

# Schoolcraft's Butler Librarian Writes 'Just For Fun'

Patrick Butler has a professional ability that has created one of Michigan's finest community libraries and a bright wit that landed him a place in last week's Saturday Review's humor section just below a poem by Ogden Nash.

But his reaction to the suggestion that someone should write a story about him was that there must be some sort of mistake—nobody would be interested.

Finally cornered, he made a last ditch effort to switch the subject of inquiry to the Schoolcraft College library.

AT 43, BUTLER is a quiet man with a ready smile and a sort of fatherly image.

"Actually," he said after a short skirmish about revealing his age, "I'd just as soon people knew I was only 43. Everybody takes a look at all this grey hair and decides I have to be at least 52."

The fatherly air and even the grey hair may have something to do with his eight children, ranging from 3 to 18, who, he says "are all over Plymouth." His wife was a teacher until she found herself with practically a classroomful at home.

Butler came to Plymouth in 1952 after receiving his master's degree in library science from the University of Michigan. After 10 years as Plymouth High librarian, he joined new-born Schoolcraft College in the summer of 1962 as head librarian.

"AT THAT TIME there wasn't really any set of rules for developing a community college library. The only master lists of books had been published about 1930, and those weren't much help."

"I was fortunate here to have the enthusiasm and support of both President (Eric) Bradner and the college board. We aimed for a library of 20,000 volumes when the college was to open in 1964, and we actually had about 17,000. By now, the figure has jumped to around 30,000."

This summer Schoolcraft's library building is scheduled for major remodeling, which will convert the one-third now used for classrooms into shelving and reading space. But this change, Butler said, is really only a temporary measure.

"If the challenge continues to grow, we're going to need a whole new building in a few years, and we're going to have to think about planning for that fairly soon."

THE CHALLENGE of building and maintaining an adequate library for a mushrooming student population occupies most of Butler's time, but he has managed to squeeze in some free lance writing.

Although his work is good enough for the Saturday Review and several other magazines, he doesn't even consider writing a major hobby.

"There aren't that many things I'm really interested in writing," he claims. "I wouldn't want to write for library journals, and I don't have time to do any serious free lance work. It's just for fun."

His writing style is bright and brisk; unsuspecting readers would have a hard time tracing the work to a librarian. As Butler said while fencing with the interviewer, "After all, librarians don't have personalities; we're supposed to be dull."

If Pat Butler had set out to shatter that image, he couldn't have done a better job.



PATRICK BUTLER



## The College Whirl

MIDSHIPMAN MICHAEL JONES, a second classman at the United States Naval Academy at Annapolis, will be spending part of his spring leave speaking to boys interested in applying for admission to the academy. The project is known as "Operation Information." He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Jones of 17921 Mayfield, Livonia.

NEWBURN, and Kenneth Cox, a junior, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Cox, of 1464 Garden. Howell graduated from Franklin High in 1965 and Cox is a graduate of Bentley High.

DAVID O. MCGUIRE, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Otis F. McGuire of Plymouth, is a member of the Bob Jones University Orchestra. He is a freshman history major and plays the oboe.

JUDITH CONN, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John W. Conn, 1311 Elm, Plymouth, was recently initiated into Alpha Phi sorority at Denison University, Granville, Ohio. She is a freshman.

CAROLYN SUE FRANCISCO, daughter of Mrs. Anna Francisco of 35386 Ford, Farmington, has been accepted by the Michigan Christian College in Rochester, Mich. She will graduate from Farmington High in June.

BARBARA WOLF, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. Wolf of 14205 Shadywood Drive, Plymouth, is one of 40 singers selected from the 61-voice Judson College Choir to tour the mid-western states this spring vacation. The group, directed by Prof. Edward Thompson, will present 24 concerts during the two-week period. The campus is in Elgin, Ill.

Two PLYMOUTH GIRLS, Suzanne McCully, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William McCully, of 9552 Martyn; and Linda Whit, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Whit, of 45000 Joy Road, are in student teaching programs at Adrian College this semester. Both of the girls are seniors and are teaching art. They graduated from Plymouth High in 1964.

TWO LIVONIA STUDENTS at Adrian College have been named to the Dean's List for the first semester. They are Philip Howell, a junior, the son of Mr. and Mrs. A.L. Howell, of 11970

### Charm School In Redford

The third session of the charm school sponsored by the Redford Jaycee Auxiliary will be on Wednesday, March 27 at Pearson Junior High School at 7:30 p.m.

Poise and appearance is the program scheduled for that evening. Although these programs are mainly planned for junior and senior high school students, anyone may attend. There is no admission charge.

The final course will be on Wednesday, April 3. A spring fashion show will be featured that evening.

### Redford Slates Battle Of Bands

Three teen dances featuring "Battle of the Bands" contests will be sponsored by the Redford Jaycees during spring vacation.

Girl Scouts Collect Books

More than 300 books were collected by Redford Township Girl Scout Troop 2430 recently for the community library services project of the Archdiocesan Opportunity Program. The books will be used in 18 inner-city centers, where community library service is not available.

The first two contests, April 16 at Redford Union and April 18 at Thurston, will be held to choose six top bands for the final judging April 20 at Redford Union. Each dance will begin at 7 p.m.

The Jaycees are looking for area bands interested in the competition. The winning band will take home a \$75 prize and a trophy, along with a chance to compete in the Michigan Battle of the Bands, slated for May 25 in Muskegon. All of the bands in the contest must be composed of amateurs. Musicians may contact the Jaycees by calling Christopher LaRue at KE 5-4867.

### Find Home For Negro Sororities

Special arrangements will be made to permit two predominantly Negro sororities to occupy two of the Oxford Housing cooperative units at the University of Michigan. Richard L. Cutler, vice president for student affairs, has announced.

The housing assignment is part of the University's effort to offer equal opportunity to all of its students, Cutler said. The arrangement has been approved by the University's Regents, and is limited to a maximum of two years. He expects that during that period, the sororities, Alpha Kappa Alpha and Delta Sigma Theta, will be able to make arrangements for permanent, private facilities.

The request for assignment of units at Oxford, which is University owned and operated, originated with the two groups involved and has had the support of Panhellenic Association, the campus-wide spokesman for U-M sororities.

Under the new arrangement, members of the two groups electing to live in Oxford will be given first priority in the houses designated for them. A large proportion of the members are Opportunity Award students.



DELEGATES FROM several Observerland high schools spent last weekend in mock United Nations sessions at the University of Detroit. In all, the program drew more than 1,000 students from the Detroit and Windsor area. The Plymouth High group, representing Italy, included (left to right) Yvonne Williams, Marion Starr, Pam Bosker and Brent McLaughlin.



BENTLEY HIGH'S Mike Madden was spokesman for the Algerian delegation.

NORTH FARMINGTON HIGH representatives Roger Voorheis and Bob Hite spoke for Afghanistan.



LIVONIA TEENS who attended the National Foundation-March of Dimes Teen Awards Dance saw 20 young people honored for outstanding teen leadership. Left to right are: Dennis Mankin, Diane Hudak, Gary Myers, Pat Ahola, Bob Myers, Cherie Leidal, area chairmen Dave Ducharme and Lyn

Core (standing) Jennie Upton, Pete Bogoyevac, Rick Ducharme, Ted Preston and Shirley Lancione. The Livonia dance took part in the Teen Tag Day project that brought over \$17,000 to the Wayne County March of Dimes campaign to fight birth defects.

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