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**● SOCCER BANQUET**

Farmington Soccer Club will have its annual kickoff banquet 6-8:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 21, at Oakland Community College. The evening will feature a guest speaker from the soccer world, soccer films, door prizes and recognition of each team's final standing.

Tickets are \$7.50 and are available from fall soccer coaches or at the door. Further information is available from Ken Habich at 553-3183.

**● COACHES NEEDED**

Walled Lake Western is searching for a boys soccer head coach. The job vacancy does not include a teaching position.

Interested applicants should send a resume to Bob Atkins, director of athletics and physical education, Walled Lake Consolidated Schools, 615 N. Pontiac Trail, Walled Lake 48088.

**● SOCCER TRYOUTS**

Girls with birth years from 1975 through 1978 who would like to play spring soccer for the Livonia Hawks should contact Tom Coyne at 427-3336 or Paul Dugan at 478-9849. The players will be playing in the Little Caesars Premier Soccer League.

In addition, adults interested in applying for coaching positions should contact Dugan.

**● EQUINE SEMINAR**

An eight-week equine preventive

medicine and lameness course begins Tuesday, Feb. 7, at the Oakland Equine Center in South Lyon. Advanced registration costs \$75, and each additional family member must pay \$50 to join. The class is limited to 45 applicants and a minimum of 25 applicants is required in order to conduct the course.

To receive an application, write the Advanced Equine Seminar, 53265 Meadow Lane, Farmington Hills 48018. Or for more information, call 457-3361.

**● MADONNA CLINIC**

Madonna College in Livonia will sponsor its Annual Baseball Clinic in the Activities Center from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 4.

The clinic is for grade school, junior high and high school players and their coaches. Current Tigers players Pat Sheridan and Mike Henneman will be among the instructors.

Also on hand will be former Tigers player and batting coach Gates Brown and former pitcher Mill Wilcox. Others include Madonna baseball coach Mike George and Michigan State University coach Tom Smith.

The fee is \$10 for students and \$15 for coaches. A complimentary lunch is included in the fee.

Madonna is accepting mail registration for the clinic. Make checks payable to Madonna College Athletics, and mail to: Business Office, Madonna College, 36600 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150. Or call 255-1100.

**Academic failures become ritual**

**S**OMEONE DEFINE human nature for me. Please. It sounds so innocuous, almost innocent when used to describe a quirky common to mankind.

Like stupidity. People do something stupid, admit it, try to convince others in a similar situation not to make the same mistake, and what happens? The same stupid thing. And it's dismissed as another example of human nature.

Example: Schoolcraft College. Imagine getting your college education paid for. Imagine, too, that if you run into a class that gives you trouble, all you have to do is mention it and you'll get instant help.

Now tell me how, in situations identical to these, a kid flunks out? Seems to me you'd have to try awfully hard to fail.

But it happens. Every January at SC. In spite of all the assistance, all the pleading, all the prodding, come January the Ocelot basketball team loses someone because of lousy grades.

"WE TELL THEM and tell them and tell them," said SC men's coach Dave Bogataj. "We watch them, we lecture them, and they still do this. I guess they finally have to pay the consequences."

Five of Bogataj's players failed to make grades this year. Five out of 11. The leading scorer, the top three rebounders — all gone from a team that was mediocre to begin with.

SC was 1-5 in the Eastern Conference and 5-12 overall with these guys. What will the rest of the season be like without them? Winless, probably.

"It's all about maturity," said one of the casualties, Ed Hudson. "I just got careless."

At least he's honest. And Hudson has talent, both on and off the court. A Royal Oak Shrine graduate, he was leading SC in scoring (averaging 18.8 points a game) and was third in rebounding (11.8). He scored 1100 on his SAT and 28 on his ACT, both exceptional marks. He plans to major in pre-law.



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**SO WHAT HAPPENED?**

"We have a lot of freedom here, and I guess I just wasn't used to it," he admitted. "And this is a hard school."

Some of Hudson's grades are being rechecked, so there is a chance he could be reinstated — if an injured ankle (bone chips) doesn't sideline him anyway. Mark Koronka (9.0 points, 5.8 rebounds), the team's starting center, and Dameron Smith (11.7, 6.2), a starter at forward, are other key losses.

Also gone is Ken Nelson and, until he can make up an incomplete, Joe Miskovich. SC's women's team suffered, too. Coach Jack Grenan lost Ann Hardy, his top reserve, and Diane Lindsey.

Competing in a league as tough as the Eastern Conference is hard enough with a full complement of players. Try doing it with half a team.

"I don't know if it's as difficult as much as it's frustrating," said Bogataj. "I don't get as mad at the kids as disappointed in them."

**UNFORTUNATELY, this year isn't an exception to the norm.**

Last season, Bogataj's first, he lost Dean Frederick, his second-leading scorer, to academic woes. Two others quit the team. SC was barely able to complete the schedule. Bogataj made due with a bunch of walk-ons who rarely played for their high school teams.

It's difficult to recruit good players. Finding those who are serious about getting an education, then convincing them to come to a community

college for two years, multiplies the difficulty. Then factor in SC's high degree of academics at least compared to some of its conference rivals, and the task borders on impossible.

To SC's credit, they try very hard to keep their athletes eligible. They offer the Student Athlete Support System, which outlines everything necessary for the athlete.

"There's only so much you can do," said SC athletic director Ed Kavanaugh. "This is a mode program, like (University of) Michigan's, only on a smaller scale. Athletes can get assistance from a tutor whenever they want it."

SASS, AS IT'S known, includes a three-to-four hour orientation to start the year. Advisers fill in grid sheets for each athlete, diagramming each hour of every day, to aid athletes in planning daily schedules. Progress reports on each player are submitted to coaches twice each semester.

In spite of all this, players still fail. How? Bogataj was admittedly baffled, saying several of those who flunked had passing grades until the final weeks of the semester.

Kavanaugh isn't happy with the situation. He's planning "a major change" by increasing the number of progress reports on athletes, from twice a semester to weekly. If an athlete messes up in a class, he won't play that week. "I'm not saying the reports we get aren't helpful," said Kavanaugh. "They are. The Learning Assistance Center does a great job, and not just for athletes. It's just that we don't get the report often enough."

Will it make a difference? Who can say? Kavanaugh knows he's taken the assistance program to the limit. "If a kid isn't going to go to class, don't care if he's a Rhodes Scholar, we can't help him," he said. Education used to be a valued commodity. Is it still?

**HPCC clobbers Schoolcraft cagers**

By C.J. Risak  
staff writer

The outcome was predictable. If lack of talent alone wasn't enough to cripple Schoolcraft College's chances against the high-powered High-

land Park CC men's basketball machine, then the pervading gloom of another season lost because of academic deficiencies was.

SC lost 103-80 at home Saturday. The score seems lopsided, but it could've been worse. Next time the two teams meet — Feb. 9 at Highland Park — it probably will be.

The reason: The Ocelots lost five players, three of them starters, to the academic axman after Saturday's game. Included in that number were the team's top scorer (Ed Hudson) and its three best rebounders (Dameron Smith, Mark Koronka and Hudson).

"WHAT CAN I say?" said SC coach Dave Bogataj. "We turned over the ball like it was a bake-off. And I couldn't believe what we were doing in our man-to-man (defense). They were blowing right by us."

"I lost count after seven uncon-

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lished with 16 points. Bernard McGee contributed 12 and Miskovich scored 11.

BUT SC couldn't stop Highland Park. Six players scored eight points or more, including four in double figures: Andre Johnson (22), Dean (17) Boyce (16) and Dennis Small (15). Tim Leneer and Leneal Whitehead netted eight apiece.

By halftime, the score was 54-4. The Ocelots were never closer in the second half.

With just six players on the roster that were with the team when the season started, Bogataj knows the outlook is bleak. "We're out looking at some kids who are in school but who might help," he said.

It's the second time Bogataj has faced a player-shortage problem. Last season, his first as coach, he lost his second-leading scorer, Doc Frederick, to grades. Two other starters quit.

**NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF ANNUAL RETURN**  
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