



Renee Golding of Farmington Hills wore a rock 'n' roll baseball jacket of gleaming satin and crewel embroidery to nostalgia night at the disco. (Photo by Linda Solomon)

Nostalgia cuts in on disco

the fashion plate

Disco was the entertainment of the '70s. But now it's 1980, and everybody is saying, "disco's out."

Well, better not bank on it, as the saying goes. That's what they said about rock 'n' roll when disco sashayed onto the scene. Now the two music beats are vying for top billing.

The disco gleam was nowhere to be seen at Oscar's on Tuesday night, during the last month of the old year. Flashing disco lights and sophisticated, sparkling disco dress gave way to blue jeans, bobby socks and baseball jackets.

The joint was jumping with rock 'n' roll. They were twisting and turning and doing the jerk to the tempo of live Beatles and The Monkees' music, dished up loudly by the Ditties, a local rock 'n' roll group.

IT WAS A "Nostalgia Night," at the semi-private, posh disco in Southfield. "A night for casual dress and a relaxing good time," is the way former Oscar's manager, John Rogers, described it.

Rogers, along with Oscar's owner Ted Fuller,

got the old gang together to see how nostalgia buffs would react to a resurgence of the '50s and '60s mood. The rock 'n' roll live entertainment featured in the Rogers and Fuller co-venture, Jagers Club in Waterford, attracts a younger crowd mostly of those between 18-30.

Oscar's crowd donned designer label blue jeans, crewel-embroidered satin baseball jackets and expensive leather cum-motorcycle garb. There were a few undershirts peeping through poplin shell jackets and a definite "greaser" flair to some slicked-back hairstyles.

And the older crowd at Oscar's clearly remembered the dance of their youth as they boogied down to rock 'n' roll.

SOPHISTICATED it was not, but casual and "cool, man" it certainly was. A sign of the '80s? Probably.

That's not to say disco fever is dead. But it does indicate that the highly sophisticated crowd is yearning for the time of their youth when they were measured not by expensive tailoring but by their promise to build a better mousetrap.

When the future holds no promise of greater gain, it's always comforting to retreat to a safer time. A matter of fact, the retreat was so successful that Oscar's plans a repeat performance of the rock 'n' roll night on Tuesday, Jan. 27 — 1980 style.

volunteers

The Oakland County Volunteer Bureau, a program of the Volunteer Action Center of United Community Services, has weekly listings of volunteer opportunities. Further information about these and other volunteer needs at over 200 agencies may be obtained by calling the bureau at 642-7272. Any non-profit organization needing volunteer assistance may also call the bureau.

CITIZEN ADVOCATE — Training will begin Jan. 22 for teens and adults interested in serving as friends to mentally retarded citizens in this program sponsored by Oakland County Association for Retarded Citizens. Volunteers are given extensive basic training and attend periodic meetings. Duties in-

clude helping a retarded citizen to meet community, educational, and job needs and to serve as a friend on a one-to-one basis. This would be primarily an evening or weekend commitment of two hours a week.

FAMILY AID — Training begins Jan. 18 for volunteers interested in providing support to families who are experiencing difficulties resulting from divorce. The Child Advocacy and Family Service Project, a program of the Oakland County Juvenile Court, needs men and women who are sensitive, intelligent, reliable, and able to work with adults and/or children. This is a four-hour weekly commitment.

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