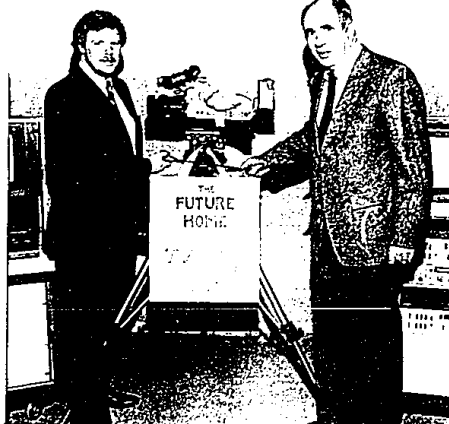


Schools cut ribbon to launch cable era



Cutting the ribbon to signal the start of construction of the Farmington Public School's telecommunications studio are MetroVision General Manager Bob McCann (left) and Jack Inch, president of the Farmington Board of Education.

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other \$50,000 for studio renovation and start-up costs.

THE FARMINGTON District will be linked with the Novi School District, Oakland County Community College, about 20 private schools and the city governments of Farmington, Farmington Hills and Novi in a franchise area

served by MetroVision.

MetroVision is the cable company which provides programming for the area under contract with the Southwest Oakland Cable Commission (SWOCC), a decision-making body which is made up of the three city managers and representatives of the three city councils.

A similar telecommunications pro-

gram soon will be starting at Novi High School with MetroVision also providing the equipment.

Although located at North Farmington, the Farmington School's program will serve all three public high schools. Under certain conditions, the school district will have to share its studio with people who want to use cable TV for local programming.

On hand for the brief ribbon-cutting ceremony was school board president Jack Inch, MetroVision general manager Bob McCann, North Farmington principal Clayton Graham, assistant principal Donald Cowan, district architect Des Hamill, maintenance supervisor Jack Lawing, SWOCC executive director Lark Samouelian, assistant superintendents Larry Freedman and Lynn Nutter and Cobb.

Sports medicine center eyed

By Tom Henderson
staff writer

Is a sports medicine center going to be built at the Henry Ford Hospital West Bloomfield complex?

Probably, says Dr. David Collon, the new director of Ford's Center for Athletic Medicine in Detroit.

Hold on, says the hospital.

"We have no plans officially at this point for a sports medicine center in West Bloomfield," said hospital spokesperson Debra Husson last week. "It would be very premature to put anything in the paper. It may have been discussed, the way we're discussing it now. You know, 'Wouldn't it be nice to build a sports medicine center?' That kind of thing, just talk."

HOWEVER, Collon said discussions among hospital officials are ongoing and serious, and that he is optimistic the center would be built, probably before the end of 1985.

Collon said official approval would have to come from the state and from various administrative agencies at the hospital. He said the doctors involved also would have to commit to the project.

"When all three agree, we can go ahead," said Collon. "If everything were OK today, it would be hard to finish construction by the end of 1985. On the other hand, we want to get it done before 1987."

Collon said there is "lots of competition for these things (from other hospitals). We don't want to scare anyone. Sports medicine centers are very popular these days. Everyone wants to have a big sports medicine center."

ACCORDING TO COLLON, the current sports medicine center, which is squeezed into one floor of a small building on the Detroit campus of the hospital, with the receptionist pushed against a wall just a few feet from the Nautilus weight machines, "is more for

the treatment of injuries.

"That (a West Bloomfield center) would be more for prevention—developing, say, a program for the middle-aged executive who wants to get back into shape," he added.

Collon, a Bloomfield Hills resident, said the proposed center would include diagnostic tests to determine such things as cholesterol count, blood pressure, percentage of body fat and muscle imbalances and weaknesses. He said the center would include a dietitian, rehabilitation therapists and assorted weight machines.

Collon said that an OK by hospital officials to seek state approval for a sports medicine center could come soon after the first of the year.

Definitely set for after the first of the year, said Collon, is an expansion that will more than double the size of the existing sports medicine facilities in Detroit.



Dr. David Collon sports physician

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