

Maxwell pitches history with the best

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When Jerry Maxwell was a college baseball pitcher, he'd throw everything from every direction and hemisphere.

"I just wanted to make that batter think," said Maxwell, who pitched at Adrian College in the early 1960s.

Maxwell still pitches with the best of them. But he's throwing out historical figures and events that have students swinging for

the academic fences at North Farmington High School.

Daughters of the American Revolution like Maxwell's stuff. He has been honored as the National Outstanding American History of 1995.

Maxwell was nominated by the Quakertown Chapter DAR. He also received certificates for winning at the chapter and state levels.

He was honored in a special ceremony at the annual DAR

Continental Congress in Washington D.C. April 20. His wife, Carlene, son Brent and daughter Holly attended the presentation.

"It's like holy mackerel, what a thrill," Maxwell said. "I was overwhelmed."

He's been teaching for 31 years. He's been chairman of North Farmington's History Department for 16 years and has been named the school's teacher-of-the-year in 1986 and 1993.

Also, Maxwell was North Farm-

ington's baseball coach. He earned coaching honors in 1977, '78 and '80. He's also coached football and is an announcer at school football games.

To him, history is not a regurgitation of facts and figures. During his lectures, textbooks are as rare as mosquitoes in the Arctic.

Instead, Maxwell captures student minds and spirits through visual aids and anecdotes.

When the subject is Theodore Roosevelt, for instance, Maxwell won't immediately cite dates the 26th U.S. President held office. He'll likely relate how the founder of the Bull Moose party was a lightweight boxer at Harvard and how he climbed a mountain on his honeymoon.

He'll bring Civil War era medical kits and swords. He'll haul in slides taken at numerous Civil War battlefields he's visited.

How history is taught can make the subject indelible or arduous, he said.

"It's like country music," he said. "When it's good, it's wonderful. When it's bad, you run to turn it off in a hurry."

"It's a sales job. I used to sell life insurance. If you can sell in-



All smiles: Rebecca Davis of the Daughters of the American Revolution has an award for history teacher Jerry Maxwell.

sureance, you can sell history."

At the beginning of a semester, Maxwell will ask those who don't like history to raise their hands. More up in arms they are, the more he enjoys his job.

His Civil War articles have appeared in the Lincoln Herald and he's writing a book on Colonel John Pelham.

He gives countless lectures to organizations outside of school and is a 25-year member of the Michigan Regimental Civil War Roundtable.

The Civil War era would appear to be his area of expertise, but

history in general is his oyster.

Aside from Civil War events, Maxwell teaches courses in Advanced Placement U.S. History, World War II and the Old West. He developed the latter two courses.

No matter the time period, Maxwell wants students to understand the basics: Why some things happen, understanding government, the difference between law-abiding and unlawful behavior, and how to get along as a community.

"I'm demanding," he said, "but I'm having a good time and so are they."

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Harrison students host adult prom

Harrison High School students will host the fourth annual spring dance for Farmington and Farmington Hills senior adults Thursday, May 11.

The spring dance will take place in the Harrison gym and is sponsored by the Senior Adult Division and Farmington Com-

munity Education. Admission is free to seniors. Light refreshments will be served.

Music will be provided by the Harrison High School Jazz Band and a disc jockey 3:30-5:50 p.m.

Registration starts April 24.

Forms are available at the Farmington Hills Senior Adult Center, both city halls, libraries, and the Farmington Community School.

For information or phone registration, call the Farmington Community School at 489-3333 between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

St. Fabian 'Mind' team prepares for world finals

It's on to the world finals in Knoxville, Tenn., for the Odyssey of the Mind team from St. Fabian School in Farmington Hills. But first the grade-schoolers have to raise some money for expenses.

One fund-raiser for St. Fabian will be an aerobic workout by Fitness Factory instructor Sylvia Kambouris at 6 p.m. Friday, May

5, at the Piomontese Club, 389500 W. Nine Mile, between Halsted and Haggerty. Minimum donation is \$5 per person.

The St. Fabian team advanced to the world finals by winning the state championship in Division I at the Odyssey of the Mind competition April 8 at Central Michigan University.

YMCA HIGHLIGHTS

These YMCA Highlights appear courtesy of the Farmington YMCA, 28100 Farmington Road, Farmington Hills. For more information, call 553-4020.

KIDS' NIGHT OUT
The next Kids' Night Out is scheduled 7:30-11 p.m. Saturday, May 6. The theme for the night will be "Carnival." The program is open to kindergartners through fifth-graders. All participants

must be pre-registered. Contact Alana Hill at 553-4020, Ext. 222, for more information.

MIDDLE SCHOOL NIGHT
Mark your calendars for 7:30-11 p.m. Saturday, May 13. That's the next Middle School Night at the Farmington Area YMCA. Activities include movies, food, racquetball, volleyball and swimming. Bring \$2 for food. Contact Alana Hill at 553-4020, Ext. 222, for more information.

Men, if you're about to turn 18, it's time to register with Selective Service at any U.S. Post Office.

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NOTICE OF LAST DAY OF REGISTRATION OF THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF OAKLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT FOR THE SPECIAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON MONDAY, JUNE 12, 1995

TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF OAKLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a special election for the Oakland Community College district shall be held on Monday, June 12, 1995, in conjunction with the regular elections of component school districts.

Act 116, Public Acts of Michigan, 1954, as amended, provides in part as follows:

The inspectors of election at an election or primary election in this state, or in a district, county, township, city or village in this state, shall not receive the vote of a person whose name is not registered in the registration book or listed on the computer registration precinct list of the township, ward, or precinct in which he offers to vote unless the person has met the requirements of section 907b.

The last day for receiving registrations for the election will be Monday, May 15, 1995. Persons residing in said District registering after 4:00 p.m. on Monday, May 15, 1995 will not be eligible to vote at the election. Persons planning to register must determine when the township, city, or village offices or Secretary of State drivers license bureau offices will be open for registration.

Only persons who have registered as general electors with the appropriate clerk of the township, city, or village in which they reside, or through registration with a deputy registrar or at a Secretary of State drivers license bureau, are registered District electors.

Please take further notice that only registered school electors residing in the Oakland Community College area of any component school district will be eligible to vote at the special election of Oakland Community College.

The following proposal will be submitted to the electors at the special election to be held on Monday, June 12, 1995.

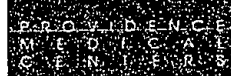
OAKLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE MILLAGE PROPOSAL

Shall the limitation on the amount of taxes which may be imposed on taxable property in the Oakland Community College District be increased by eight tenths (.8) mill (80¢ per \$1,000 of taxable value) for a period of seven (7) years, the years 1995 through 2001, to be used for all purposes authorized by law? If approved and levied, it is estimated that eight tenths (.8) mill would raise approximately \$35,477,000 when first levied in 1995, resulting in an approximate increase for 1995 of \$48.00 for a house with a true cash value of \$100,000.

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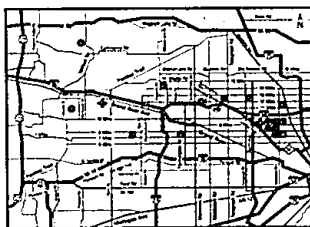
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