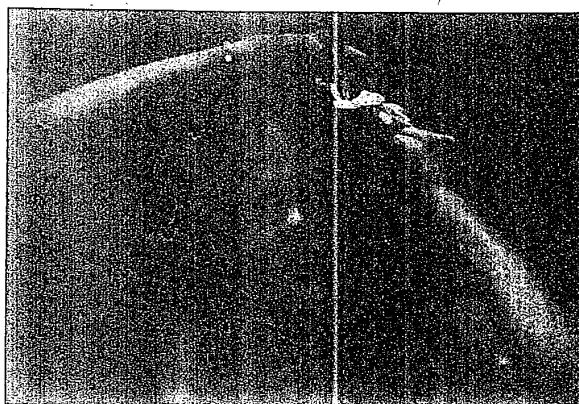




Winsome Daleen Goforth, with the black hair and brown eyes, puts her best foot forward.



Preparations, rehearsals, make-up and hair touch-ups continued all through the day for Nancy House, a contender from Southfield, up for a title against 80 other beauties. The girls had one of the biggest audiences the pageant has ever known in Michigan. All of the pageant activities serve to open doors for young women between the ages of 17 and 25 who have hopes of modeling, television, acting or entertaining careers. They are judged on appearance, personality, poise, figure and interview responses.

At Miss Michigan World pageant

Michigan gets a new queen

A 19-year-old West Bloomfield resident took the title of "Miss Michigan World" in the pageant staged for a standing-room-only crowd in Southfield's Raleigh House Monday night.

Robin Bairstow, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Bairstow, of 3013 Moon Lake Drive, topped the 81 contenders who were judged on poise, style, appearance and personality, in swim suit, casual and evening clothes.

It was one of the largest pageants of its kind, both in contestants and viewers, presented by Cynthia Guenther, who works out of Farmington's Civic Center Office Building.

First runner-up in the contest was Denise Ostrowski, of Roseville.

She was followed by Romanita Lofton and Marty Johnson, both of Detroit; and Debbie Wintree of Dearborn.

The new Miss Michigan World walked away from the pageant with roses, crown, trophy, title, the use of a new Cougar for a year, and other prizes, including a vacation trip to Las Vegas.

She will be signing a two-year contract with Ford Motor Company for work in auto shows.

MISS BAIRSTOW is a 1976 graduate of Groves High School in Birmingham, currently employed in the Young Circle department of Saks Fifth Avenue in Somerset Mall.

She is working there to get some practical experience in retailing before going on to a career in fashion coordinating and fashion merchandising.

The 1977-78 Miss Michigan World Pageant was the first contest Miss Bairstow has ever entered, and it was the first pageant staged by Miss Guenther, the new executive director in Michigan.

Miss Guenther is a former Miss Michigan World title holder, and is now hostess for the Michigan State Lottery "Michigan" broadcast weekly on WWJ-TV.

The Miss World Beauty Pageant is the world's first international beauty contest, started in 1951. Miss Bairstow will vie for the title of Miss World-U.S.A. in Boston this year, when Telly Savalas will act as master of ceremonies.

Tom Ryan, producer of the Dick Purtan Shows on WXYZ Radio, was master of ceremonies for the local event this week.

Miss Bairstow took her crown from

out-going Miss Michigan World of 1976-77, Kimberlee Maree Foley, of Southfield.

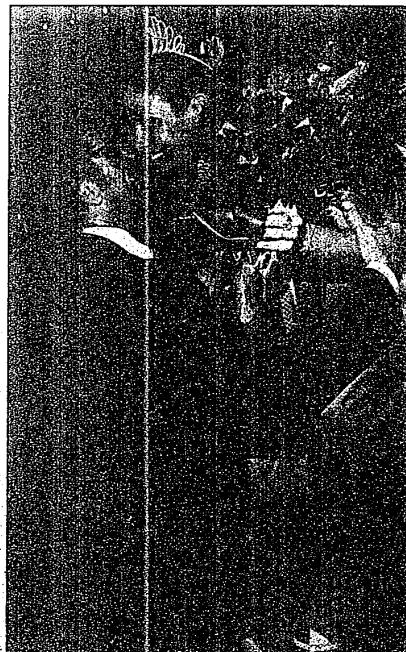
JUDGES FOR the contest were David Bierter and Lowell James, both of WWJ-TV; Clifford Curley and Leni Joy Zimmerman, both of WXYZ-TV; Ken Dewey, of Saks Fifth Avenue; Ken Ford, of TV 2; Rick Goldsmith, of Nation Wide Communications; Walter Luttrell, of New Detroit, Inc.; Loraine McClish, of Observer & Eccentric Newspapers; Pat Mulligan, of Mulligan Lincoln Mercury; and Bonnie Jacobs Silva, an entertainer.

Miss Guenther pushed the pageant date up earlier in the year than is usual because she wanted to give the new Miss Michigan World as much time as possible to prepare for the next step up the competition ladder.

"I'll be working very closely with her to get her ready to compete with all the other winners, because I want her to be a big winner for us," she said.



Tall and auburn-haired Brooke Jenks fields questions from master of ceremonies Tom Ryan. Miss Jenks is a Farmington Hills resident, and one of the finalists.



A kiss for the new beauty queen, Robin Bairstow from West Bloomfield, comes from her father Paul. The 19-year-old Miss Michigan World is now an automatic contender for the title of Miss World-U.S.A. and will vie for that title in the fall in Boston.