

For riders with desire

AYH provides direction

There are thousands of bicyclists in the western suburbs with as many com-



bination of experience, equipment and age as there are numbers. While these cyclists may have the means and desire to engage in touring—a sport which provides the best of both exercise and sightseeing—all too many may lack the direction. That's where Gene Fayton, west side director of the American Youth Hostel (AYH), comes in. Fayton's goal is to organize and promote bicycle touring in western Wayne County so that families and friends may ride, exercise and explore their community together. When Fayton talks about community, he

means the community of bicyclists, consisting mostly of bicyclists, continue to grow. "We have rides scheduled every weekend," Fayton said. "We have different classes and rides depending on level of experience, type of bicycle and condition of the rider and the bike." Each trip is graded on an A to D scale based on the distance to be covered and the average speed of the caravan. Class D is for beginners, Class C for most families, Class B for more advanced cyclists and Class A for experts. All the tours—both long and short—are led by guides, Fayton said. Rest and food or picnic stops also are included. The Detroit AYH Bicycle Committee has scheduled 13 trips during July. Routes include Kensington Park to Holly, Westland to the University of Michigan's Botanical Gardens, Westland to Greenfield Village and Livonia to Kensington Park. For more experienced cyclists, an overnight jaunt from Farmington Hills to East Lansing is on the itinerary as well as a 40-mile ride through Ohio's Maumee Valley, the same route used by Gen. Anthony Wayne to defeat the Indian Confederation in 1794.

"Two years ago I began taking real slow rides on Sunday morning," Fayton said, explaining how he got started in cycling. "I enjoyed it, bought a better bike and got involved in it even more. The bug bit, so I bought an even better bike. Now I cycle 100 miles per week."

A Comeback

The Raven Gallery in Southfield presents the grand comeback of a great entertainer. Chad Mitchell will perform at the nightclub for one week July 13-18 at 9:30 p.m. There also will be an 11:30 p.m. show Friday and Saturday and cover is \$3.50.

Hosteling organizations originated and remain quite popular with youth in Europe. Groups of young people hike, hikebike or otherwise move about the continent in exploration trips during the day, then spend their evenings at moderately priced hostels designed especially for them. While the concept of overnight hostels has not caught on to such a degree in the United States, one-day organized touring



Bittersweet

Southfield's Michigan Inn, 16400 J.L. Hudson Drive, hosts the new music group Bittersweet this summer. The Houston-based group's music includes old standards, Latin music, 40s

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