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## Grush receives honor

Cindy Grush of Farmington Hills, freshman on the Kalamazoo Col-

 a freshmane on the Kalamasoo Gol fege womo's swim tange maned to the al-Miohgan Intercol- glate Athleic Association swim- ming/diving team for her perform- ance in the 198-99 season. Grush received the post-season ward following her performace in swimming challen 99 season. The league meet, Grush Placed flive events, including second flive and the season and the MIAA swimming championships. In the 200-yard breast stroke ad 500 freestyle events. Ske adso dual meets and the F was thrid in the 100 breast stroke Kalamazoo's best for the season. Kalamazoo won the MIAA best for the season. Kalamazoo's best for the season. for the season. Kalamazoo's best for the season. Kalamazoo's besthe season. Kalamazoo's best for the season. K place in the 200-yard breast stroke and 500 freestyle events. She also dual meets and the Hornets second was third in the 100 breast stroke, at 5-1. In the league meet, Kalama-and her time in the 500 freestyle was zoo was first with 600 points and Kalamazoo's best for the season. Kalamazoo's won the MIAA charm-plonship, ending Hope College's ton Hills Mercy High School and the string of 10 consceutive titles from daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest 1980 through 1989. Hope was 6-0 in Grush of Farmington Hills.

# Injury ends junior year Yvette Malson, a former standout at Farmington Hills Mercy, recently concluded her junior year on the Drake University women's basket-ball team.



### EMU gridder hopeful

Like the Berlin Wall, things came crashing down last week for Eastern Michigan defensive back David Mar-

Michigan defensive back David Mar-shall. ; The former Redford Union stand-out had everything going for him. He was competing for a starting job on the Haron defense and was relishing his first full season on scholarship. But a tacke would change hol suck. Marshall, ättempting to bring drills, got his foot caught in the arti-licial surface at Michigan Stadium and tore ligaments in his knee. The 5-foot2, 185-pound Marshall will undergo surgery Tuesday. Doc tors are certain it will take six months for the kneet to regain its full strength.



Defense concerns U-D coach By C.J. Rinak staff writer

The future of University of Detroit's baseball earn may depend on how well it recovers from the past.

In 1999, the Titans finished 30-26-1 overall and In 1999, the Titans finished 30-26-1 overall and were 17-7 in the Midwestern Collegitate Confer-ence regular scason. Three-straight wins in the MCC tournament put them within a game of the Utile and a trip to the NCAA tournament, but Notre Dame swept two from U-D to upset those plans.

plans. Nearly everyone returns from that Titan team. The only player missing is Mike Clouiter (from Birmingham Grove), and UD veteran coards Bob Miller figures he has signed enough recruits to counter Clouiter's loss. And yet, questions remain about the Titans. Several rovoive around players from areas Miller loves to recruit — Redford, Livonia, Southfield, Westland, Farmington Mills and Birmingham. Five Titans are graduates of Redford Union. Four others – Rick Tavornina of Westland (John Glenn), Lance Sullivan of Livonia (Churchill), steve Wujezyk of Southfield (Southfield-Lathrup) and Doug Fitzer of Farrnington Hills (Birming-ham Brother Ricc) — are all key elements in U-D's title plans.

But this plans. BUT THUS far, in the Titans' 8-9 start (includ-ing last weekend's 2-2 split at MCC rival Xavier), the event of the second start of the second and the second start of the second start and the second start of the second start we've made cosily. I though we were going to we've made cosily. I though we were going to every body back from last year, except Clouter." Instead, several key hitters have struggled but the pitching has been sold. The mound corps starts with schor righthander Pat Miller, an RU grad who happens to be the packrage. Zitkeouis and just four walks in 230 innings this season.

MILLER WAS one of the question marks, even though he was 6-1 with a 3.75 ERA last year. Any pitcher who had elbow surgery 18 months ago —

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as Miller did — wonn have to se consucred doubtful. "Pat Miller's just pliching great," said the Ti-tan coach. "He's been our best plicher so far." The pros are interested, 100, according to coach Miller, who counted seven scouls with radiar guns clocking Pat Miller at one recent game (for the record, he throws in the B4-B9 mph range). So far, the arm's held up quite well. Miller (he coach) is hoping the same will be true for senior second baseman Dennis Bushart, another RU vroduct.

product. Bushart hit .287 ln '89, with six doubles, a triple, a homer and 25 runs batted In. He made 12 errors in 41 games at shortstop and second, and was named first-team All-MCC.

THOSE WERE the bighlights. On May 7, Bushart injured his knee against Notre Dame and was lost for the final 16 games. He's back, and so far he's been beiter than ever. He's hitting .283 and has just two errors in 15 games, and has weekend he put on a rare display of power, clubb-ing three homers in as many at-bats against Xa-vier.

ince nonversion as many around signific An-"He just had the stroke," said Miller of Buhart's homer outberst. The Redford native had just asks in his three previous seasons at U-D, whole offension of Saturdar whole offension of Saturdar "He's wenting a big brace on it, but he's worked hard and looks good out there." A couple of others have on thard so well for U-D. Mark Thierry, a sophomore righthander from RU, injured his shoulder during the spring trip and is sidellned with what may be a rotator cuff problem. His return to action this season is ques-tionable.

tionable. Sullivan, a junior first baseman, broke his thumb diving for a grounder and will be redshirt-ed this year. Sullivan, who hit. 331 with 29 RBI in '99, was batting .278 in six games this season be-fore getting hurt.

THOSE LOSSES have put a damper on the Ti-tans' hopes. It also means others are going to have

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"HE'S PRESSING like beck," said Miller. "(Ta-vormina) hasn't been fledding because he's wor-ried about his litting, and he hasn't been hitting because he's worried about his fledding. "We had a taik the other day and I fold him he's our shortstop, so stop pressing and enjoy the game."

our shortstop, so stop pressing and enjoy inte quine." A player whose record is struggling is Fitzer, a junion lefthander. "Fitzer's pitched great," said Miller. "He's really come on. He's taken charge out there. It's a damn shame we haven't backed him up." Fitzer is 1-2 with a 3.47 ERA and 16 strikeouts in 323% innings. He was the loser in Sunday's 5-2 defeat at Xavier, but four of the five runs he al-lowed were uncarned. His teammates committed four errors behind him. Mike Stefanski, a junior from RU, has been a plus behind he plate, As a sophomore, he hit 336 with nine doubles and 24 RBI; this season, he's batting .273 with six RBI and has "throw revery-body out (trying to steal)," said Miller. "He's get a great arm."

If the injuries subside and hitting and defense rebounds, a similar finish could be upcoming.

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iust enough to get a mate et al. Ion." Despile his progress, Marshall had not yet received a scholarship and was beginning to get frustrated.

In the 1988 season, Marshall made appearances in two games as a back-

"I got to play about 10 or 12 plays that season," Marshall said. "It was just enough to get a taste of the ac-

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