

# Ford good boss, says student

By MARY CONNELLY

For 21-year-old Libby Whitley of Birmingham, a college internship in Washington, D.C. turned into a chance to know a U.S. President.

In the fall of 1973, Miss Whitley, "a staunch Republican," became a student intern in the office of then-Congressman Gerald Ford of Grand Rapids.

After serving on President Ford's congressional and vice-presidential staffs, Miss Whitley said: "Mr. Ford was a very easy man to work for, very forbearing. He tended to overlook mistakes that were not intended."

"Certainly, there was no pomp and circumstance around him at all," she added.

MISS WHITLEY moved from a volunteer position to full-time staff employment following Ford's vice-presidential nomination.

"Things were completely hectic," she said, recalling the period following Ford's confirmation as vice president.

"I think it's difficult not only for the man but for the staff to revise their thinking from congressman to vice president. People had to reorient their thinking from Grand Rapids to the U.S.," said Miss Whitley.

"THE OFFICES moved to the Executive Office Building next to the White House," she continued. "There was security clearance which was different from a congressman's office where anyone is welcome."

An American history and political science major at Sweet Briar College in Virginia, Miss Whitley

left Ford's staff in August to complete her final year of undergraduate study.

Formerly employed in Ford's scheduling office, Miss Whitley recalled the demand for the vice president's time immediately following his December confirmation.

"Warren Rustand is head of the scheduling office," she said. "He and I held down the office for about a month. At that time, the volume of invitations coming in was equal to the President's, if not a little more. We received 100 written or phoned invitations a day. The phone rang every 15 seconds."

"THE PACE the man kept up exhausted the entire staff," she said, referring to Ford. "He adopted to it amazingly well. He stood up under the pressure phenomenally."

"He would fly into Washington from a trip at 3 a.m. and be in the office at 7:30 in the morning," said Miss Whitley.

Prior to former President Richard Nixon's resignation, Ford's office had scheduled 45 vice presidential stops for the month of August.

"That's 45 times we had to map out routes, set up hotel arrangements and so forth," she said.

FOLLOWING advance arrangements, more detailed preparations are made by secret service men, White House Communication Agency personnel and scheduling office members.

"Ten days to one week in advance of the vice president's arrival, the advance men would go to the location and do the actual in-depth arrangements," Miss Whi-



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they explained, "I advanced the vice president's trips to Dallas in July for the World Trade Center dedication and his trip to Charlotte, N.C. in April."

"It's detail work," she said. "You

have to think of the appearance and consequences of everything you do."

TIMING is planned down to the second, she said, when routes are mapped. Trial runs of vice presidential movements include calculating the number of seconds taken to traverse a hallway.

Following the vice president's arrival, the schedule must be maintained.

"You keep your eye on your watch," said Miss Whitley. "You sometimes have to say 'Mr. Vice President, it's time to leave.'"

In Birmingham before returning to college, Miss Whitley said even the time spent in Ford's office and among White House personnel did not take the thrill out of a recent phone call she received.

The caller, from the office of the White House social secretary, extended an invitation from President and Mrs. Ford to a White House reception.

## OCC offers 'search' class

"Search for Identity," a short course at Oakland Community College, Orchard Ridge Campus, is being offered this fall to help start people on the road of inquiry.

Two sections will be offered: one for the general public and one limited to teenagers. The general section will meet Thursday beginning Sept. 19 and the teen section will meet Wednesday beginning Sept. 18. Both will run for nine weeks.

"Search" has been designed by psy-

chologists to discover who you are, who you aren't and who you can be. It was originally created by the Orchard Ridge Counseling Department to provide an opportunity for members of the community to get together to ask such questions as who is the child, where did I come from and where am I going. Will I be happy when I get there?

For registration information, call 478-9400, ext. 222.



Stephan Vann of Southfield rehearses for a solo role in an Interlochen concert

## Area students win Interlochen awards

Six Detroit area students won top honors at the National Music Camp's annual awards convocation on Sunday, Aug. 18.

Cindy Adler, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Adler of 23461 Twyckingham, Southfield, won the Gordon scholarship for modern dance, a half-tuition award for the 1975 camp season.

Alternates for the modern dance scholarship include Vicki Panella of Detroit, Mimi Dore of Birmingham and Miriam Foner, Sue Cohen and Beth Lipson of Southfield.

Karen Couf of Southfield won the outstanding actress plaque for her role as Viola in Shakespeare's "Twelfth Night." Her parents are Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Couf of 21690 Winchester Drive.

ANOTHER local drama student, Phil Silverman of Oak Park, won the camp's drama scholarship to next summer's session. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. Julius Silverman of 21801 Stratford.

He played Mr. Antrobus, the male lead, in Thornton Wilder's "Skin of Our Teeth."

Stephen Vann, a 12-year-old from Southfield, soloed with the National Music Camps University Choir and Faculty Staff Orchestra in an Aug. 7 performance of Bernstein's "Chichester Psalms."

Seven played Dr. Daly, a lead in the intermediate opera production of Gilbert and Sullivan's "The Sorcerer," presented in July.

He was named first alternate for the intermediate Chorus Medal at the camps final awards ceremony.

## Know-how helps assault victims

By JACKIE KLEIN

Women, you don't have to take judo lessons to hit where it hurts if you're attacked.

Southfield police have some tips to keep you safe. But just in case you're a victim of an assault, you can belt your assailant in a number of vulnerable spots.

If you keep your cool and happen to remember, these sensitive areas are the forehead and face, center spot of the chest, back of the hand, knee, windpipe, fingertips, ribs, groin, shin and top of the foot.

If you're approached, scream loud and long, police advise. It can attract attention and frighten your would-be assailant. Biting and scratching may not be lady-like, but it can be effective.

POLICE WARN women to avoid dark, lonely or high-crime areas. If you have to wait for a bus, seek well-lit areas. If someone bothers you, make a dash for a store or a private residence.

There were 32 purse snatchings in Southfield last year. Police warn women to keep their purses closed and clutched to their bodies with shoulder straps well up on their arms. Handbags can come in handy to ward off attackers.

"We've had many cases of unsus-

pecting women who have been knocked to the ground, beaten and had their purses grabbed in a matter of seconds," a police spokesman said.

"Women alone are easy prey. It's best to use the 'buddy system' and shop in pairs and choose bright visible parking areas."

POLICE ADVISE women to have their keys in their hands, check the back seat of their cars, lock doors, roll up windows and don't, under any circumstances, pick up hitchhikers.

If you're home alone, have good locks on all points of entry, police urge. Never undress in front of an open window. You'll be a target for window peepers and worse.

Have callers show proper identification. If you live alone, don't advertise it, police warn. Use initials on mail boxes and telephone books. Be wary of phone callers.

Here's a personal security list police suggest you check.

- Are you observant of activity around you?
- Are you cautious about displaying valuables in public?
- Is your car in good running condition?

- Do you keep people reasonably informed of your movements and whereabouts?

If your answers are "no," you'd better change your habits.

## Mr. and Mrs. Anderson

Patria Jean Heuer became the bride of Gerald Lee Anderson Jr. Aug. 24 at Nardin Park Methodist Church. The new Mrs. Anderson is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. August F. Heuer of Farmington Hills. Her husband is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald L. Anderson, also of Farmington Hills.

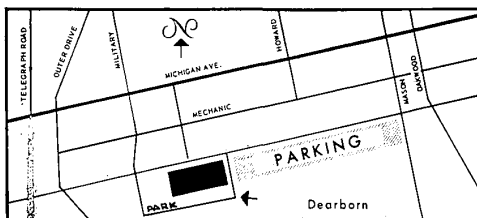
After a reception at the Bay Pointe Country Club, the couple traveled to the Poconos Mountains, Penn. They will live in Wixom upon their return.



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