

# Moravia Hoopsters Eclipse Lansing

By Ray Reynolds

A cold Tuesday night outside did nothing to spark the homecourt heat as Lansing's basketball teams dropped two to the visiting Moravia Blue Devils.

## JV Game

Lansing started out the first quarter sluggishly and was only able to rack up 6 points to Moravia's 11 by the first buzzer. With the second quarter a carbon copy of the first, our guys went to the halftime locker room trailing Moravia by seven, 22-15.

Though the team worked the ball around during the third quarter, we were still unable to cage the Devils' offense or to close the point spread.

The final quarter was tougher and the spectators could feel the junior Bobcats working against discouragement as they struggled valiantly but missed shots and lost the ball on mishandling.

Moravia's good foul-shooting only increased the deficit to end up the winners over Lansing 48-36.

It's always tougher to lose than win, but our young men played honorably. Jamie Hatfield led the JV Cats with 8 points, Steve Sluty had 7 and Scott Schmidt and Ben

Frahm had 5 each. Graham Eastman got his 3 points from the 3-point line while Stephen Daniels, Ben Remski, Jon Smith and Dan Smith each scored 2 points for the Blue and Gold.

## Varsity Game

Lansing entered the game hoping to come back from last Friday night's loss to Dryden, but the absence of Eric Tee due to an injury proved too much of a handicap to overcome.

The men got off to a slow start as Moravia built a 7-point lead to outpace Lansing in the first quarter 17-10.

With shots rolling around the rim and Tee's absence under the backboards, Lansing was still able to stay close, ending the half trailing 24-16.

The third quarter only got harder. Our percentage of good shots and rebounds both dropped as Moravia put daylight into their end-of-quarter 39-21 lead.

The fourth quarter was our team's finest hour with the tired Bobcats fighting back and outscoring a surprised Moravia crew 2-1. Alas, it was a tad late and the Blue Devils squeaked to a 49-43 victory over Lansing.

Willy Woods was Lansing's point leader with 14 points. Best of all, he had two special delivery 3-pointers from the outside. Kyle Putnam had 10, Chris Drew sank 9 and Lucas Hibbard got 5 points. Every point counts and Jeremy House and Jacob Linderberry made their contributions of 3 and 2 points, respectively.

Friday's games with Union Springs were cancelled because of the weather.

## Lansing Grad Excels

Once the Union Springs games were iced, this reporter drove to Ben Light gymnasium on the Ithaca College campus to see how an old Bobcat was doing as an RIT Tiger.

How sweet it was. C. J. Wurster (class of '95) had an excellent evening earning 21 of his team's 87 points giving RIT a well-deserved victory. Wurster shot 7 for 10 from the foul line and 5 for 6 from beyond the 3-point line.

With a performance like that, it's not hard to understand why RIT is top-ranked in the NCAA. Division 3 play in the Eastern region. (P.S. - I still think of you as a Bobcat.)



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# School Board Discusses New Standards

Only a few Lansing School District residents turned out last Thursday to take advantage of the School Board's open forum discussion about the recent New York State Education "Report Card" rating Lansing's academic performance.

Because Lansing fared well on the '96 report card, much of the discussion focused on the stiff changes our students will be facing beginning next year.

Education Commissioner Richard Mills intends to rapidly move the entire state education system from a "minimum standards" to a "mastery" approach, said Lansing Superintendent Andrea Price. Many long-held practices will be reviewed, she went on, including the number of school days in a year, the number of class hours in a day, scheduling and the way standardized state tests are formulated.

"Tests drive the curriculum," said Price. Elementary school standardized testing will move away from multiple choice and fill-in-the-blanks questions to essay questions that will let students demonstrate their ability to take material learned in one context and apply it to another. "It's not enough to know theory; our students will have to know how to apply theory to reality," said Price.

The local "competency-based" high school diploma will be a thing of the past beginning with next year's freshman class. Regents "mastery" exams will be required of everyone.

"The change of standards is overwhelming," said Price. Demanding a higher standard of our students often produces better performance, but having it happen all at once in all subject areas is challenging. "Teach-



**CLOSE CONSULTATIONS** - School Board member Joni Geiger discusses the impact of revised state standards at Lansing High with Mrs. Robert Baxter.

ers will need to relearn teaching methods" to prepare students for their new testing requirements, she said. "There's so much."

With all of the focus on raising overall standards, Commissioner Mills has not yet specified how schools will help youngsters who simply can't perform at "mastery" levels. "We expect a lot of early intervention programs," said elementary principal Shari Dempsey. "Almost all of the \$360 million in aid for standards is aimed at early intervention reading help," explained Price.

A different set of problems will be present at the high school where only 53 percent of the students took Regents exams. "What do we do with kids you don't make it through Regents?" asked Price. "Will they become discouraged and drop out or finish and leave school without a diploma?" The state hasn't addressed these problems, she said, and no mention of plans to maintain or change the General Equivalency Diploma (GED) has been made.

## Aurora Rotary Hosts Girl Scout Council Rep

In anticipation of the Girl Scout movement's 75th anniversary celebration this spring, Emma Lou Sheikt gave a synopsis of the Seven Lakes Girl Scouts Council's history and future plans to the Aurora Rotary at their Jan. 22 regular evening meeting at the King Ferry Hotel.

Sheikt described how the Girl Scout Laws and organization's mission has evolved and described current Cayuga County programs to the local Rotarians.

In other business, the Aurora Rotary has been asked to help support the Cayuga County Health Department's "Senior Computer Call-In Program." Action will be taken at the next meeting.

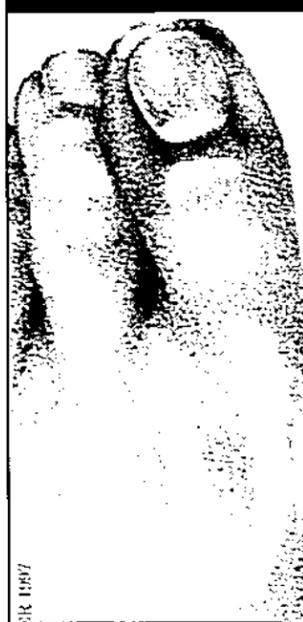
## Raise A Calf in Lansing

Lansing youth, aged 9 to 17 years old, are invited to participate in the 1997 Tompkins County "Dairy Calf Pool."

Any boy or girl who has an interest in a dairy project and is willing to raise, care for, maintain records and show the award calf is eligible to apply for a scholarship with which he/she can purchase a registered calf. Though current membership in 4-H is not required, applicants must be able to provide adequate housing for a dairy animal and be willing to join 4-H.

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