

# OCC geologists to explore north

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Summer means adventure to most people who take to nature trails and backpacking trips to get away from it all.

Oakland Community College is offering a special summer field geology course where students will explore Mackinac Island, the Pictured Rocks, Porcupine Mountains and the iron and gypsum mines in Northern Michigan and the Upper Peninsula.

The class will meet from July 3-11. Students may earn up to four credits. In addition, a course in hiking will be offered in conjunction with the geology expedition.

A second geology course will be offered on Isle Royale in Lake Superior from July 12-15. Backpacking will also be offered on location.

Students will be responsible for all entrance fees and camping permits. They will be required to provide their own camping equipment, food and transportation. Accommodations are being arranged at the local universities.

For registration information about the course, call the Auburn Hills Campus.

## outdoors

pus science department at 852-1000, Ext. 333 or 326.

**BOATING SAFETY** will be taught by the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary at the Waterford Oaks Wave Pool on from 8 a.m. to noon Saturday. Safety-related topics such as personal flotation devices, visual distress signals, life rafts, radio communications, rescue techniques and righting a small craft will be discussed and demonstrated.

For registration, call Dan Stencil in the parks office at 858-0915.

**KENSINGTON METROPARK** is giving nature enthusiasts two programs this weekend. The park is on I-96 in western Oakland County.

On Friday at 6:30 p.m., a five-mile 14-hour bike tour called "See Nature by Bike" will start at the park nature center.

For those who are into flowers, there will be a show of "Late Spring Wildflowers," on Sunday at 10 a.m.

Both programs are free, but advance

registration is required by calling 685-1561.

**AT STONY CREEK Metropark**, northeast of Rochester, there will be a morning walk featuring birds and their nests at 10 a.m. Sunday. The program is free, but advance registration is required by calling the nature center at 781-4621.

Vehicle admission to metroparks is

\$2 for the day and \$7 for a season pass covering all 11 metroparks.

**AMERICAN RED Cross** conducts a one-week camp each year where participants are trained to become certified instructors in water safety, sailing, first aid, CPR and adapted aquatics. It is scheduled for June 12-20 at Camp Storer in Jackson.

The course is open to all Michigan residents 17 years old or over. A \$150 fee covers all room, board and textbook fees for the entire week. Applications are accepted on a first come, first served basis. For registration information, call the Red Cross at 494-2888.

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## Water board has new members

Two suburban women are new members of the Area-wide Water Quality Board.

Lee Fidge, executive director of the Rouge River Watershed Council, was elected from a Wayne County caucus of local governments. She is also a Plymouth Township trustee.

Joann VanTassel, supervisor of Orion Township, was elected from a

similar caucus in Oakland County.

Both will serve three-year terms on the 25-member board. It is charged with monitor activities to protect water quality in the seven counties of southeast Michigan. Members are appointed to represent Detroit, the counties, other local governments and other interested groups.

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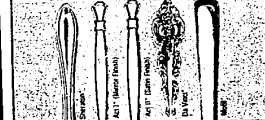
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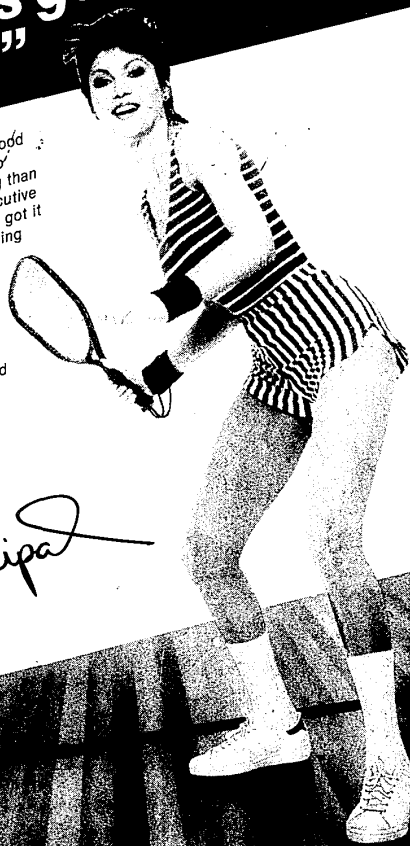
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