

WSU med grads plan reunion

The Wayne State University School of Medicine's 1981 Alumni Reunion Day will feature professional sessions on "Medical Trends in the '80s."

The reunion is set for May 20 in Michigan Inn, Southfield.

Also on tap are presentations of distinguished alumni awards to Dr. Charles C. Vincent of Detroit and Dr. Kouichi Tanaka of Rancho Palos Verdes, Calif.

Dr. Vainutis Vaitkevicius will receive the Lawrence M. Weiner Award in recognition of outstanding achievement of a non-alumnus to the medical school.

The clinical sessions will offer five hours Continuing Medical Education credit. Topics include freestanding medical care facilities, medical office computers, chemotherapy advancements, the outlook for interferon and laser uses in gynecology and ophthalmology. The sessions begin at 8:30 a.m. Professional session fees are \$25 for Medical Alumni Association members and \$45 for non-members.

Make reservations by calling the school of medicine Department of University Relations at 577-1495.

Fish don't swim up north; birds do fly here

By Lam Meese staff writer

When opening day for trout dawned on the Au Sable, it was snowing. Hard. The flakes smeared the window of my Mio motel room like egg yolks thrown at a car windshield.

It was the kind of morning when it's tough to get up a hunger for tossing a flyline in a stream. Your first inclination is more like dragging yourself out of bed and stroking a sharp razor up your wrist.

It was, in other words, a typical Opening Day. That came as a big disappointment, since only the week before it was shaping up as a particularly auspicious start for the 1981 trout season.

But that was only Opening Day. In my heart of hearts, I knew things would get better.

THINGS DIDN'T.

The trout spent that whole week slouched on their stoops like Cass Corridor winos cuddling up for their favorite curb. Those dratted fish weren't where they belonged — on the end of my line, of course.

But there's no cloud without a silver lining, and this year's unfortunate opening was one of those times when there's more interest in watching people than trying to prod some sluggish brookie out of his hole.

LOCAL FISHING pressure was high, by the way.

A DNR fishery expert estimated "hundreds" of anglers crowded a two-mile stretch of the Huron River below Froud Lake planted a month or so ago with trout weighing up to five pounds. For non-fishermen, a five-pound trout set next to a more normal-sized Michigan stream trout would look like a Mack truck parked next to a Pinto.

The expert also says there were plenty of anglers on Paint Creek in Rochester, too.

Up at Mio the pressure seemed fairly light. At least on the stream.

The bars were packed elbow-to-elbow, of course.

At Ma Deeter's place in Luzerne — a town 12 miles or so from Mio, it has two gas stations, Ma Deeter's, two grocery stores and a restaurant — there was an interesting bit of conversation over the shuffle board table Saturday afternoon.

"I've been coming up here five years

outdoors

and I've never caught a trout," said a young guy to everybody in the bar. He hit his Pabst bottle hard and continued. "My wife can't understand it. Hell, I've been coming up here five years, and I've never even seen a stream."

The guy may have posed no threat to the local trout population, but he was killing the whole town's supply of Pabst.

TRAGEDY struck in Luzerne later that week. Under construction just down the street from the gas stations and Ma Deeter's is a roller rink. You explain it — a roller rink under construction in a field in a town 12 miles from Mio — but at any rate, it collapsed sometime Tuesday night for reasons no one's been able to understand.

Since the rink is being built by the same guy who owns Ma Deeter's — Ma herself is "on boot hill," he says — there was an understandable lack of good-natured frivolity in the bar Wednesday night, and C.O. Jones and myself decided to move on over to the Lost Creek Sky Ranch, just a short stagger down the road.

BIRD WATCHERS' weekend is coming up in Oakland County. Mid-May is the peak bird migration time.

Kensington Metropark near Milford will start "A Bird Walk" at the nature center at 9:30 a.m. Friday, May 15. Naturalist Bob Holating says to bring your binoculars and be prepared to traverse woods and marsh. Call the na-

ture center at 685-1561 for advance reservations.

The fifth annual May bird count at Kensington will be an all-day affair Saturday. Holating will assign teams of birders to specific areas to identify and count birds. You may volunteer for any block of time you wish. Call the nature center in advance.

Independence Oaks County Park, on Sasabaw Road 2 1/2 miles north of I-75 in Clarkston, will have a "Rise and Shine Bird Walk" from 8:10 a.m. Saturday, May 16. Naturalist Kathleen Dougherty expects you'll see geese, swallows, thrushes and hummingbirds. Pre-register by calling the parks office at 858-0903.

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