

Mercy girls join AAU team in national try

Duces Wild, a girls' basketball team, will participate in the AAU-sponsored Junior National Tournament in St. Joseph, Mo. April 16-21.

Seven of the 12 team members played on Farmington Our Lady of Mercy's high school team, which finished the season with a 22-2 overall record. Duces Wild is coached by Rose Swidzinski, a physical education teacher and basketball coach at Our Lady.

Duces Wild earned a place in the national tourney by winning a state AAU tournament last month. Ms. Swidzinski's team de-

feated D. J.'s Girls (55-30), Brick City (51-25), Cass Kiwanis (forfeit) and Northeastern Conquistadors (51-43).

"Our strength has been our half-court press and our scoring," Ms. Swidzinski said. "We were averaging over 50 points per game in that tournament."

In the final game against the Conquistadors, Duces Wild was led by Diane Wink and Kathy Bousier, who scored 24 and 19 points respectively. Both girls were named to the Catholic League's all-star team for their efforts at Mercy.

Other Mercy girls on Duces Wild are Donna Suss, Kathryn Harle, Marge Langes, Kathy Harkins and Mary Bousier. Another team member, Sue Roegner, played at Mercy last season, and is now a freshman at Central Michigan University.

The rest of the team includes Molly Thornton, Redford St. Mary; Ellie Strollberger, Mercy College; Carol Anleitner, Garden City East; and Melony Lane, Garden City East.

The national tournament will include an all-star team and free-throw competition.

Is small claims court getting the job done?

By CARL STODDARD

If a person or store in Oakland County has cheated you and you feel they owe you money or satisfaction, there is something you can do about it.

According to the Michigan Consumers Council, you can sue for up to \$300 in a small claims court. You can do it yourself, without hiring a lawyer and without spending a lot of money.

If the television you bought fizzes and the store where you bought it refuses to replace or fix it, you can sue the store in small claims court.

Or if someone rams your car with a shopping cart at the supermarket and won't agree to pay for damages, you can sue him to make him pay.

Or if a store delivers a green washing machine after you ordered a brown one and they won't exchange it, you can sue them without a lawyer.

Or, you have a problem with a

landlord. You make a deposit on an apartment and the landlord promises to refund it if you don't move in -- but you don't and he doesn't. You can sue the landlord for return of your money.

The first step to take is filing a claim in district court against the person you are suing.

In Southfield the court is located at 2600 Evergreen Road. In Farmington there is a court located at 23600 Liberty St.

People in Birmingham, Bloomfield Hills, and West Bloomfield and Bloomfield Townships can go to court at 2709 Telegraph Road.

RESIDENTS in Troy should go to 500 West Big Beaver Road and in Rochester to 530 Pine Street.

At the court, tell the clerk you want to file a small claim and you will be given a form to fill out called an "affidavit." On this form you must name the person you are suing, tell how much money you are suing for and explain why you are suing.

When you file, the consumer council advises bringing along, any evidence you may have, including a bill of sale, a guarantee form, an accident report or a promissory note.

The cost of filing is \$5 for the affidavit plus a \$1 service charge for each person you are suing. You must pay this money in cash when you file.

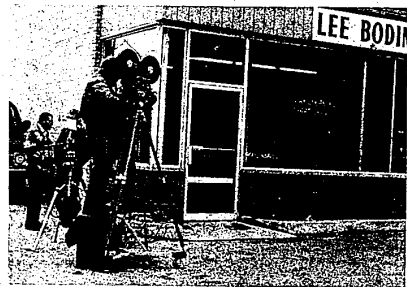
AFTER you've filed your claim, the court will notify the person or business you are suing of the complaint.

Usually within 30 days, you and the party you are suing will be notified of the date you both are to appear in court.

On that date, one of two things may happen: The defendant will appear and the hearing will take place or the defendant will not appear and you will win the case by default.

A third possibility also exists, the defendant may wish to have the case tried in a higher court where he will be allowed to have a lawyer.

Student film unit at OCC teaches art of film making



"Roll 'em," "Take 37" and other show-biz jargon has been heard a lot this year at the Orchard Ridge Campus of Oakland Community College.

Students in the two cinematography classes have produced their own films with whatever camera equipment they own or could borrow plus utilizing the college's commercial equipment.

This year's production is called "Kamaloka."

It's a serious dramatic investigation of witchcraft and satanism. The original screen play is by Lee Lacey, a member of the class and a Southfield resident.

THE CAST and crew have ranged Oakland County to find such diverse film locations as a graveyard in Lake Orion, the Permacino's Birmingham kitchen and the Bodin Cleaners in Walled Lake.

"The latter location was necessary since even the devil soils his clothes from time to time," said a crew member.

The producer-director for the film is Orchard Ridge assistant professor of theater Wallace F. Smith, who is also instructing the class.

Smith has appeared in numerous theatrical film productions here and on both coasts.

THE CAST of "Kamaloka" was drawn from the Orchard Ridge Theater Guild and includes Southfield residents: Beverly Salter, Robin Lyons, Florence Abel and Illene Burke; Farmington resident Marilee Prescott; Roger Hilborn of Birmingham and Linda Vesely of Troy.

The movie will premier on the campus April 16.



Karate title

Norbert Donnelly, of Farmington, took a first place in the Black Belt Kata class at the U.S. Karate Association Issinryu championships March 31 at Birmingham's Derby Junior High School. Donnelly represented the Farmington Karate Club.

The first-annual Karate championships drew contestants from the metropolitan Detroit area.

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