

New ears hear ancient songs



Larry Roberts traveled from Flint to perform traditional dances at the powwow.

Photos by Rick Smith



The Powwow officially got under way when Jack Shumaker (left), the head dancer, carried the flag around the dancing arena.

Students at the Orchard Ridge campus of Oakland Community College got a taste of American Indian culture recently as dancers from the Great Lakes Indian Culture Association came to entertain.

The activity was planned by OCC student Matthew Hanna to promote further understanding of Indian culture and tradition.

Also participating were the Blue Lake Singers and the Hard Corp Sing-

ers. George Thomas, a renowned Indian singer, performed with the Hard Corp Singers. He has sung at Indian ceremonies throughout the country.

Participants traveled from as far away as Grand Rapids to participate in the festivities. These ceremonies, called Powwows, have become popular ways for the American Indian community to spread an understanding of their culture to the non-Indian community.



Some of the music for the show was provided by the Hard Corp Singers. From left to right are George Thomas, Benjamin Bearskin Jr. and Larry Balber.



Erin Kelly (left), a Farmington resident and full-time student at Oakland Community College, takes a break with 3-year-old Georgi Bearskin during the festivities.

INSIDE ANGLES

ADVANCING toward a try-out for the U.S. Ski Team, 17-year-old Gloria Slagle of Farmington notched two more gold medal victories last weekend in the women's slalom and giant slalom ski races at Thunder Mountain. Ms. Slagle was one of about 90 young men and women skiers from Michigan who took part in the third of five weekend ski races run by the Central Division of the United States Ski Association (CUSSA). The best racers in the program are invited to the Junior Olympic finals later this winter. Ms. Slagle is a senior at Southfield Christian High School. She's been racing for five years and practices at Mount Brighton and Alpine Valley.

TELEPHONE RATES are expected to soar in the advent of the federal-ordered deregulation of International Telephone and Telegraph (ITT). Find out just what that directive will do to your pocketbook at a public service commission hearing at 7:30 p.m. tonight in Room 294, Building J, on the Orchard Ridge campus of Oakland Community College, 27055 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills.

A FREE CONCERT by students from the University of Michigan School of Music will take place at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 5, at Farmington High School auditorium. Three of the students in the group are graduates of Farmington High. The program is called "Camerata" and features chamber music written for wind instruments. Compositions by Byrd, Mozart, Bozza and Hindemith will be featured. For more information, call William Smith at 764-3069 or Frances Smith at 474-1211.

WELDON PETZ is a busy man this month. He's busy every February as a recognized national authority on Abraham Lincoln. At last count Petz had 30 speaking engagements in just the Detroit area from groups who want to learn about the Great Emancipator. Petz takes his large collection of Lincoln memorabilia to the lectures.

RICHARD SHEWBRIDGE, a Michigan State University sophomore from Farmington, is serving as a volunteer in MSU's Handicappers Aid Program by volunteering to read to a blind student four hours a week. Shewbridge belongs to Tower Guard, a sophomore honorary scholarship and service organization at MSU and serves as vice-president of the group. "It's rewarding," Shewbridge reports. "It opens up a whole new field of communication for me and it's refreshing to see how open these people are." He's a physiology pre-med major at MSU and the son of Clarence and Nancy Shewbridge of Farmington. Shewbridge, also active

in Akers Hall student government, is a recipient of a National Merit Scholarship. He graduated from Farmington High School in 1980.

WENDY'S Hamburgers donated \$256 to the Farmington Area YMCA this week to celebrate the grand opening of a new store at Eight Mile and Grand River in Farmington Hills. Joe Errante, area director for Wendy's restaurant, said the money will be used to send local youngsters to YMCA camp this summer. Wendy's is the third largest fast food chain in the world, behind McDonald's and Burger King.

HEART ATTACK VICTIMS are needed to help combat America's number one killer — atherosclerosis, the disease primarily responsible for heart attacks, strokes and related diseases. Combined, they account annually for almost one million deaths or 51 percent of all deaths in the United States. The University of Minnesota is seeking persons 29 through 64 years of age who have had only heart attack in the past five years with no history of heart surgery, diabetes or stroke. The National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute is conducting a program at four participating medical institutions, including the University of Minnesota, to determine whether lowering blood cholesterol levels reduces the risk of heart attacks. If you're in the high risk category, contact the University of Minnesota Hyperlipidemia Study by calling 1-612-376-4494 for more information and asking for Moraine Byrne, media coordinator.

THE BLOODMOBILE will be at North Farmington High School, 32900 Thirteen Mile Road, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday, Feb. 15. Make an appointment to donate blood by calling 626-2511 or 626-9419. The Bloodmobile will be parked at the Orchard Ridge campus of Oakland Community College 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 17. For an appointment at that site call 476-9400, ext. 253. Blood can be donated by anyone between the age of 17 through 65.

I.D. CARDS for senior citizens who want discounts through the Oakland County Senior Discount program can be obtained by anyone 60 years of age or older by visiting the Farmington Senior Center Gathering Place at Mercy Center, 28600 11 Mile Road in Farmington Hills from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday, Feb. 19. Photos included on the free, laminated cards will be taken at that time. The cards entitle holders to discounts on auto parts, rustproofing, hair care, prescription drugs and eyeglasses. Further information can be obtained by calling 658-5171 and asking for Jackie Kearsling.

Calvin Klein and castles in the sand. Pure white-on-white pinstripe separates that shift with the slightest sea breeze. The loose cotton top wraps lazily about the waist. \$180. Full pleated skirt done in crisp linen, for \$230. It's worth taking the trip just to wear them. In The Woodward Shops, Feb. 1, at Northland, Eastland, Oakland and Twelve Oaks.

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