

Albion gridders

Among the 88 players who reported for the 1973 Albion College football squad are several from South Oakland County. Pictured above (kneeling, from left) freshman middle guard Curtis Pope (Berkley High), freshman offensive tackle Fran Scislowicz (Bishop Foley), freshman offensive tackle Ron Kelly (Bishop Foley), freshman halfback Mike Skinner (Bishop Foley), freshman middle guard Paul McAvoy (Bishop Foley), freshman offensive guard Ron Kowalski (Lamphere High). Stand-

ing (from left) freshman defensive back Greg Frezeli (Lamphere High), freshman Randy Siebert (Southfield-Lathrup), junior defensive tackle Craig Miller (Southfield-Lathrup), sophomore defensive back Dan Busto (Royal Oak Dondoro), sophomore linebacker Frank Carr (Dondoro), sophomore linebacker Mark Klavner (Dondoro), sophomore fullback Paul Lukko (Dondoro), freshman linebacker Alan Lesko (Dondoro), freshman defensive end Bill Kyle (Troy High), and head coach Frank Joranko.

### Pioneers seek better season

## 'Work harder,' advises Oakland U cage coach

The Oakland University Pioneers will regroup in an attempt to turn

around a disastrous 1972-73 season in which they were able to win only five games of 27. Last year was Coach Eugene Boldon's second losing season and lowest number of victories in 13 years of coaching.

The coach has had success in escalating the Pioneers' schedule, playing several Division I teams and some of the top Division II teams along with excellent NAIA teams. However, it has been difficult to land the highly touted high school seniors.

Last season, the Pioneers were plagued by turnovers which could be attributed to their youth. Rebounding was anemic, but it could be bolstered this year by sophomores Marc Hernandez, 67; John Gardner, 66; Perry James, 65; and freshman Tim Kramer, 65.

If Coach Boldon can develop any two of these players to go along with Kevin Williams, last year's leading rebounder (12 per game), the Pioneers could gain some dominance in the war for missed shots.

Defense, rebounds and execution will be the cry of the coaching staff. "We must work harder and more intelligently this year. If we can cut down on turnovers and become more tenacious in our rebounding we are going to score more. With greater defensive awareness and pride in our work we could and will be tough to beat," claims Coach Boldon.

"We have young men returning who gained valuable experience last year and a positive attitude about the coming season; all of which will be contributing factors toward having a fine year."

"I am optimistic with the improved play of Lewis Bryant who was moved up from the J.V. team at mid-season last year to become our third leading scorer (10 points per game). With the continued improvement of Edie Stephens we will have two very fine guards along with good back-up strength," he added.

Bryant and Stephens will be pushed by Jeff Grimes, Bill Scott, Joe Saigh, Ron Brooks and Andre Brewster to get playing time. Craig Covington,

who was a starter in many games last year, will certainly have to be reckoned with.

The Pioneers should be strong in the back court, but there are still questions to be answered along the front line. Center position should go to Kevin Williams who is 6-4 and can rebound with the much taller players. The forward spots are up for grabs.

Perry James, Marc Hernandez, John Gardner, freshmen Wayne Long and Tim Kramer will have a chance to get a head start for one of the two front line spots over transfer students. David Humphrey, 6-4, St. Andrews High School, Detroit, and Colorado State, and Ferdie Smith, 6-5, North-western High School, Detroit, and Shaw College.

The schedule is far from being a "breather." The University of Detroit will head the powers that the Pioneers will encounter during a 27 game schedule. The University of Wisconsin-Parkside (NAIA quarter finalists last year) will be stronger this year as will the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay. O.U. will meet them back to back in Wisconsin.

The GLIAC will be stronger than ever with Grand Valley, Ferris State and Lake Superior State and Northern Michigan University fielding veteran squads. This should prove to be a very interesting season with the addition of NMU coming into the GLIAC and with the stronger appearance of those who finished at the bottom of the standings last year.

### A starter

Wendy Wagner of Southfield has earned a starting position on the women's varsity volleyball team at Michigan Tech in Houghton. Michigan Tech won its second meet of the season, crushing Northland 15-3, recently. Michigan Tech's volleyball team is coached by Cheryl DeFuyt.

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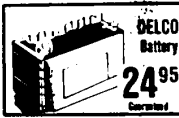
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