

He's Coach, Tutor, Ref And Psychologist

By JACKIE KLEIN

Former Olympic basketball coach Julius (Goldy) Goldman of Southfield didn't decline to be interviewed. But his first words were, "Why me? There are a lot more important people."

A longtime athlete and coach, Goldman is now one of the most popular math tutors in the individualized programmed learning labora-

tory at Oakland Community College's Auburn Hills campus.

"I can't wait to get here," is the way Goldman feels about his three-year-old job. "I've even given up days off during Christmas vacation to come back and tutor. I just love it."

Goldman is a grandpa, and he coached the Canadian Olympic basketball team in the 1936 games at Berlin.

That should put him in the 60-year-old range, but he's still in terrific shape.

Goldman played with the Canadian team when it won the championship. But he couldn't be in the Olympics because he isn't a Canadian citizen.

"They wanted to take me to the British embassy to become a citizen of Canada. But I said when the games were over, I wanted to be

turned back into an American citizen. It was no dice, so I went along as a coach."

A four-letter college athlete, Goldman established state basketball records. He still keeps in shape golfing, playing handball and jogging around his Southfield apartment. He's a regular referee at local high school football and basketball games.

Before joining the Oakland Community College staff, he taught math at Detroit Institute of Technology night school and doubled as basketball and football coach. He also has taught applied management and technology at Wayne State University.

A registered professional engineer, Goldman has a BA from the Detroit Institute of Technology and an MA in business engineering. He has done post-graduate work in accounting and finance.

He was formerly employed as corporate secretary for Federal Engineering Co. and designed artillery ammunition during World War II.

It isn't easy to get Goldman to talk about his social contributions. When he was coaching, he took his teams to the blood bank to donate plasma. He figures that during and after World War II, he has donated 135 pints of blood.

He has produced 40, hour and a half tapes for recording for the blind. "Well, you do your bit," he shrugs.

"They needed someone to read text books for blind kids. They wanted someone who was familiar with the subject matter, so I volunteered to make tapes on



JULIUS GOLDMAN
Coach And Tutor

Goldman tutors offers a self-teaching method for students who want to improve their skills. Last week, Pontiac Motors sent a group of employees to the college for individual math.

"Some of these employes have been out of school at least 50 years and they're rusty," says Goldman. "Some are having difficulty with basic math. Others are ready for trigonometry."

Students are given diagnostic tests and then embark on their own program at their own pace. They use self teaching "prescription" books and are assisted by Goldman.

"Students aren't given credit for the individualized program," explains Goldman. "But it prepares them for the classroom and reduces the drop-out rate."

Besides Oakland Community College students, veterans come to the lab to build their skills. Housewives who like to work algebra problems or want to get more proficient at balancing their checkbooks drop in for a course. Other university students who get stuck come in for help. There is also a summer enrichment program.

Goldman, who works closely with students, says there isn't a bit of trouble with cheating. Everyone comes on his own. They can stay eight hours a day if they like.

"Two female students came back to see me after they had completed the program. One got 92 per cent on her classroom math test and the other got 85 per cent. That's all she thanks I need."



FARMINGTON-GOODFELLOWS had a helping hand last week when students at Lonpage Elementary School wrapped a big supply of dresses and shirts for needy children in the community. Denise Germaine (left) and Robin Bedrosian are putting the finishing touches on one of the boxes. (Evert photo)



FOR THE FOURTH SUCCESSIVE Christmas, residents of McNamara Towers, under direction of Mrs. Myrtle A. Stanton, have been making dolls and animals for distribution by Livonia Goodfellows to add to the holiday joy of boys and girls. Showing this year's collection (from left) are Mrs. Stanton, Mrs. Ann Smith and Mrs. Loretta Vezina. Others who have helped include Mrs. Marcella Burger, Mrs. Helen Lydy, Nellie Andross, Carey Jensen, Mattie Peal, Pauline Petri, Catherine Beach, Buelah Lisk and Jack Scannell. (Observer photo by Bob Woodring)



HOLIDAY TIME is cookie-making time for first graders of Mrs. Carol Kavan in Clarenceville's Botsford Elementary School. With the assistance of teacher aide Sharon Morrison, students busy themselves with cookie cutters. From left: Ann Siskosky, Brenda LePage, Paul Franckowiak, Yvonne Cote and Wally Gawel.