Oakland before moving to Cobo Hall.

OAKLAND UNIVERSITY was the center, but not the limit of his service.

Lepley served as physical education coordinator in the Pontiac Public Schools for three years. He programmed activities for two high schools, five junior high schools and 30 elementary schools.

Lepley was an active member of the Governor's Council on Physical Education for Youth, and has been a guest speaker in Michigan for the promotion of physical education. He initiated learn-to-swim programs in Rochester, Waterford, West Bloomfield and Clarkston.

A big part of Lepley's career was working with the mentally and physically handicapped. He was helpful in locating the annual Special Olympics games at the Oakland University gymnasium.

"When you work in a program for so long like I did at Oakland, you're proud of everything you do," he said.

"Working with the handicapped children in the schools, and having them come to Oakland University each year for a competition was certainly a highlight for me. And, when our golf team won a GLIAC (Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference) championship a couple years ago that was nice."

"But, I've enjoyed all of my work. The associations with the students, faculty, staff and all the people within the community have been very rewarding to me."

## Soccer school deadline nears

Time is running out to attend one of four Michigan Soccer School sessions held either at Oakland University, Southfield Civic Center or Camp Walden in Cheboygan.

Wayne Pirman, head soccer coach at Oakland University, is the director of the school. He is an All-Ivy League and All-New England athlete at Dartmouth College. He is also the founder and past president of the Michigan Soccer Coaches Association, receiving their honor award in 1978.

The week-long sessions will teach players proper techniques and a tactical understanding of soccer through the

coaching of renowned college and professional players and coaches.

A typical day includes: group seminar at 6:30 a.m. and breakfast at 7:45 a.m.; team warm-up at 9 a.m.; and a six-station instruction in individual skills with a new feature to follow in a functional training program for advanced players. Small group games follow lunchtime.

After lunch students work on small group skills and then have free time before dinner. The evenings include team matches and game films.

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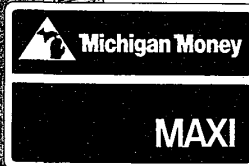
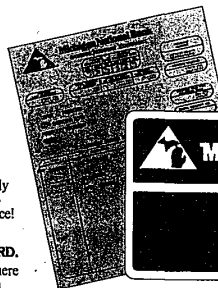
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### CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS CITY COUNCIL MEETING JULY 9, 1979

The City Council of the City of Farmington Hills held a Regular Meeting at the City Hall on July 9, 1979. Mayor Oppenheimer opened the meeting at 7:30 P.M. Council members present were: Soronen, Jones, Deacon, Smith, Alkateeb and Dolan. Others present were City Manager Savage, City Clerk Cairns and City Attorney Bibeau.

After Public Hearing the Council declared a Necessity for water improvement on Greening from Twelve Mile Road to Burbank and set August 20, 1979 for the Cost Hearing.

Necessity and Cost Hearings were held and special assessment rolls were confirmed for the construction of water and sewer to service Haggerty Road from Eight Mile Road north of Nine Mile Road; also approved was the Notice of Intent to issue Bonds. North Farmington High School request to hold their annual Homecoming parade on Saturday, September 29, 1979 was approved.

Carnival permit requested by the Kiwanis Club of North Farmington for July 18, 19, 20 and 21, 1979 on the vacant lot between Dunkel Jr. High and Prince of Peace Church was granted.

Approval was given to Windspan, Inc., for Class C Liquor license, located on the northwest corner of Grand River at Drake Road.

Revised Open Space Plan for Farmington Brook Subdivision in Section 7 was approved with escrow set at \$16,827.

Approval was given for the Amendment to Ramblewood PRD and Open Space Plan in Section 5.

Uniland Corporation received approval of Final Preliminary Plat for Ramblewood #5 in Section 5.

Final Preliminary Plat for Country Stream Subdivision in Section 24 was granted to Howard M. Binkow Building Company, escrow set at \$10,225 and completion date of 6-30-81.

The recommendation of the City Manager to enter into a cost agreement with Oakland County Road Commission for a traffic signal installation at Research and Ten Mile Roads was approved.

Contract for Hemlock Road Improvement was awarded.

Authorization to prepare final plan and specifications and advertise for bids for construction of the South East Drain project was given.

Farmington Green subdivision open space report was accepted, and escrow set at \$5,000.

Council gave Final approval for Hill View Subdivision in Section 29, Trinity Land Ltd. The recommendation of the City Manager to revise speed limits on Nine Mile Road, Halsted Road and Drake Road was approved.

Approval was given to purchase steel shelving, storage cabinets and work bench for new Fire Department Headquarters Building.

Meeting adjourned at 11:52 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,  
FLOYD A. CAIRNS  
City Clerk

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