

# Multi-use athletics building debuts at OCC

By SANDI HORNE

Both students and residents will have use of a new athletic building at the Orchard Ridge campus of Oakland Community College.

Ground was broken on the \$2.8 million project in mid-1978. It was financed by a municipal bond sale.

The building, located on the campus between Orchard Lake and Farmington roads south of Twelve Mile, officially opened yesterday, Wednesday.

Students enrolled in physical education classes at OCC have been in the building since the beginning of the fall term.

An open gym with a track, swimming pool, tennis and handball courts, a weight room and a training room are all part of the 75,000 square-foot building.

The main priority of the building is for academic class time and practice, college-sponsored intramural activities, and intercollegiate athletics. But there will be time for residents and students to use the facility.

PROVOST RICHARD Thompson explained that reserving court or gym time for public use will be organized on a first come, first served basis.

"Anyone wishing to use the facility should call the school at 476-9400 and ask for the health building," he said. "There are no long-standing reservations, people should call on a day-to-day basis."

Fees for public use of the building are \$5 an hour for tennis and racquetball, and \$1 an hour for the gym and pool. There will be a nominal charge for equipment rental.

Students have free use of any of the facilities.

## Cancer Society holds forum

A focus on living with cancer meeting will be on Sept. 13, at 7:30 p.m. at Orchard United Methodist Church, 30450 Farmington Road.

The purpose of this self-help group is to bring together patients and family members who have questions or are experiencing problems as a result of living with cancer.

With the assistance of a nurse consultant and other resource persons, participants are encouraged to discuss their mutual problems in a positive manner.

Thompson said that scheduling is still tentative.

"During the afternoon would probably be a good time. People should call the health building to get weekend hours," he said.

Another facet of the building is a multi-purpose room which seats up to 700 people. Dances, shows and displays will be held there. A dog show is already on the fall agenda, and a regional high school swim meet and an AAU swim meet are slotted for the pool.

Thompson was enthusiastic about the effect the athletic building will have on physical education programs at the college.

"For the first time ever, students will be able to have both physical education classes and activities on campus," he said.

"We no longer have to rent outside areas to expand physical education offerings."

Thompson hopes that additional academic programs can be implemented at OCC.

"We'd like to develop an aquatics program for the handicapped, a physical therapy program and a physical trainee program," he said.

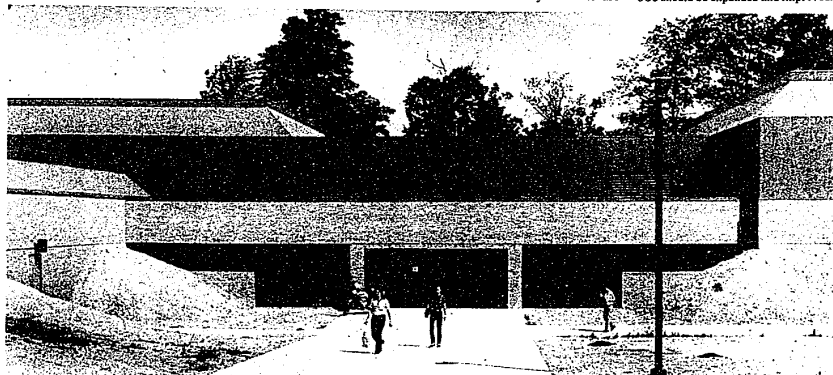
Because of a 16-inch well at one end of the pool, scuba diving classes will be possible. An improvement in OCC's

current water safety instruction program will also follow the opening of the pool.

The 40,000-square-foot gym floor can be utilized for several different activities at the same time. It can be divided

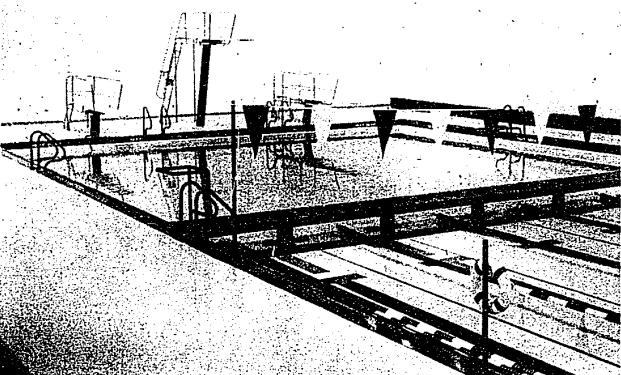
into four full-size tennis courts, or three full-size basketball courts. Students and faculty members are

excited about the building, believing the physical education programs at OCC should be expanded and improved.

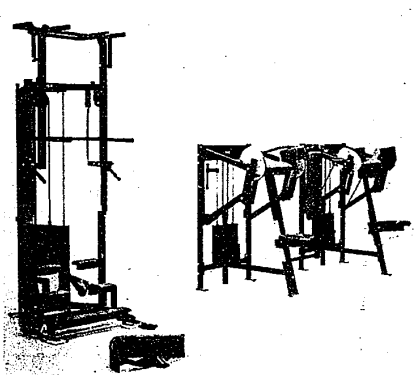


Students at the Orchard Ridge campus of Oakland Community College will be able to enjoy swimming and other types of exercise during the cold-weather season because of the newly constructed athletic facility on the campus. (Photo by Sandi Horne)

For students wishing to beef up their muscles during the summer, a weight room is provided in the new facility. (Photo by Sandi Horne)



An Olympic-sized swimming pool is one of the many features contained in the new Oakland Community College Orchard Ridge campus athletic facility. (Photo by Sandi Horne)



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## THE INSIDE \* ANGLE

By LOUISE OKRUTSKY

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** Give credit where credit is due. A few years back, the Farmington Observer instituted *Inside Angles* — an experiment in adding a little humor and lots more local news for our readers. Your response has shown that it has been one of our most successful experiments thanks to the reporter Louise Okrutsky. Because of her keen sense of humor and pride in reaching the community through *Inside Angles*, her byline will accompany this fine column. We are glad you enjoy this column as much as we do and hope you will continue to do so over the years.

**ANGLES** wants to point out to the crew at the Observer that in spite of the byline, IA's name is still listed first. Once a \* always a \*.

**GETTING BACK TO BUSINESS** as fall rolls in and summer rocks out: The Farmington Hills Ad Hoc Historic Building and Site Survey Committee is hot on the trail of a non-contiguous historic district. The scattered district will include buildings of architectural and historical significance. Over the summer, the group sent letters to owners of homes which may be eligible for the district. If you're the owner of a old home or building and think you may qualify for this district, call the city manager's office at Farmington Hills City Hall, 474-6115. There will be a meeting in the fall to establish the district. That meeting is open to the public.

**SENIORS TAKE NOTE:** Fight the high price of food by helping form a food co-op at the Gathering Place. To find out when the co-op might start, to sign up for or for further information call Loretta Conway at the Parks and Recreation Dept., 477-6115.

**THUD, THUD, BUMP, THUD** is the sound of book lovers working their way through more than 10 tons of books assembled in the Livonia Mall Sept. 20-23 for the American Association of University Women (AAUW) book sale. The sale will run during regular shopping hours at the mall on Seven Mile and Middlebelt. (Book lovers know when fall is around the corner, those AAUW leaves start to turn.)

**BEGIN THE SCHOOL** year right: the Oakland County Health Division offers a free immunization clinic in Farmington from 9 a.m. to noon, Sept. 13 at the First Methodist Church, Warner and Grand River. Immunizations for measles, German measles, mumps, polio, diphtheria, tetanus and whooping cough are available. A parent or legal guardian must accompany a child under 18-years-old. Bring any previous records of immunizations. If you are going to take children other than your own, a release form must be obtained either from the Oakland County Health Division or personnel at the clinic.

**IF YOU SHAKE** your tailfeather to Swan Lake, the Michigan Ballet Theatre auditions are for

you. The theatre is auditioning for its annual performance of Peter Illich Tchaikovsky's "Nutcracker Suite" ballet. Auditions will be conducted at 9:30 a.m., Sept. 15, in the Evelyn Kresson Dance Studio, 31315 Thirteen Mile, east of Orchard Lake Road in Farmington Hills. For further information call the Michigan Ballet Theatre at 891-6735, 1.

**ONCE AGAIN** the Nardin Park Braille Transcribers are conducting classes for new volunteers who want to help transcribe books for the blind. Braille classes will be offered on Tuesday evenings beginning Oct. 2 and on Thursday mornings beginning Oct. 4. An orientation tea will be held at Nardin Park Methodist Church beginning at 1 p.m., Sept. 18. Persons who want to contribute toward others, but would prefer to stay near home, may find that transcribing books into braille suits their needs. For more information call Carol Lynn Pender, president of the group at 537-0966, daytime teacher Marge Grief, 425-0017 or evening teacher Dee Josall at 474-3488. Volunteers will transcribe books for high school and college students as well as diets for the Visiting Nurses Association and the Shriner's monthly magazine. For the brailist, the basic equipment consists of a braille writer, paper and some time. Books to be transcribed come from individuals, libraries and special education departments from Wayne, Oakland, Macomb and Monroe counties.

**TENNIS AND CRUMPETS** isn't a diet fad. It's a series of tennis matches to benefit the Children's Hospital. First of the preliminary rounds were played on three courts at the Kendallwood Club in Farmington Hills. The 18 couples playing on the courts for the hospital recently were joined by more than 1,000 tennis players hoping to make the finals, which will be held Sept. 22-23 in Wayne and Oakland counties.

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