

Plymouth to host figure skating competition

By BRAD EMONS

Plymouth is becoming quite a convention town.

First it was Republicans who invaded the historical city followed by Alex Karras and his production company to shoot scenes from the upcoming movie "Word of Honor."

Now the Plymouth Cultural Center will host another big event, Dec. 2-6. Approximately 300 of the best figure skaters from seven states will con-

verge on the city for the 1981 Eastern Great Lakes Regional Championships, the first step toward earning a shot at the Worlds, scheduled to be held March 3-8 in Hartford, Conn.

The event is being hosted by the Plymouth Figure Skating Club Inc. (PFSC), a member of the United States Figure Skating Association (USFSA).

"This is going to be a \$20,000-30,000 endeavor," said PFSC event chairman Bill McShane. "We hosted the regionals

two years ago in the Wayne Community Center."

Many future Olympic skaters could be taking part in the competition. Winners of the Plymouth event will advance to the Midwesterns, Jan. 6-8, in Minneapolis, Minn. The Nationals will be held Feb. 4-7 in San Diego, Calif.

Carol Fox of Westland and Richard Dalley of Lathrup Village finished third in the 1980 nationals in the senior dance team competition. They missed out competing in the Olympics by one

place. If they decide to enter this year, they would have to skate in the first qualifying test at Plymouth.

Skaters will compete in men's and women's singles, pairs team and dance team in five different skill levels — senior, junior, novice, intermediate, juvenile and veteran's (over 35).

The Cultural Center will enlarge its seating capacity to 1,850 for the four-day event.

McShane WILL round up 115 vol-

unteers to insure the event runs smoothly.

"We bid for it as a member club," explained McShane. "We have to provide transportation and housing for the competitors. It's like a convention. We're organized now because we did it once before."

"It's something big for Plymouth. There will be a lot of activity that week."

Ticket prices for the Friday and Saturday evening shows are \$4 per person. An all-events pass (four days) costs \$20. A weekend pass is \$11, according to McShane.

The event chairman said the Plymouth Chamber of Commerce is also providing help in preparation for the four-day competition.

"We're hoping to have three people for every one applicant," said McShane.

Nancy Meiss, an international judge with Olympic experience, has been assigned the chief referee for the championships.

The entry fee for the competition is \$60 per person, per event. For more information, write to: Plymouth Figure Skating Club, Inc., P.O. Box 149, Plymouth, Mich. 48170.

Possible heart attack

Churchill coach hospitalized

By DOUG FUNKE

Ken Kaestner, the only head varsity football coach in the 12-year history of Livonia Churchill, will not be on the sidelines with his Chargers tomorrow night when they battle Waterford Mott.

Instead, Kaestner will be resting in Southfield's Providence Hospital.

"They suspect I may have had a possible heart attack," Kaestner said when

contacted Tuesday afternoon. "I've had an irregular EKG (electrocardiogram) and they're checking heart enzymes."

The always-smiling Kaestner, who teaches social studies at Churchill, has been hospitalized since Sunday evening undergoing a battery of tests.

"This will be the first game I've missed in 23 years of coaching," he said. "Hopefully, the kids would go out there and do it without me."

Herb Osterland and Ed Hubert, assistants to Kaestner, have been handling the team in practice this week and will be in charge come game time tomorrow.

This is the second time that Kaestner has been hospitalized with suspected heart trouble. Medical tests were negative during a 1973 incident.

Kaestner said that he didn't really feel good most of the week preceding the game against Northville last Friday.

"I've just been logging and not feeling 100 percent," he said. "After the game (an 8-0 loss for Churchill), I had severe pain in my chest and broke out in a cold sweat."

"I drank some milk and it (symptoms) passed by, but on Saturday and Sunday, I was kind of tired," he said. Kaestner drove himself to the emergency room of Providence Hospital West in Novi and was subsequently admitted to Providence Hospital in Southfield.

"I feel good, optimistic and hope there's no damage," Kaestner said.

Kaestner said that he has asked the physician (tending to him whether he will be able to return to coaching this season. "He thinks now it's 50-50," Kaestner said. "Now, I'm just kind of laid-back."



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U.S. national spikers overcome Schoolcraft

Most coaches might be pretty upset if their team could score only three points in a two-set volleyball match.

Not Schoolcraft College coach Mike O'Toole. He was "very pleased" after the U.S. National women's team beat his Ocelots spikers, 15-2, Friday night in an exhibition match before a crowd estimated at 1,000.

The U.S. girls are in the midst of a 40-city tour and in 20 stops versus women's teams, they've allowed just six points.

"After the game they told us that we were the best women's team they had faced," said O'Toole. "We had some good plays on our side and two or three long rallies with them."

"They (U.S.) are just a marvelous team. They have great power and finesse."

The Schoolcraft girls performed against some of the best players in the world.

Rita Crockett, only 5-foot-8, possesses a 42-inch vertical jump. She made her presence known throughout the match, according to O'Toole. "She's just amazing," he said. "She was head-and-shoulders above the net most of the night."

In another match, the U.S. girls beat the Ukrainian Men's Sports Club of Hamtramck, 15-13, 15-8, 15-13.

O'Toole's squad traveled to the eight-team University of Michigan Invitational Saturday and finished tied for third with Northern Illinois.

In pool play, Schoolcraft was defeated by U-M, 15-10, 15-11. Lake Superior State then beat the Ocelots, 16-14, 15-8. Schoolcraft battled its way back through the competition by downing Toledo, 15-8, 15-8, and last year's defending AIAW state champs, Central Michigan, 15-10, 15-6.

U-M then eliminated Schoolcraft from the tournament, 15-11, 15-9.

"Linda Mix had an all-around good day," said O'Toole. "She played well defensively."

"Leigh (Feenstra) did a fine job hitting and blocking against Central and Sandy Brown's setting was steady all day long."

The Ocelots traveled to Flint last week and won two of three matches. Schoolcraft topped Mott C.C. (15-5, 15-10, 15-9) and Glen Oaks (15-9, 15-6). Lake Michigan edged Schoolcraft in the final match, 15-13, 10-15, 15-12.

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CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Charter of the City of Farmington Hills states (Article V, Governmental Organization and Administrative Departments, Sec. 5.04.B): "Division of Fire. There shall be a Division of Fire organized of such ranks and grades as the Council may determine. The Division of Fire shall be responsible for the extinguishing and prevention of fire within the City. Although it is the intent of this Charter that fire protection continue to be provided by the volunteer companies, the Council may, at its discretion, establish additional volunteer companies, make provisions for a full-time fire division, or a combination of volunteer and full-time personnel;" and

WHEREAS, the Farmington Hills Fire Department is efficiently and effectively operating as a combination paid-call back and fully-paid department; and, the Farmington Hills Fire Department administrative staff is composed of fully-paid personnel and directed by a fully-paid chief or acting chief; and

WHEREAS, the Farmington Hills Fire Department operating staff is organized into four district units, each of which has approximately 15 paid-call back fire fighters, supplemented by two fully-paid fire fighters on weekdays; and

WHEREAS, according to the Farmington Hills Fire Department Rules and Regulations, fire fighting and medical emergency operations in each district are supervised by District Chiefs who report to the Fire Chief or acting chief; and

WHEREAS, paid-call back and fully-paid fire fighters have had State certified training in fire fighting and emergency medical procedures; and

WHEREAS, the Farmington Hills Fire Department equipment and personnel meet National Fire Protection Administration standards; and

WHEREAS, the Farmington Hills Fire Department organization and equipment as presently constituted have provided excellent fire and medical emergency service to the residents of the City at a cost per citizen and/or per dollar assessed valuation dramatically below that of communities with full-time fire departments; and

WHEREAS, the fire loss per dollar assessed valuation in the City consistently has been held to low levels; and

WHEREAS, the Farmington Hills City Council desires to continue the high level of fire and medical emergency service to the residents of the City at minimum cost.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Farmington Hills City Council hereby goes on record in support of the continuation of a City Fire Division made up primarily of paid-call back personnel, supplemented by a fully-paid administrative staff and a contingent of fully-paid fire fighters to meet fire and emergency medical needs.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that future fire fighting and emergency medical operations and equipment shall reflect this combination paid-call back/fully-paid concept.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that every opportunity and encouragement should be offered to paid-call back personnel to fill, when appropriate and proper, any openings in the fully-paid ranks.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council hereby reaffirms the responsibility and authority of the City Manager and the Board of Chiefs, composed of the Fire Chief or acting Chief and District Chiefs, to meet regularly to implement the purposes and intent of this resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to the local (Farmington) newspapers and permanently posted in the City Hall and in all fire stations in the City of Farmington Hills.

CERTIFICATION

I, Floyd Cairns, duly authorized Clerk of the City of Farmington Hills, Michigan, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted by the Council of the City of Farmington Hills at its Regular Meeting held on September 8, 1980.

FLOYD A. CAIRNS, City Clerk