

David Vradenburg revs up like a race car in anticipation of the start of the 100 meter race.



Accuracy was the name of the game as Tim Smith tosses his Frisbee through a hoop.



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Determined!

Winning isn't everything — but it méans a lot to Special Olympians

as youths with a wide range of physical and mental abilities ran track, threw softballs, tossed Frisbees or horseshoes and raced wheelchairs. Most left with four of five awards to their credit. And all left with a feeling of accomplish-

ty of volunteers to help out, he said.
More than 450 people volunteered
their assistance with the 10 different
events in several age categories, and
many others had lent a hand previously
by contributing to the Oakland County
Special Olympics fund.
The competition is financed entirely
with private contributions, noted
Moran. And costs keep rising.
To take the 211 finalists and 80 chaperones to the state Olympics at Cen-

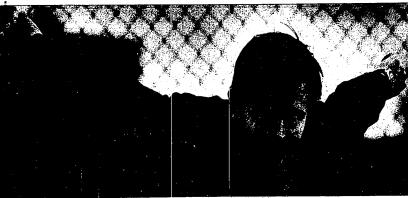
tral Michigan University next month is expected to cost \$30,000, he noted.

Among the schools participating in Saturday's competition were Stiles Elementary from Avondale, Bingham Farms Elementary, Harlan, Adams Junior High and Groves High school from Birmligham; Wing Lake Developmental Training Center from Bloomfield Hills; and Kenbrook Elementary, Warner Junior High, East

Hills Middle, Farmington High and Farmington Training School from Farmington.

Also competing were North Hill Elementary and Van Hoosen Junior High from Rochester; Southfield High School; and Morse and Schroeder elementaries from Troy. The Oakland County Mental Retardation Center and Jewish Vocational Services participated valong with several group homes from the area.

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ohn Tracy (above) readies for a dramatic performance in the long jump competition. At right, Bill Green starts off the 100-meter race

