

Wright, Heick quit Seaholm coaching posts

Coaches Ken Wright (basketball) and Mike Heick (swimming) have resigned from their respective positions at Birmingham Seaholm High School.

In a prepared statement, Seaholm principal John Schultz said Heick "will be a big loss to the swim program at Seaholm."

Of Wright, Schultz said he "performed his duties in a manner in which Seaholmites were very proud."

WRIGHT coached the Maples only

one year, finishing with a 3-18 record last season. A former basketball coach at Royal Oak St. Mary, Wright, also a football assistant coach at Seaholm, said he wanted more time to pursue other interests.

"I have other things I'd like to accomplish and pursue," Wright said. He will continue as a football assistant but will concentrate much of his efforts toward a master's degree in guidance and counseling at Wayne State University.

"When coaching two sports," Wright said, "it's hard to go to school for only one quarter. It's not easy."

"It's more complicated than that," Wright explained about reasons for the resignation. "But, that's (graduate school) basically it."

Despite the lowly record, the Maple cagers showed signs of improvement toward the end of the season. Informed sources say Wright was planning on staying around next season to build the

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basketball program, although there seems to be a change of attitude.

"I thought the kids performed well at

the end of the season," Wright said. "I wasn't disturbed with being 3-17 (3-18 for the overall season) I saw the program and think the kids will do well next year."

HEICK ends an illustrious career as a swim coach. In his 30 years of coaching, Heick, 60, coached many All-State and All-American swimmers. He has had a long history of successful teams and individuals both in Detroit and Birmingham.

In his years as Seaholm coach, Heick's teams won an unprecedented 13 Southeastern Michigan Association (SMA) conference titles.

"After 30 years of coaching, it's difficult to continue to spend the time necessary to have a successful program," Heick said. "I've been doing it a long time. It's time to step down and let someone younger take it."

"I've done it a long time and just don't want to do it anymore."

In The Pocket

By W.W. EDGAR

Metropolitan Detroit's array of all-star bowlers invades Tampa, Fla., next week with the hope of juggling the standings in the American Bowling Congress tournament.

Each year, the Detroiters make their presence felt and this year they hope to uphold the tradition. Many of them will stay over for the ABC meeting and

there will be considerable interest shown in discussions on lane finishing. This has been a problem for the past few years and there now is a plan being proposed that may be adopted — but only after some argument.

IT'S GETTING to be like a broken record, but John Hurley has done it again. He posted his 21st 700 series of

the season Monday morning at Westland Bowl.

This time he linked games of 246, 255 and 278 for a 779 to assure himself of top average honors in the Tri-City Bowling Association.

John was not alone in the 700 group. He had company when Jim Blake put together counts of 236, 266 and 247 for 749 and Jerry Maynor joined this pair

with a 708 gained on games of 210, 241 and 257.

In the Little Caesar Classic, Bob Goike Jr. slumped a bit in his last game and it cost him a 700 series. He opened with a 225 and followed with a 265, only to fall to a finishing game of 202 for 693.

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