

## Series Set On Fashion Careers

The Fashion Group of Detroit announces its "Fashion Careers '68" lecture series in cooperation with the Wayne State University Home Economics Department. The five-night series is designed for persons interested in fashion jobs about all phases of the industry -- designing, communications, merchandising, buying, retailing and textiles.

The series will be held from 7 to 9 p.m., consecutive Tuesdays, Oct. 8 to Nov. 5 in the WSU DeJoy Auditorium. Programs will include slide showings, fashion shows and a variety of speakers who are top fashion executives in Detroit and New York.

Flying in from New York will be Jeanne Pierre, National Regional President of the Fashion Group; Rita Perna, Fashion Coordinator of Montgomery Ward; Arthur Zeller, President of Zeller Woolens, Designers include Frank Olive (millinery); and Leo Narducci and Stan Herman, both recipients of the City Award.

Representing the New York home-furnishings market will be Annett Francis, merchandising editor of House and Garden and fabric designer Dorothy Liebes.

Dr. Maxwell Maltz, the leading New York plastic surgeon who wrote "Psycho-Cybernetics," will highlight the series Oct. 22.

Proceeds from ticket sales will go to the Fashion Group Scholarship Fund. To register, write Joy Hansen, Home Economics Department, Wayne State University, Detroit, 48202, or call her at 833-1400, ext. 276.

### Thurston Sets Millinery Class

A millinery class will be offered at Thurston High, Redford, Township this fall and winter. It will meet on Wednesdays from 7 to 9 p.m. and will last 10 to 12 weeks.

Mrs. Nancy Dittmar, one of the instructors, said the women will make three or four basic hats. The first will be a covered hat suitable for fall clothes for which some women may use material left from clothing they made themselves. Choices after that may utilize fall flowers or feathers.

The second semester will be devoted to hats coordinated with spring ensembles.

Mrs. Barbara Brana, home economics teacher at Thurston, also will teach the class.



MISS TORCHY? Lovely Sherrill Bollen, 31340 Puritan, Livonia, is one of ten finalists for the honor of being official representative of 130,000 Torch Drive volunteers in the metropolitan area. She was nominated by her employer, Western Electric Co., Plymouth. The winner will be announced Friday.



CONVENTION PLANS — Three Livonia teachers who are members of the local chapter of education sorority Alpha Delta Kappa are checking final plans for the group's Sept. 28 state convention in Ann Arbor. From left are Elsie Stewart, Geraldine Flechner and Alma Kronmann.



JOE'S GIRLS — Tiny Jennifer Sparma, right, points out the baseball amid the flowers for her

sister Debbie and her mother, Mrs. Joe Sparma, in the Tiger pitcher's Livonia home.

## It's Bring On The Series For Excited Sparma Family

BY MARGARET MILLER  
Women's Editor

Pretty Connie Sparma is looking forward to the World Series with an excitement she wouldn't have thought possible a few weeks ago.

Her Joe pitched the pennant-clinching game to sweeten a season that had been marked mainly by disagreement with his Detroit Tiger bosses. So now all's right with Connie's world.

Things have been pretty exciting for these Livonia parents and their two small daughters since that big game last week. "So much has happened I almost lose track of the days," Connie said. "The day after we won the pennant, the telephone rang constantly."

SLIM, DARK-HAIRED and soft-spoken, Connie talked about the week's excitement in the tastefully-furnished living room of the home where the family has lived for three years.

She found that Joe was going to pitch that Tuesday night game while she was driving to Tiger Stadium to see it.

"I just had a feeling right then that something big was going to happen," she said. "It's been a trying season—the first difficult one we've had. And I knew Joe would be out there pitching his best."

CONNIE DIDN'T hear the boos that greeted the pitching choice announcement. They came before she got to the park. But she did hear the chant of "We Want Sparma" from the cheering crowd afterwards.

"The fans sure do change," she commented.

Waiting in the grandstand with other Tiger wives while the crowd milled on the field, she also missed Joe's words on radio and television that "I couldn't have made it through the season without my wife's support."

She heard about that later, though. "It was so dear of him to think of me at his big moment," she said.

DAUGHTER DEBBIE, almost five, and a kindergarten at the Pierson School, could be heard from the kitchen talking to two-year-old Jennifer.

"I'm pouring champagne," she said.

Her mother agreed she might well have heard about champagne during recent days.

Besides the well-photographed team celebration, the Tiger wives also had some merry-making plans.

"We felt the men deserved to celebrate in their own way," Mrs. Sparma said, "so we planned to get together at Ellen and Mickey Stanley's home in Birmingham. We were going to stay all night and have breakfast together."

But, as things worked out, the wives were pretty well trapped in their seats in the stands because "the fans just weren't going to leave." When they finally managed to get out, they had a few minutes in the Tiger clubhouse to extend personal

congratulations to their men and then ran into more delays getting out of the parking lot. "It was pretty late before we got to the Stanley house," Connie recalled, "and we were all so tired that nobody lasted past 3:30."

CONNIE NOW is busy with plans to travel to St. Louis for the series. She's delighted that the Tiger management is going to permit the wives to be with their ball players on the plane and in the National League city.

She's also everlastingly grateful to her mother-in-law, Mrs. Agnes Sparma, who is giving up a chance to see her son in the World Series to come here from Massillon, O., to babysit.

ONE SMALL FLAW in the picture for Connie is that she's afraid her little girls may be too little to remember all the excitement.

But they're not too young to know a bit about baseball. The small boys in the neighborhood have been teaching Debbie to play "and I can hit a home run," she said.

### 'Women Alone' Course Scheduled At Oakland U

"I have had one unsuccessful marriage; how can I be certain I won't follow the same pattern?" If I seek a new husband?"

"Now that my husband is gone, how can I accept myself, how can I be a whole person—whole enough to find satisfaction in whatever kind of life I may live from now on?"

Questions like these encouraged the Continuum Center for Women, a department of the Division of Continuing Education at Oakland University, to offer a new seminar called "Women Alone" which will explore problems of widows and divorcees.

THE FIRST MEETING, to be held on Sept. 25 from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m., will be at Oakland University. Subsequent meetings will be at the Congregational Church of Birmingham.

The Rev. Raymond A. Penner, pastor of the church, will conduct the seminar with Mrs. Eleanor Driver, continuum center interviewer, moderating.

Women living without husbands, sometimes supporting themselves, many times raising children, have special and often frightening problems to solve. Society, generally composed of complete families, does not necessarily view this population of women alone with compassion or understanding.

To participate in this seminar, women may call the Continuum Center at Oakland University, 338-7211, ext. 2171.

### Ed Sorority Sets State Convention

The Alpha Delta Kappa international honorary sorority for women educators will hold its annual state convention on the University of Michigan campus.

Speakers for the sessions in the Michigan Union will include Mrs. Lenore Romney, first lady of Michigan; Bernice Frederick, state president; Dr. Ruth Golden, immediate past Grand President.

Installation of officers for the two years from 1968 to 1970 also is planned.

## The Observer WORLD OF WOMEN

### m. m. memos

World Series fever has invaded our household. It's running at least 105 degrees, and sure to get worse before it drops.

Actually, it's not a new malady. The infection started along about April, when one of our ardent Tiger fans made a small bet with her father on the outcome of the American League race — completely confident she would win.

It moved on with ears glued to radios every game. Any slump produced real doldrums. Piles of clippings on averages and standings were forwarded to camp.

A stuffed tiger joined the family. Name of Mayo, of course.

When the wife of a certain star pitcher mentioned in an interview that she had trouble getting to games because of young children in the family, a letter offering babysitting services was mailed out.

The jubilation when that same star pitcher won game No. 30 could be heard all over the neighborhood. It was matched a few nights later, when the sight of champagne-tossing on television led to dumping of less alcoholic beverages at home.

Now our fans are thinking of circulating petitions in school for radios on World Series days. They're also turning into amateur managers and discussing which player should be in which position when.

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### Tops Gals Reach Goals

Thirteen members of the Plymouth Park Weights chapter of TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) have reached their weight goals and are eligible to graduate this fall.

They were honored recently at a special awards night put on by their chapter, and also will be feted at the TOPS Detroit-area graduation dinner Nov. 19 in Masonic Temple, Detroit.

The 13 are Barbara Dove, Carol Simms, Bonny Dingle, Kathleen Martin, Roberta Wallum, Pat Crowe, Judy Irwin, Lee Doyle, Bunny Hallway, Jean Marx, Berry Fairham, Marilyn Sacker and Darlene Marx.



MARY E. CLARK

### CWC Head Will Speak

Mary E. Clark, national chairman of Christian Women's Clubs of America, will speak at the Thursday, Sept. 26 meeting of the Dearborn-Plymouth Christian Women's Club.

The 12:30 p.m. luncheon meeting will be held at Lofly's Restaurant, Ann Arbor and Littleton Roads, in Plymouth.

Miss Clark is British-born and a world traveler.

Christian Women's Clubs are associated with St. Michaels' Associated Ministries of Kansas City, Mo., and support the missionary work in village and rural areas in America and Canada.

A special feature of the luncheon will be the newest styles in shoes and handbags. Club members will model.

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