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## Golf ahoy!

#### **By MIKE JENKINS**

One form of the noble sport of golf is peculiar to the East Lansing-Lansing area. That is the sport known as golfishing.

The golfisher is ready to play immediately after the spring thaw or heavy rains. At these times the natural water hazards develop into unnatural courses along the Red Cedar River, and bathing suits or scuba gear are the favorite attire. The majority of golfishers prefer to use the Spalding Top Float ball.

When the greens at Lansing's Sycamore Golf Course fall victim to the flood waters, golfishers find the currents of the greens are often hard to read but it's easy to sink a putt.

Ball washers are not needed for obvious reasons, but you can bring along your batteryrun golfishing boat if you do not want to wade the course. These boats have been known to run down, though, after a few holes and it's murder dragging them around with you when they do.

Golfishers at the Indian Hills Golf Course in Okemos try to keep hooking and slicing to a minimum but when it looks like

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their ball might hit someone it is customary to yell, "Fiord." It is also the custom to dip the flag of whatever hole you're playing on when someone plays through.

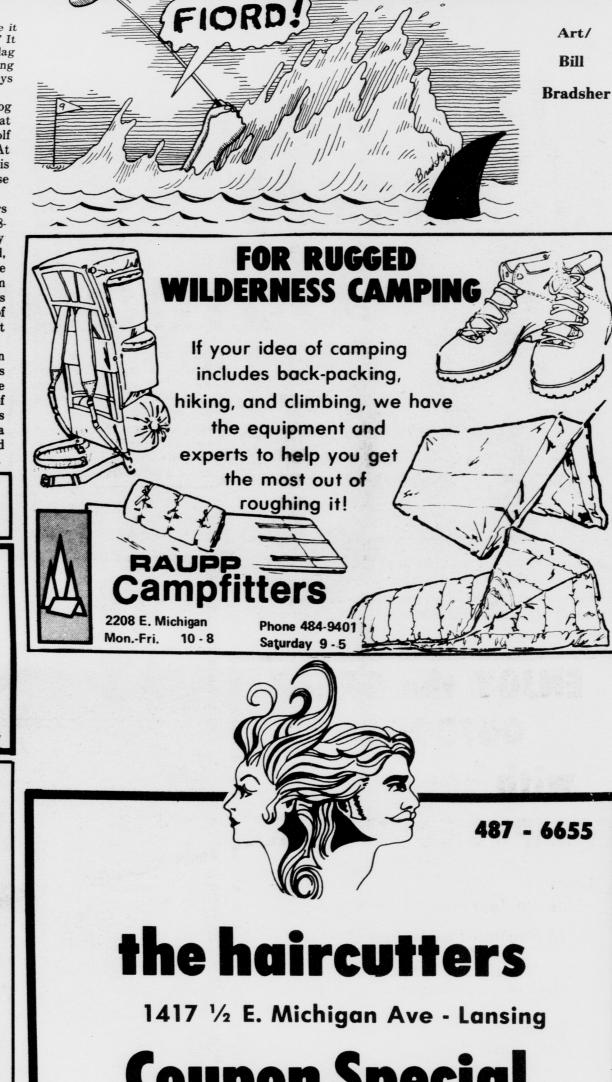
Area golfishers have to dog paddle on the dog-legs at Lansing's Red Cedar Golf Course just west of campus. At times, the entire course is under water, as was the case after the recent downpour.

Of the two Forest Akers courses on campus, the 18hole west course is usually worse off. The water-filled, Bermuda-grassed greens of the 10th, 16th and 18th holes form the infamous "Bermuda Greens Triangle." Thousands of golfishing balls have been lost in this vast stretch of water.

Though golfishing season often begins in March, it is April when golfishers compete in their tournament of champions. This competition is known as the "Golfish Bowl," a saga that cannot be touched with a ten-foot golfishing pole.

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Summer may be nothing to get excited about but this little fella would take some convincing. He's seen enough cold for one year and has found something about warmer weather he can sink his teeth into.

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### Outing Club trips out

### **By MARTIN SOMMERNESS**

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Canoe trips, rock climbing forays, spelunking expeditions and backpacking hikes are just a few of the week-end study breaks the MSU Outing Club sponsors.

Members of the club recently went spelunking ("Caving," as they call it,) in the Buckner cave and the Shaft pit cave near Bloomington, Ind.

"From the mouth of Shaft cave, there is about a 100-foot drop to the floor of the limestone pit," said Kevin Murphy, club president. "There are about 1,000 feet of passageways at the bottom of the pit.

"We really explored Shaft thoroughly, but we also spent a lot of time in Buckner's side passageways. We followed streams and crawled through narrow passageways on our bellies. We saw a lot of stalactites, stalagmites, flow stone which are sheets of rock - and one 'soda straw' rock.'

Besides the soda straw formation, a hollow limestone tube resembling a straw, Murphy said the group saw a root from a plant that had pushed its way into the ceiling of the under-

ground chamber all the way from the surface.

Trips like the caving expeditions take up the entire weekend, with the group camping out. Mushroom hunting, bird watching or rock climbing trips are usually one-day events.

"Club canoe trips usually run all weekend," said Murphy. "We have had club trips down the Pere Marquette and Pine Rivers. Some club members have taken trips down the Fox river in the Upper Peninsula."

Club members usually do their rock climbing near Grand Ledge and go hiking around the Rose Lake area, he said.

Trips cost club members an outing tax of about 10 cents per person to cover the wear and tear of the club's canoe, stove, cross-country skis, lanterns, ropes, helmets and other paraphernalia.

Nonmembers are usually charged an outing tax of about 50 cents to induce them to join the group and to help pay for the use of club-owned equipment, which was payed for out of the group's dues.

"The outing tax usually does not cover food or gas. We usually buy the food just before we go, and the people going on

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# That first step

# a long one



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A perfect exit. This sky diver's face down, spread eagle formation assures a perfect opening for his parachute. Hopefully.

#### **By PETE DALY**

In the morning they show you what to do, when, and how to do it. Then, later that day or the next, they take you up almost 3,000 feet in a small plane and, incredibly, you actually do it.

"They" are a sport parachuting club and you have decided it would be fun to parachute from an airplane. You are also a person experiencing a mind-boggling apex of terror, which suddenly disappears in a rush of euphoria. Only after the chute opens, however. argue about that?

The fun of being scared witless begins with signing "the papers," a long, single-spaced document that repeats several times your promise to "hereby release, remit, remise, acquit and forever discharge the MSU Sport Parachute Club" from responsibility should you suffer injury or death.

Training begins with the emergencies, or "malfunctions," that require deploying the reserve chute. Fast malfunctions are desperate

# "Once you exit the plane there's nothing we can do for you..."

Someone willing to take you that long step further is frighteningly easy to find. The Michigan State University Sport Parachute Club was glad to oblige in this case.

How could you do it? people ask. How could you just...jump?

First of all, it costs \$35. That buys a life membership and covers the cost of the first jump.

"If it were only \$10, people would cop out at the last second " said Ico Parks a jump situations where the chute streams out without opening, becomes entangled in the jumper's legs before opening, or just doesn't do anything at all. From the beginner's jump altitude of 2,700 feet, he then has 15 seconds to hit his reserve.

"Fifteen seconds in parachuting is a long time in which to pull your reserve chute. There isn't anything else to do up there." said Parke.

The Mae West is a slow malfunction, so called because a shroud line loops over the top of the canopy forming two connected domes resembling, strangely enough, a giant brassiere. Although the reserve is used, the jumper usually won't be falling fast enough to be killed. Some people have mistakenly ridden a Mae West down with out using the reserve. If the main chute works perfectly, the impact of landing is equal to jumping off a ten-foot roof. The club teaches neophyte jumpers to land with feet and knees together, falling so that the jolted jumper rolls onto his side and back. It works, too. Beginners are given heavy boots and old coveralls to wear in practicing their landing. The scene inside their training shed resembles a convention of crazed auto mechanics, with everyone jumping off tables and rolling on the gravel floor.

Safety Officer for the U.S. Parachutists Association, gives beginners a final pep talk following instruction.

"Really, nothing is going to happen to you — if you remember exactly what we have told you," he said. "But remember: Once you exit the plane, you are on your own. There is nothing we can do for you."

You are finally there. Sixty-pounds of parachutes are strapped to your body and it's crowded in the little Cessna as it bounces down the runway. Blood pounds in your ears as the adrenalin surges. Left hands cover the large handle of each reserve chute ripchord to prevent accidental opening inside the plane, which is beginning to circle above the drop zone. Your jumpmaster jokes with the pilot, and both peer out, trying to estimate when the rookies should be dropped. The jumpmaster will jump also, following the last of the three rookies.

Suddenly the door is opened. It flaps up against the underside of the wing, held there by the cold rushing around and through the plane.

"Put your feet out!" he barks. You obey this first of the pre-arranged signals.

"Climb out!" Only by shouting can the jumpmaster be heard.

You are acting instinctively now. You automatically assume your stance on the end of the plate above the landing gear, right leg extended out over 2,700 feet of spring air. Your face is in the stiff wind, hands gripping the wing strut in front of your chest. Then it happens.

and assistant instructor. "But for \$35, you can't afford not to go through with it."

Second, the training is intense, thorough, and repetitive, repetitive, repetitive. Every move the first-time jumper will make is carefully planned, and every possible situation that could develop is rehearsed.

Lastly, parachuting really is safe if the jumper keeps cool. The first six jumps are all on a static line, meaning you only have to concentrate on making a nice exit from the plane. Hopefully, the chute opens when you get to the end of the long cord attached to the pilot's seat. If it doesn't open, you have your reserve chute. No one ever jumps without a reserve chute.

"The reserve chute is definitely what makes parachuting fun," Joe observed. Who would

Clayton Troutner, an instructor and Area

"Go!"

You have responded to training, and without thinking, let go. Your mind cannot comprehend what you have done, and although your eyes are wide open, you will not remember seeing anything, until...

Suddenly, your main parachute shoots by the back of your head and blooms, a huge, gentle, life-saving flower. It really works, after all.

At this point, most first-time sky divers begin laughing, or shouting, And looking between their feet at the toy buildings and roads far down below.

It's worth the hours of culminating terror, jumping off tables and the nightmare of wondering if you will need your reserve chute. You may even want to do it again.

## Ballgames are the best show in town

#### **By FRANK FOX**

The best circus in Michigan appears regularly in the centerfield bleachers at Tiger Stadium.

Fans, freaks, cub scouts, drunks, rented guards and an infinite variety of eccentric humanity mingle in the democracy of \$1.50 seats and 75-cent beer.

You can hardly see the ball game from the top of the upper-deck bleachers, especially after several perilous trips down the small, steep steps to fetch frothy paper cups of Stroh's beer, Detroit's finest.



Back up topside under the scoreboard, tipsy fans swill their brew and nod in an apathetic alcoholic haze.

Who's on first? Who's winning? Who cares? Who's going to get the next round?

Among the denizens of the bleachers — actually the biggest bar in Michigan — are assorted die-hard enthusiasts who exhort the distant players with catcalls and private, incomprehensible cheers.

High up in the stands sits an aged scarecrow of a man who keeps up a continuous monologue through a makeshift popcorn-boxmegaphone.

"Let's go Willie. Let's go Willie, six-four, six-four," he cries in a muted monotone which can hardly be heard by fans sitting a few rows away from him, let alone the players on the field.

But the scarecrow doesn't mind. A man of at least 50 lean years, he squats in a tangle of knees, elbows and ears over the splintery bench seat — a bishop of the ballpark enraptured with his own



Photos / Pete Daly



# IM goes year round

### By BILL MANDERSHIED For the rest The lines may be a bit shorter but summer softball, track

For the rest of this spring, IM competition in d tennis for res fraternities will be sponsored, in addition to individual team competition in bowling, volleyball and soccer. Co-rec events were filled with 144 teams this spring in blooperball, one-pitch softball, water polo and golf. Co-rec paddleball and racquetball competition is sponsored as well as individual and doubles competition for men and women. Contestants are divided into ladders, one for beginning players and one for the more experienced. Tournament play is based on single elimination. Several MSU clubs work out of the IM buildings and sponsor events in spring and summer - among them, Scuba, Sailing, Soaring, Sport Parachuting and the Society for Creative Anachronism. Telephone numbers and information on IM and club sports are available at either IM office. The IM office number is: 355-5250.

unending sermon:

"LessgoWillie, Lessgowilluh, lessgo Williee," and on and on as people move farther and farther away from him.

Dirty Dinky is another victim of bleacher madness. Dirty Dinky is a squat bundle of rumpled laundry with outrageously huge sunglasses hiding his toothless face. His suit, which appears to have been grafted into his mottled skin, is festooned with dozens of obscene buttons which amuse, but hardly offend, his Cub Scout fan club which was more concerned with mustard-covered hot dogs than with moral niceties.

Dirty Dinky smiles to himself as he wanders through the stands looking for anyone in Detroit who can still be offended by anything.

Dope smokers rub shoulders with stern Little League coaches. Shirts come off when the sun breaks through. There is a flurry of activity far across the field, activity too far removed to interest all the inmates of the center field bleachers. Why strain your eyeballs when the real show is all around you?

Between beer, baseball and bizarros, the Tiger Stadium bleachers are the best zoo bargain in town.

doesn't slow down MSU's acclaimed intramural program.

With the beginning of summer term, the outdoor pool behind the men's IM building opens and there are plenty of places indoors in both the men's and women's buildings to work up a sweat. Paddleball, volleyball, badminton, basketball and other year-round programs are available during the summer.

During summer term, a number of additional IM sports are added, most of them on a co-rec basis.

One-pitch softball will be sponsored for the fourth season this season and volleyball will be back for its second year. Challenge volleyball matches can be arranged through the Women's IM office.

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### Au Sable River welcomes canoeists

# Joggers pounding turf, track, shedding clothes, excess fat

#### **By PEGGY GOSSETT**

A flurry of pumping knees and flailing elbows heralds the return of spring in East Lansing. The joggers are at it again.

A husband and wife often jog in the evenings on their oneand-a-half mile course from their apartment to Bessey Hall and back along the Red Cedar River.

"For me, it's relaxing," said Dave Bell, 230 Cedar St. "When I was in college I would get all

Blanche Martin tries to get in jogging time every day. "And I hate every minute of it," he said.

uptight about studying and go out and jog five miles. You know, look at the stars, get some fresh air. Besides, it is the easiest way to stay in shape."

One regular sprinter on msu's rubberized outdoor track says she likes jogging because it is convenient exercise.

"All you need is shoes and socks and a stretch of ground to run on," said Bonnie Johnston, 931 Burcham Drive.

four to five times a week at Jenison.

"And I hate every minute of it," Martin said. "It wears me out, but I make myself do it. Every time I try something else like basketball or tennis to stay in shape, I end up in the

and East Lansing dentist jogs hospital with a ruined knee or Achilles tendon. Running is the easiest thing to do. Besides I can always find my tennis shoes."

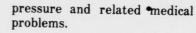
> Jogging is the best exercise you can possibly get, said Dr. Irvine H. Page, pioneer in blood



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Joe McMillan, an MSU administrator, jogs away his lunch hour inside Jenison Fieldhouse Tuesday.

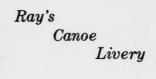




"Jogging invigorates the heart and circulatory system and besides acting as a deterrent to heart attacks by strengthening the heart muscles, it offers complete overall exercise. The legs, especially, need muscle activity to keep circulation stirred," Page said.

On the average, a person will burn off 20 calories per minute of jogging, compared with ten calories per minute in swimming or tennis.

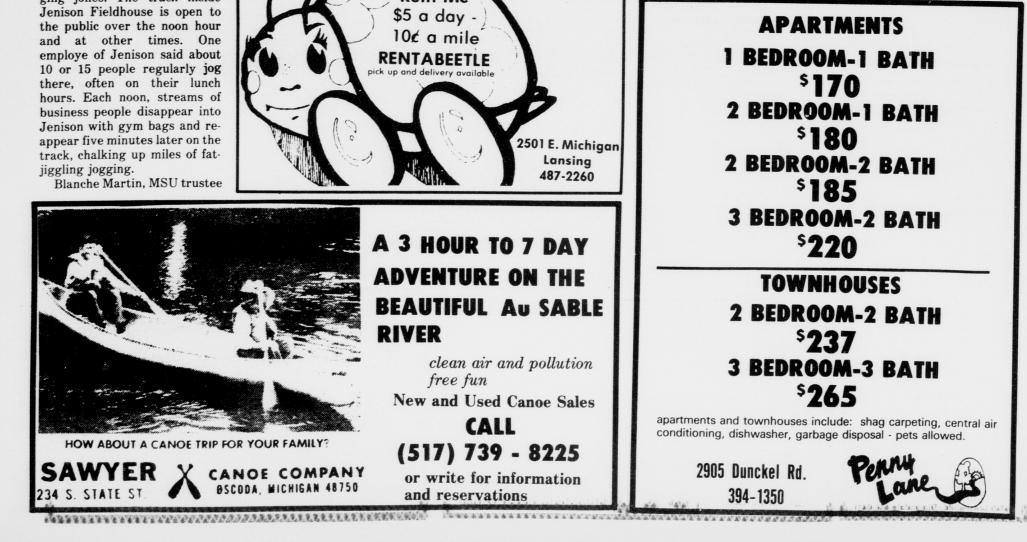




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### Au Sable River welcomes canoeists

#### By BUSTER CRABBE

You can slither down the Red Cedar River, your feet dangling in the backwash — recapped tires, decayed frisbees and McMeal cards popping up from under the gray lily pads; and you can brave the Grand River, coming across everyone and everything that failed to brave it as you scrape along.

Or you can try the Au Sable. River.

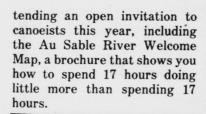
The Au Sable River is a thin stretch of baby blue on the map, way up there where the National Guard shoots at each other in the summer and where you can still buy a hot dog for 30 cents.

People from the Canoe Liveries at Grayling are ex-



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One of the reminders expressed by canoe livery owners near Grayling is to keep the river clean.





The rest stops are picturesque places like Rainbow Bend, Connor's Flats, Mio Pond and Parmalee Bridge and the livery folks assure newcomers they cannot get lost.

Part of the reason for this is the easy-to-follow diagram of the Au Sable River, complete with landmarks and signs along the way. The map, completed two years ago, is a joint effort by the Michigan Dept. of Natural Resources and the Grayling-area community.

The area is designated Michigan's first "Greenbelt Zone" by virtue of the project, which encouraged landowners to let their property exist in its natural state. As a result, most homes face the waterway, rather than a highway, and are surrounded by enough green camouflage to be nearly invisible to those on the river.

River travelers are reminded that in order to preserve the natural environment, several rules must be followed. Among them are possession of firearms — none, unless it has first been cleared with county authorities. No fireworks and no canoe

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tipping. And no souvenirs. It can be a violation of the Greenbelt Ordinance to remove picturesque driftwood.

Trespassing canoeists are also not a welcome sight in the backyards of homes along the river, but these residents are ready and willing to allow the use of their telephones in case of emergencies.

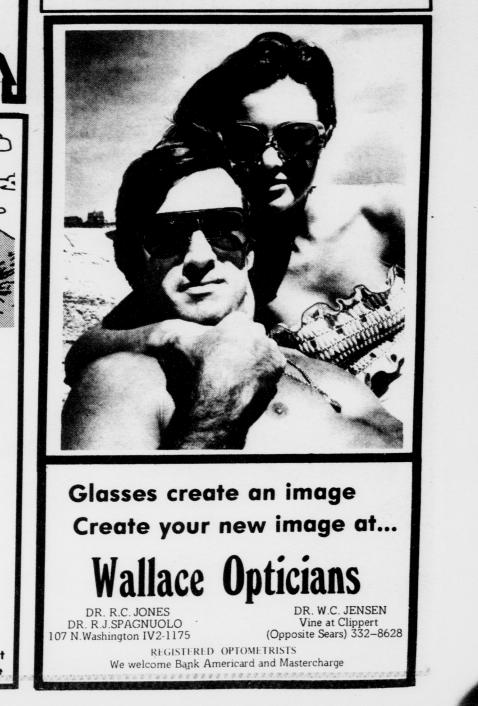
Other than that, canoeists have virtually unlimited freedom. There are eight campsites en route to Mio Dam — the full 17-hour trip — and several places along the way where public access is granted to canoeists who do not want to start at Grayling.



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(continued from page 3) the outing pool together to pay the driver for gas," Murphy said.

The 25-member organization meets every Tuesday in 326 Natural Science Bldg. at 7 p.m.

On May 7, the club sponsored a presentation by Prof.

climber pulls himself up to one height, and then prepares to use the next series of knots to climb higher." "Right now, we have an

interest sheet up for a trip to Big Bend National Park, and a lot of people have expressed an

interest in it," Murphy said. "Some other members are interested in taking a backpacking expedition to Isle Royale. What the club does all depends on whatever the members want to do, and where they want to go."

It's time once again for those mushy little fungi known as morels to appear in campus wood lots. MSU mycologist Everett Beneke says mushroom squeezers should be care-

Experience, of course, is the common denominator but Beneke says a well-illustrated field manual will help - morels being fairly easy to distinguish from poisonous fungi. The average morel - a

bushel of them can bring in \$25 - has a cone-shaped head connected at the base by a hollow stalk. Although there is no break between the head and the stalk, colors may vary greatly.

A second recognizable feature of morel is the pitted head. Other fungi, called false morels, have ridges and depressions somewhat similar but the heads of these are attached only at the top and hang down like a skirt.

