

Former OU player to assist Pioneers

Kelly Kenny has been appointed an assistant coach of Oakland University's girls' basketball team by head coach Sue Kruszewski.

Kenny, a three-year starter for the Pioneers at point guard, replaces Pat Graves-Wesolowski. The former assistant left OU after head coach Dwayne Jones resigned to take the same job at the University of Detroit.

At 3 foot 6 inches tall, Kenny directed OU's high-scoring offense which twice won the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Conference championships. The Pioneers made the NCAA Division II playoffs in Kenny's last two years.

Kenny is OU's all-time assist leader with 370 and twice surpassed 100 in a season. She played 112 games for Oakland.

"She has been a very important part of OU's winning program the last four years," Kruszewski said. "Her knowledge of fundamentals is a tremendous working area camps and clinics. I'm positive she'll help continue the success women's basketball has enjoyed at Oakland."

Kenny plans to finish her requirements in elementary education at OU by the fall.

COACHES NEEDED

The Rochester Schools Athletic Department currently is accepting varsity coaching applications for the 1983-84 year in girls' tennis, basketball and swimming, and boys' wrestling. Those interested in being considered for the positions should contact Bill Stettin (651-6210 Ext. 265).

ALL-STATE SOCCER

Reece Eckholt of Troy Athens and Cindy Youngerman of Troy High are two soccer players from the Michigan Soccer Coaches Association's all-state team who were recommended for All-American consideration.

The first five members of the first team were ranked for recommendation to the National Soccer Coaches Association for the All-American designation.

Also selected to the all-state team were Katy Andreas of Birmingham Seaholm, Lisa Leonard of Bloomfield Hills Lahser and Joanne Blake of Troy. Second-team honorees were Karen Hedmark of West Bloomfield, Debbie Wojaszek of Birmingham Marian, Sue Ferguson of Farmington Harrison, and Liz Suttie of Troy.

Those receiving honorable mention included Joanna Meyer of West Bloomfield, Beth Porterfield of Birmingham Groves and Kelly Teper of Southfield. All of the girls mentioned were named to the Observer & Eccentric All-Area team.

RACQUET EVENTS SCHEDULED

Franklin Racquet Club of Southfield

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has several regular tennis and racquetball activities open to the public.

Friday night tennis mixers are 8-11 p.m. every Friday. Cost is \$12 per person or \$23 per couple.

Racquetball activities include Ladies Day 9:30-11:30 a.m. every Tuesday at a cost of \$6 per person, Men's Day 12:30-2 p.m. every Wednesday for \$7.50 per person and Wallball Mixers 7:30-9:30 p.m. every Thursday for \$6 per person.

The club is located at 29350 Northwestern Highway. For information on any event, call the club at 352-8800.

GOLF CLASSIC

The B'nai Brith Golf Classic will be Tuesday, June 28, at Wabek Country Club, featuring a full lineup of guest celebrities on hand to team up with participating players.

Sponsored by the B'nai Brith Metropolitan Detroit Council, the event will benefit B'nai Brith youth programs in Michigan.

Cost for the outing is \$250 per person, which includes valet parking, buffet luncheon, use of locker room and golf cart, beverages, cocktails and hors d'oeuvres and dinner banquet.

Celebrities who will join golfing foursomes include Tommy Hearn, Joe LeGoff, Eli Zaret, Tom Skladany, Jim Northrup, Bill Freehan, Hank Aguirre, Don Shane, Dick "Night Train" Lane and "Big Al" Wygant.

Advance registration is required. For more information, call B'nai Brith director Charles Gordon at 552-8177.

PUBLIX GOLF OPENINGS

The Michigan Publix Golf Association has a few openings left in its East Division. Interested parties should send \$20 to Alex Bell, 5934 Della Rosa, Sterling Heights 48078.

COACHES NEEDED

St. Mary's Preparatory school in Orchard Lake is looking for applicants for junior varsity and freshman basketball coaching positions. Applicants can call Rich Krusinski at 682-1805, or send resumes to St. Mary's Preparatory, Orchard Lake 48033.

HOPE LETTER WINNERS

Several area athletes have been awarded varsity letters by Hope College.

Sophomore Dave Gowman of West Bloomfield won a letter for his performance as catcher for the baseball team; senior Lynn Frank of Birmingham won a letter in softball for pitching/outfielding; and sophomore Kathy Kaehler of Troy was awarded a track letter following her performances in dashes and relays.

of Bloomfield Hills Andover, Nancy Simmons of West Bloomfield and Michelle Jones of Rochester Adams.

Golf team highlighted

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PENDRACKI topped the list for Coach of the Year. This season his team won the league championship for the third straight year, posting a lowest team average record in the process (along with several personal bests).

"It was a little surprising," Pendracki says. "I knew we had a basically good team, but we were a little inexperienced. I think the best thing was how all the girls progressed." Next year's prospects for Groves include four returning golfers who comprised the team nucleus this season. "This was the best team we ever had," Pendracki says. "I think we can make at least one more league championship."

All-Area second team selections include Danielle Cariveau and Kris DeAlexandris of Farmington Our Lady of Mercy (both were named to the second team last year as well), Claudine Laurie of Marian, Jeanne Gibbons of Kingwood, Muffy Hayes of Seaholm and Jill Cindner of Troy.

Honorable mentions go to Deirdra O'Brien of Troy Athens, Jamie Conroy

Carl Pendracki



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Taking a challenge

Bulla's concept has universal appeal

By Dan Bodene
Staff writer

Randy Bulla is a veteran marathon runner, skier, skater, hunter, fisherman and Jewish Community Center fitness director — and Greater West Bloomfield Chamber of Commerce speaker.

Wait a minute. What's an outdoorsy guy doing in a close-curtained restaurant room talking to the business leader lunch bunch?

Simple question, but one that isn't easily answered.

Bulla says one of the key words to remember is challenge, because the concept is applicable to runners and retailers, gymnasts and general managers. Challenge is what started Bulla in an athletic career that's taken him from free time jogging to the Olympic marathon trials.

"THE REASON I started running was not for my health, but for the challenge," Bulla told West Bloomfield chamber members last Wednesday.

He said it was a friend who actually provided the catalyst.

Just over six years ago, Bulla said, he followed (in a car) a friend who was running in a marathon. The friend finished the ordeal in second-to-last place after four hours and 10 minutes of grueling exertion. "It was a real struggle for him," Bulla recalled. "And it became a mental challenge for me to do it, too."

Not one to put off a task, Bulla began training immediately. The first week (in March, 1977) he ran 16 miles, the second week he ran a little more than 20, the third week more than 30.

Three months after he began running, Bulla entered a marathon in Toledo, Ohio. Although the hot, humid June weather wasn't exactly conducive to long-beating times, Bulla finished the event in just over three hours — astonishing for a newcomer to distance running.

Along the way to that performance, Bulla learned some things that eventually led to his invitation before the

chamber.

"I WOULD set new goals for myself, accomplish them and then reset the goals," Bulla said. The technique worked in his running activities. Only a few months after his initial marathon he placed 29th in the Boston event, which qualified him for the Olympic trials.

Nearly 200 runners competed in the trials for a chance at three team berths. Because of a nerve ailment in his foot, Bulla placed 119th. Far from discouraging him, the experience tempered his resolve to join an Olympic marathon team. Bulla says he'll be among the runners at the '74 trials next May.

But won't he be too old?

"I'm 36 now," he says. "There doesn't seem to be a limiting factor on age. It is a factor, but if you're willing to put commitment into it, you'll get results."

Commitment is another thing Bulla says is important for both athletes and accountants.

"Family is important," he told the chamber gathering. "And it's important that everyone agrees to sacrifices and commitment. It's important for partners to 'mesh' philosophically."

BULLA SAYS if one family member takes up a challenge, be it in athletics or business, the support and understanding of the rest of the family is all-important.

Perspective is also needed. "Running is the most important 'thing' in my life," Bulla said. "I have a marriage partner, too, but she's not a 'thing.'"

Bulla offered five steps to gain success in sports or commerce:

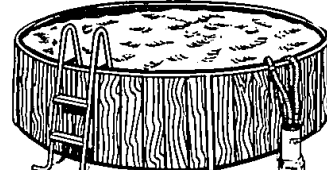
1. Set realistic goals, write them down and read them regularly.
2. Visualize those goals. Often.
3. Convince yourself they can be accomplished.

4. Replace "luck thinking" with "probability thinking."
5. Take action.

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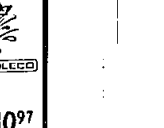
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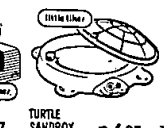
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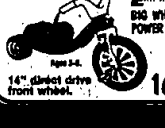
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