

Cyclist commutes to Farmington

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I'll use that as a day to transport clothes back and forth. If it rains in the afternoon, I just get wet.

"A lot of things come naturally to you the more you ride. You learn to find a comfortable position on the bike and hill-climbing techniques."

He suggests taking a class in bike safety and repair before attempting a long ride. An organized cycling organization can help ease novice riders into bike touring.

Dino Paglia, service manager for Sterling Schwinn Cycling and Fitness shop in downtown Rochester,

'Sometimes we pass the same cars (stuck in traffic) three times on this stretch to the bank.'

— Bruce Beaumont commutes on bike

suggest helmets and gloves for bicyclists, especially those heading into traffic. Helmets ranged from \$49-\$100. Gloves average \$20.

"People who do commute, especially in Rochester, might want to consider 'Fat Boy' tires if they ride mountain bikes. With the sidewalks and roads as bad as they are in Rochester, you don't want to use a 10-speed with skinny tires."

The smooth, fat mountain bike tires give cyclists a more stable ride than a 10-speed does.

Paglia said halogen lights are a must for riding in the dark. He suggests using common sense when designing a commuting route.

"Stay off Rochester Road if possible," he said.

LTU fills engineering post

Filling the void as interim dean of engineering at Lawrence Technological University is Joseph Olivieri.

Olivieri recently was named to temporarily head the 2,600-student engineering college while LTU conducts a nationwide search for a permanent successor to Khalil Taraman.

A search committee is expected to be formed during 1991-92 to identify candidates for permanent appointment as dean, a position vacated by Taraman at the end of

June.

At that time, Taraman returned to the faculty. He cited a desire to devote more time to the coordination of Lawrence Tech's graduate and research program in manufacturing engineering.

Olivieri's unique professional background and experience has led to assignments since 1976 as a professor in LTU's engineering and architecture/design colleges.

Most recently, Olivieri served as LTU's associate dean of architecture.

Along Lincoln in the early hours as the sun struggles to break through an overcast sky, Bruce Beaumont rides to work.

Cyclist's pledges will aid shelter

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the Detroit area in 1987, becoming head trader in government bonds for Michigan National Bank, Beaumont began riding and acquiring bikes.

Nine bikes, including a tandem and his son's trike, line the walls of his garage. When Beaumont isn't training by himself, he rides for fun with his wife, Sue, and children, age 5 and 3. The couple's 3-month-old infant will be ready for the road "when he can sit up and wear a helmet."

The couple joined "Slow Spokes of Macomb," a cycling club with an easy-going approach to day trips. Other clubs, like the Wolverines and Clinton River Riders, are "hell bent on getting to where they're going."

He has ridden with both kinds of cyclists. He also tried racing, but isn't likely to give up bike touring.

"I like the concept a lot. The problem is that people who are into the sport are such fanatics. It's on the dangerous side."

A swerving bike or unexpected stop can send other racers flying in a domino effect within the tightly packed race formation.

Beaumont hasn't taken any major tumbles while riding to work, although some drivers unintentionally cruise by too close and trucks can create a powerful vacuum.

His worst accident happened during high school. Wearing only shorts and shoes, Beaumont sailed by tennis courts no-handed, with eyes fixed on the players instead of the road. He didn't see the speed bump that tossed him off the bike and onto his chin.

"I ended up getting 12 stitches. It goes to show you that you should wear a helmet at all times. You really don't know what's going to happen," he said.

These days he wears proper gear and although he daydreams on the way to work, Beaumont uses caution on both residential streets and main roads.

"I think cycling grows on you. You do your first 240-mile ride and say, I really like this. You get addicted to the challenge of seeing how far you can go. You push yourself to see where the maximum is."

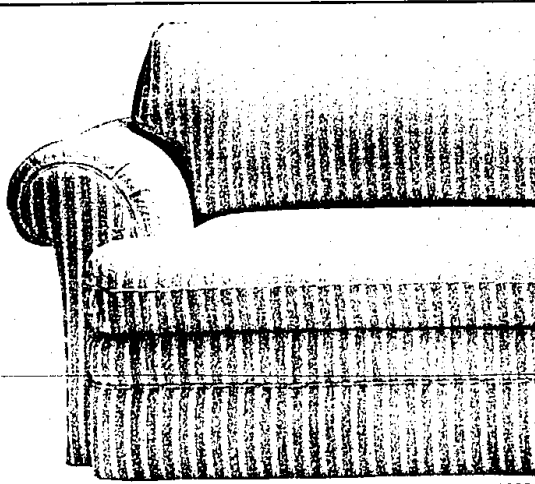
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"When you find yourself in bad weather and you're still cycling."

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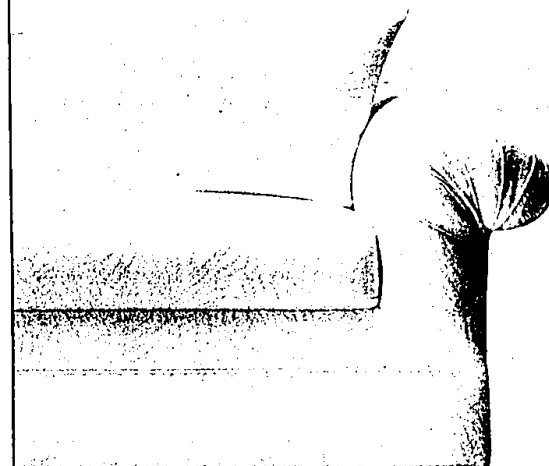
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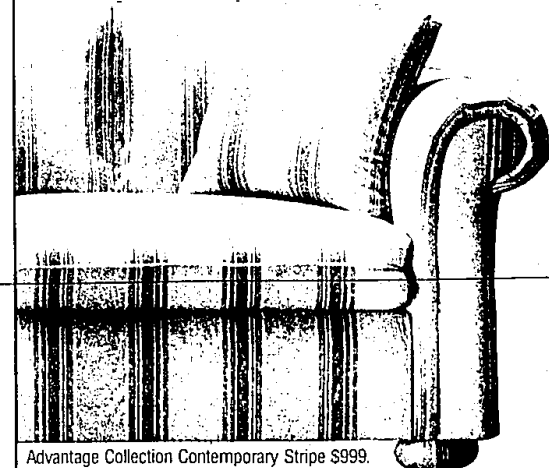
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