

Former Rochester coach calls it quits

Gene Konley, a longtime football coach and athletic director in Southeastern Michigan, has decided to pack away the clipboard and hang up his whistle.

Konley, currently the athletic director for the Ulica Community Schools, has announced his retirement effective Feb. 2. His announcement comes after 18 years of service in Michigan high schools.

Former coaching toes and prep athletic figures from throughout Southeastern Michigan and the rest of the state are expected to join at a retirement dinner for Konley on Jan. 12 at the Club Monte Carlo, on Van Dyke just south of 23 Mile Road in Ulica.

Tickets are \$15 per person, which includes dinner, an open bar, a program and dancing. Tickets may be obtained by calling the Ulica Community Schools Administrative Service Center at 739-0400.

Konley, who spent 22 years at Rochester High School, began his athletic career on the playing fields in his hometown of Alpena. He lettered in both football and baseball at Western Michigan University and a spent a year and a half with the Chicago Cubs baseball organization.

HE BEGAN his coaching career at Copperville High in Michigan, and later accepted a coaching position at Ro-

chester High. He spent 22 years at Rochester coaching football, basketball and baseball. The last 12 years at Rochester were as athletic director and football coach.

In 1970, Konley was elected to the High School Coaches Hall of Fame at Central Michigan University as one of the state's 10 winningest football coaches.

Konley joined the Ulica Community Schools in 1968 as athletic director.

In addition to his duties with high school sports, Konley also coached college football players for several professional teams, and he has held tryouts and trials for young athletes for the Pittsburgh Steelers of the NFL and

the Michigan Panthers of the new United States Football League.

"The years have been memorable," Konley said. "People often ask me what the highlight has been, but there have been so many it would be impossible for me to pick any one."

"I would have to say my biggest joy has been the development of so many students that I worked with. Their later success, not only as athletes, but as persons, has been especially gratifying for me."

His plans for the future, he says, will include playing a lot of golf. "After all these years, I know I'll be connected with sports in some capacity."

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WSU's Farris to receive service honors

Wayne State head football coach Dave Farris will receive "Distinguished Coach" honors at the 13th annual March of Dimes Sports Awards Dinner, scheduled Jan. 24 at the Westin Hotel in downtown Detroit.

The award recognizes Farris not only for his expertise in directing a

football team but because of his tireless devotion to keeping the football program going. Despite the WSU football program's financial woes, Farris has been very successful in raising the funds needed to continue the program.

Before joining WSU, Farris was defensive coordinator at Hillsdale

College for two seasons. His work at Hillsdale followed two years as line coach at Central Michigan University, his alma mater. Farris enjoyed great success as a high school coach at Clio High School (1971-73) and at Stuyvesant Orchard View High School (1973-76). While at Muskegon Or-

chard View he was named 1973 High School Coach of the Year. The 33-year-old Farris lives in Troy with his wife, Jane, and their two children, Max 7, and Amanda, 3.

Tickets to the March of Dimes Sports Awards Dinner cost \$50 and are tax-deductible. All pro-

ceeds help the March of Dimes campaign against birth defects. Along with Farris, other honorees will be the players of the year for each of Detroit's professional sports teams.

Former Detroit Pistons great Dave Bing is general chairman. The event is being underwritten by

Shield Pizzeria, whose president, Deano Mofatt, is an avid sports enthusiast. Local restaurateur Jimmy Bultacris and former University of Michigan football star Ron Kramer are ticket co-chairmen.

For more information, call Pam Schwartzkopf at the Metropolitan March of Dimes at 864-6000.

Oakland University winter schedules

The following are schedules for the winter sports at Oakland University in Rochester.

MEN'S BASKETBALL
SCHEDULE: Dec. 30 Indiana State-Dearborn, 7:30 p.m.; Jan. 4 at New York Tech, 7:30 p.m.; Jan. 8 at Northwood Institute, 8:15 p.m.; Jan. 12 at Ferris State, 7:30 p.m.; Jan. 15 at Wayne State, 8:15 p.m.; Jan. 17 Hillsdale, 8:15 p.m.; Jan. 20 at Lake Superior, 8 p.m.; Jan. 23 at Michigan Tech, 7:30 p.m.; Jan. 24 at Northern Michigan, 7:30 p.m.; Jan. 27 Grand Valley, 8:15 p.m.; Jan. 28, Saginaw Valley, 8:15 p.m.; Feb. 5 at Northwood, 7:30 p.m.; Feb. 10 Ferris State, 8:15 p.m.; Feb. 12 at Wayne State, 8:15 p.m.; Feb. 14 Hillsdale Tech, 7:30 p.m.; Feb. 17 Lake Superior, 8:15 p.m.; Feb. 19 Michigan Tech, 8:15 p.m.; Feb. 24 at Grand Valley, 8 p.m.; Feb. 26 at Saginaw Valley, 8 p.m.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL
SCHEDULE: Dec. 31 at Louisville, 5 p.m.; Jan. 4 at New York Tech, 5:30 p.m.; Jan. 6 at Pittsburgh State (Kansas), 7:30 p.m.; Jan. 8 at Northwood Institute, 1 p.m.; Jan. 13 at Ferris State, 8 p.m.; Jan. 15 Wayne State, 1 p.m.; Jan. 17 Hillsdale, 4 p.m.; Jan. 20 at Lake Superior, 6 p.m.; Jan. 23 at Michigan Tech, 1 p.m.; Jan. 24 at Northern Michigan, 5 p.m.; Jan. 27 Grand Valley, 6 p.m.; Jan. 28 Saginaw Valley, 1 p.m.; Feb. 1 at University of Detroit, 7:30 p.m.; Feb. 5 at Northwood, 1 p.m.; Feb. 7 Shaw College, 7:30 p.m.; Feb. 10 Ferris State, 6 p.m.; Feb. 12 at Wayne State, 4:30 p.m.; Feb. 19

Lake Superior, 6 p.m.; Feb. 19 Michigan Tech, 1 p.m.; Feb. 24 at Grand Valley 6 p.m.; Feb. 26 at Saginaw Valley, 1 p.m.

MEN'S SWIMMING
SCHEDULE: Jan. 7 Waterloo, 7:30 p.m.; Jan. 15 at Bowling Green with Wayne State, 5 p.m.; Jan. 21 at Wright State, 4 p.m.; Jan. 28 Chico State (Telephone Meet), 6:30 p.m.; Feb. 4 Clinton/Kenyon, 4 p.m.; Feb. 5 at Ferris State, 6:30 p.m.; Feb. 12 at Western Michigan, 3 p.m.; Feb. 18 at Wayne State, 7:30 p.m.; Jan. 19 Kalamazoo College, 2 p.m.; Feb. 24-26 GLIAC meet at Michigan Tech, Mar. 5-6 at EMU/Green/Green Invitational, Mar. 16-19 NCAA Division II National Championship.

WOMEN'S SWIMMING
SCHEDULE: Jan. 7 Waterloo, 7:30 p.m.; Jan. 11 at Cleveland State, 4 p.m.; Jan. 15 at Bowling Green, 1 p.m.; Jan. 21 at Wright State, 4 p.m.; Jan. 23 Western Ontario, 3 p.m.; Jan. 29 Chico State (Telephone Meet), 6:30 p.m.; Jan. 29 Michigan State, 1 p.m.; Feb. 12 at Western Michigan, 3 p.m.; Feb. 19 at Northern Michigan, 11 a.m.; Feb. 24-26 Midwest Invitational Swimming and Diving Championships at Youngstown State, Feb. 26 at EMU/Green/Green Invitational, Feb. 16-19, NCAA Division II National Championship.

WRESTLING
SCHEDULE: Jan. 12 at Adrian College, 7 p.m.; Jan. 14 at Lake Superior, 4 p.m.; Jan. 15 at Northern Michigan, 1 p.m.; Jan. 19 at

Saginaw Valley, 7 p.m.; Jan. 21, at Western Ontario, 7 p.m.; Jan. 22 Guelph Open, 10 a.m.; Jan. 26 Ferris State, 7 p.m.; Jan. 29 Muskegon Tournament, 10 a.m.; Feb. 2, Grand Valley, 7 p.m.; Feb. 5, Alma Invitational, 10 a.m.; Feb. 11 GLIAC meet at Lake Superior, 11 a.m.; Feb. 18-19 NCAA Regionals; Feb. 25-27 NCAA Nationals.



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