

# Trend Talk

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Color it multi-dimensional. Swigs of Gatorade will flow freely. But so will a heavy dose of compassion.

The conduit? The premiere "Mighty Mac to Pontiac" run, set for Thursday (Aug. 8) through Saturday, rain or shine.

Sponsored by the Pontiac Civitan Club, the 400-mile benefit run will stretch from the Mackinac Bridge to downtown Pontiac.

Proceeds from the festivities will mark a windfall for Oakland County's New Horizons, Inc.

Approaching its 10th birthday, New Horizons is a private, non-profit rehabilitation service for mentally and physically handicapped Oakland County residents age 16 and up.

NEW HORIZONS operates day workshops in Farmington Hills, Madison Heights and Pontiac. Its roots lie in vocationally evaluating, training and placing clients.

And its success ratio is impressive. New Horizons annually finds jobs, ranging from busing dishes to handling simple machinery, for about 25 percent of its clients.

Presently, New Horizons shows a treatment staff of 48 and clientele of 225. It's projected the service will assist practically 500 people by year's end.

Rochester's Glen D. Smith, New Horizons' executive director for the past nine years, says he rates the service's incentive factor as "incalculably strong."

"WHEN PEOPLE arrive here," said Smith, proudly, "they realize it's a rich opportunity for them to look forward to getting back into the community with a viable skill. 'There's never talk of this being a terminal point. It's clear we're only a waystop.'"

New Horizons accepts referrals from a galaxy of social agencies. It takes roughly nine weeks to determine how long a referee will require New Horizons' assistance.

Working revenue reaches New Horizons via county and industrial grants, in addition to public and private contributions.

IT'S HOPED "Mighty Mac to Pontiac" can raise \$25,000 in New Horizons' behalf. That's the word from David Weiss, Pontiac Civitan Club's vice-president.

Whatever's raised from the marathon run will underwrite a proposed handicrafts program for New Horizons' homebound clients.

"We'll furnish them with transportation and, hopefully, motivate them enough through counseling to actively participate in our program," Smith explained.

"We'll try to convince them they

could do their handicraft patterns much better in a workshop setting with finger-tip supervision."

"MIGHTY MAC to Pontiac" will spotlight the 15-member Pontiac Marathon Team.

Financial pledges, based on the total number of miles covered during the marathon run, are being solicited by the Pontiac Civitan Club.

Marathon runners generally will follow the US-23 corridor. They will pass through checkpoints like Alpena, Harrisville, Tawas, Standish, Bay City, Saginaw, Frankenthum, Flint and Lansing.

Team captain is Pontiac's Rick Lenz; team co-captain is Auburn Heights' Pat Demers.



DEVON HIND He's hoofing it to help others

TEAM MEMBERS include Rochester's Dave Alexander, Eric Luttrell and Mike Tingley, plus Troy's Bill Hamby and West Bloomfield's Dave Struck.

Also team members are Auburn Heights' Chuck and John Stouffer, Jay's Graham and Bob Sanders, along with Bloomfield Hills' Devon Hind.

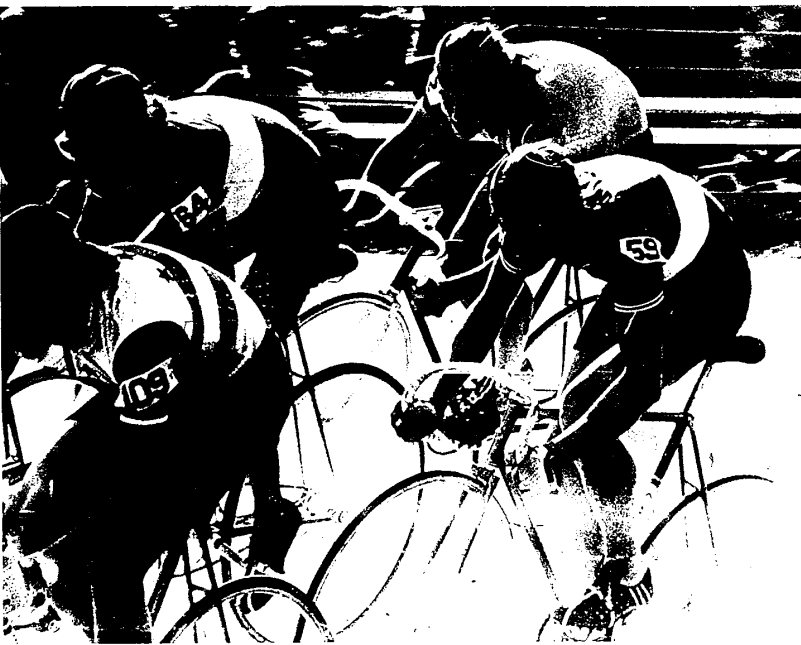
Other team members are Pontiac's Bill Carry, Brian Downs and Eddie Frias, Lake Orion's John Donovan and Covington, Ga.'s John Aicher, formerly of Pontiac. "They're just a terrific bunch of youngsters," Smith observed. "They're very enthusiastic and highly committed to a super cause."

GALVANIZING PLEDGE support is New Horizons' most pressing concern, according to Smith. As he optimistically put it:

"People so far have responded to the tune of \$5,000. That's still quite a distance from our goal. But we're confident greater response will come once the action kicks off."

Pledges may be filed by calling New Horizons' Pontiac workshop at 338-6176 daily between 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

Your call won't go unappreciated. Rather, it'll help inject some excitingly fresh diversion into otherwise insipidly predictable lifestyles.



Birmingham's Tom Schuler makes his bid on the inside during the junior men's one-miler

## Bronze medal for Schuler

By CHRISTINE WALDEN

Tom Schuler leaned against his bicycle, tired but recuperating, depressed but not defeated. He had just failed to qualify for a crucial race in the 1974 National Bicycle Track Championships.

But when the championships in Northbrook, Ill. ended, the Birmingham cyclist earned a bronze medalist in the junior category.

Schuler headed for Northbrook as a strong contender for the junior championship title. He proved his challenge early in racing by outspringing junior world champion Gilbert Hatton of California in a two-mile final.

Even with seven points under his belt, prospects of placing began to

dim for Schuler when he missed qualifying for the half-miler.

AFTER THE heat, Schuler speculated: "I can still get in there (the point standings), but I really needed to ride that race."

In the next two races Schuler earned one point and ended the championships with an eight-point total. But it still wasn't over. Friend and fellow teammate Patrick Nielson of Berkeley had tied Schuler in the point standings. A run-off was

held and in one of the most exciting matches of the Nationals, Schuler nipped Nielson at the line.

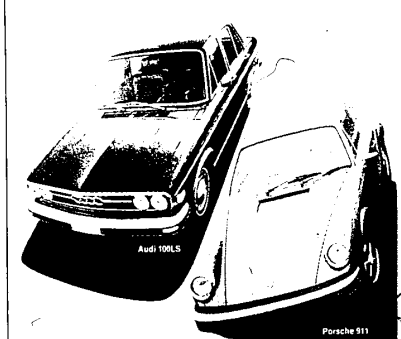
"I guess it all ended pretty well," Schuler said. "I should have picked up more points in the one-miler though."

THIS SEASON was Schuler's last chance to win a junior championship. Next year he will compete against seasoned seniors, whose speed is matched with incredible bike-handling tactics. It is said Schuler, a challenge.

"I'm looking forward to it though," he said. "I just wish that this year the Wolverines (his club) could have gotten more National champions."

Schuler's coach commented on his performance. "He rode excellently," the coach observed.

"He's a good bike rider, very aggressive and very heady. And he'll be excellent as a senior but it'll be two or three years away. He's one of our 1976 Olympic hopefuls."



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Among the guest instructors will be Chuck Froeming, a former University of Michigan gymnast, he presently teaches a private gymnastics in Iowa City.

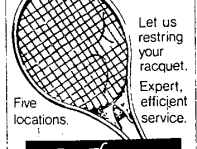
Other guest coaches will be Florida's Bob and Susie Dickson. A former all-around gymnast at the University of Iowa, Dickson was invited to try out for the U.S. Olympic team in 1972.

This year's version of the annual clinic will be broken into daily two-hour classes.

ON AUG. 15, former collegiate trampoline champion Dave Jacobs will join the clinic's staff and participants in a "Night of Stars."

Show time is 7:30 p.m. with limited spectator capacity. Tickets for the show now are available at the Birmingham Y, 402 E. Lincoln. They also will be sold on a limited basis at the door. Registration for the clinic is continuing.

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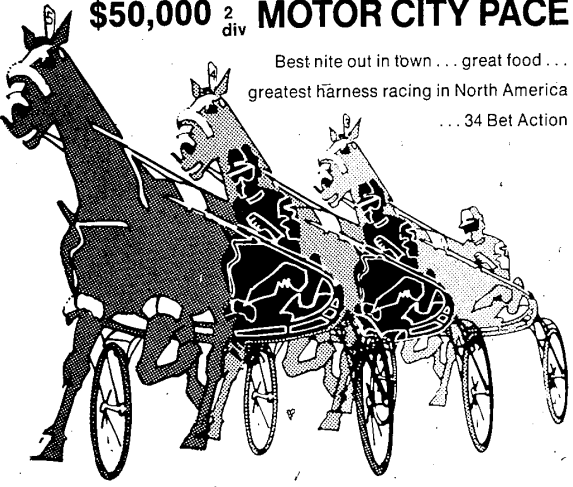
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