

G.C. Girl Wins Ford Foundation Mention

Roberta L. Coker of 253 Greenwood, Garden City, is among those in Michigan receiving honorable mention in the Ford Foundation minority student scholarship awards program.

The Suomi Junior College (Hancock) student came close to qualifying for help in her last two years at a major university in the foundation's \$300,000 assistance to minority students.

She was the only Observerland student to gain recognition.

Oakland Community College placed seven winners and 10 honorable mentions. Washenaw Community College placed four winners and nine honorable mentions. There were no Schoolcraft Community College students aided.

THE FOUNDATION awards, in their first year, cover between 20 and 50 per cent of the total cost of attending the third and fourth year, depending on need. Individual awards aver-

age \$1,000. There were 71 Michigan winners and 82 from Illinois, the only two states thus far included.

In announcing the establishment of the program and the first scholarship winners, F. Champion Ward, foundation vice president for education and research, said:

"Since 1969 the most dramatic growth in higher education has been at the two-year college level. As the number of these institutions has doubled, and enrollments tripled, the big-city public community college has emerged as the most important postsecondary education resource for American minorities—geographically, financially, and academically.

"However, most two-year college graduates, especially those from minority groups, encounter formidable barriers to further study. Frequently, admission to the four-year institution is more difficult, costs are substantially higher, and

financial aids for the transfer student are limited.

"Thus, the completion of grade 14 now marks a new threshold for large numbers of youth making career decisions. It too often has become a point for stopping rather than continuing education. It is our hope that this program will open up new opportunities both for the deserving students and the senior colleges they attend."

Water Deaths Decrease

Michigan has had 217 water accidents in the first six months this year which have claimed 92 lives and injured 83 persons, according to State Police provisional figures.

Compared with the same period last year, there were decreases of 24 in deaths and seven in accidents

Schoolcraft Placement Tests Set

Counseling placement tests, which are required for admission to Schoolcraft College, will be given twice more before fall semester classes begin late in August.

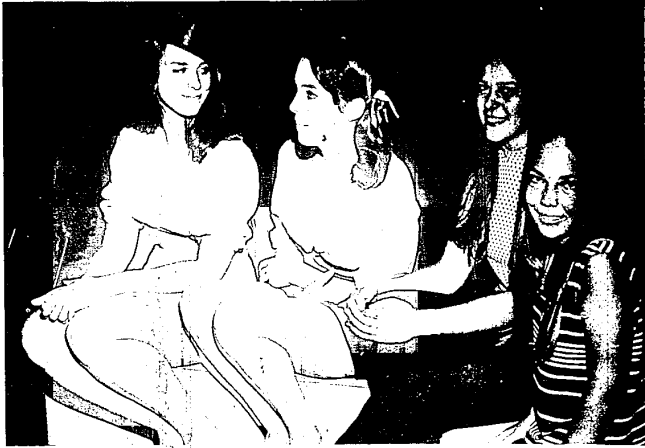
An evening testing session has been slated for 7 p.m. on Tuesday, July 28. The second exam period will be conducted at 9 a.m., Saturday, Aug. 8.

Counseling placement tests are a part of the admission procedure for regular — or matriculated — day or evening students; that is, students enrolled in either a definite program or taking courses which carry transferable credit.

The tests require approximately three hours to complete. They are given in the Waterman Campus Center. Persons interested in taking the tests or wishing further information should call the College Admissions Office at 591-6400.

Flashy

Bachubirio is the largest meteorite discovered in North America. Weighing 27 tons, it was unearthed in northern Mexico and still lies there.



LADIES OF THE CHORUS — These four young women are part of the cast of "Damn Yankees," a musical now being produced at Franklin High School in Livonia. They are (from left) Tommi Mazier, a Bentley senior; Claudia Arneti, a Bentley senior; Vicky Cisak, a Churchill sophomore; and Luann LaFave, also a Churchill sophomore. The show opened last night and will be staged again tonight. Three more performances are scheduled, July 30 and 31 and Aug. 1. Curtain time is 8 p.m. (Fran Evert photo)

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