

# Trail along the marsh grounds is completed

By LORAIN McCLISH

The Dan Irwin Nature Trail is ready for walking on Oakland Community College's Orchard Ridge Campus. Bill McNaughton, who teaches "Man and His Environment" class on the campus called the trail "one of the last outposts for people to see wild life, marsh plants and black birds. A local oasis of marsh habitat."

The trail was completed this summer by McNaughton's students with a board walk and wood chips so trail walkers won't get wet feet, and it was

named after a former business manager on campus. "Irwin did more than any other administrator here to enhance the college," McNaughton said. "He helped in our rent-a-garden program, was responsible for the transplanting and saving many of our large trees. He aided in landscaping, got the signs up on campus."

"He worked manually with us, or coordinated the projects others suggested, or at any rate, made a lot of our development possible."

The Dan Irwin Nature Trail sign is

easy to spot, located at the extreme east end of the campus, off Orchard Lake Road. The sign sits about 30 yards to the right of the first entryway.

STUDENTS in McNaughton's classes chose to work on the sign as well as the trail as part of the term's requirements, and next year have a nature blind on the agenda.

The blind will allow visitors to watch the muskrats run through the cattails without disturbing the wild life.

The well used Beech-Maple Forest on campus has a well-trod nature trail, also built by McNaughton's students.

The biology professor, who has been a long-time leading force in ecology matters in the community, will work on two fronts in the coming year.

He has accepted an appointment on the Transportation Advisory Committee, a sub-committee of the Council for Regional Development of SEMCOG (Southeastern Michigan Council of Governments) and he will take a sabbatical to work with New Alchemy Institute in Costa Rica.

His interest in transportation is the development of a pilot program, "hopefully in the Farmington area," he said.



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for side lane traffic so residents can make short trips on low horse-powered vehicles.

His affiliation with New Alchemy Institute will entail experimental research on "anything and everything from nutrition to solar storing" in the developing countries.

## Cranbrook Museum shows Nevelson art

Sculpture and prints by internationally known artist Louise Nevelson will be shown at Cranbrook Academy of Art Museum from Sept. 18 to Oct. 28.

Ms. Nevelson claims to have been born an artist. "I had a blueprint all my life from childhood and I knew exactly what I demanded of this world," she wrote in her book "Dawns and Dusks."

Born in Russia, she moved with her family to Maine in 1905 at the age of 5. Most of her adult life has been spent in New York City.

In 1958, the Museum of Modern Art hung "Sky Cathedral," considered one of her greatest works.

Her large pieces can be seen in museums, city streets and corporate buildings around the world. Her black wood "Sky Gate — New York," a wall sculpture measuring 17 by 32 feet, is in the World Trade Center in Manhattan.

She has designed everything from benches and wood wall sculptures to the abstract crucifix and priests'

vestments in the Erol Bekker Chapel in St. Peter's Lutheran Church, New York. Other major works by Ms. Nevelson are in collections throughout the world.

Last year Bendix Corp. commissioned Ms. Nevelson to create sculpture for its Southfield corporate headquarters, exemplifying the trend of corporate patronage of the arts. The Bendix Trilogy, installed last June in the building's courtyard, are Corten steel and aluminum structures up to 44 feet high and 12 feet in diameter and are painted black.

"At Cranbrook: Nevelson," sponsored by Bendix in cooperation with the Pace Gallery of New York City will include seven metal sculptures and 20 recent prints, plus photographic documentation of the Bendix Trilogy.

The exhibition is open Tuesdays-Sundays, from 1-5 p.m. Admission is \$1.50.

Guided tours are available. For information, call 645-3312.

## Exhibit covers 4 decades

A retrospective exhibition of paintings and drawings by University of Michigan art Professor Richard Wilt, covering the period from the late 1930s to the present, is under way at Slusser Gallery in the U-M Art and Architecture Building on North Campus. It continues through Sept. 20.

The works, including ink drawings, oils and watercolors, cover themes ranging from World War II, the black revolution and Vietnam protests, to Pennsylvania landscapes and spatial abstractions.

Wilt, considered a "social comment" painter, said one motivation for many of his works is that "organizing a particular social problem in an aesthetically pleasing visual fashion psychologically solves the problem."

Commenting on the artist's painting style, a U-M school of art announcement said that "superficially Wilt's method resembles Jackson Pollock's in its more obvious aspects, since he pours his oils and watercolors into horizontal surfaces using sponge, spray, eye dropper and occasionally a brush. But here the resemblance ends, because this is a disciplined, controlled pouring, done with a preconceived design."

Among the most recent of Wilt's works are Pennsylvania landscapes, including a series focusing on cows. The show also features landscapes from Maine, and the British West Indies, and paintings with religious and family themes. Works from the 1940s reflect Wilt's experience in the Air Corps during World War II.

A 1938 graduate of Carnegie Institute of Technology and the recipient of a master's degree in art history from the University of Pittsburgh, Wilt has been a member of the Michigan art faculty since 1947.

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