## State studies popl issue

a lawsuit, and some wonder where the sport could be headed. Some wonder if their pool will be usable a year from now, and the cost of re-modeling when the state eventually rules could be prohibitive for school districts.

districts already financially strapped.

"I have to sit and walt until I can tell the high schools this what they can do," McKenzie said. "Two months from now we may not even recognize (the recommendations) as the same ones that went in.

"There is a great hig question mark sitting in the middle of my forehead, because I don't know what to tell people."

The problem has been brought home to Farmington, Public Schools and the swim teams at its three high abome meet during the 199-91 school year.

schools, none of which has had a home meet during the 1990-91 school year.

The girls teams last fall and the boys teams this winter have competed at the opposing school or, in the case of a meet between two of them, paid a fee to use the Oakland Community College facility.

The National Federation of High School Athletic Associations and the MISAA said 3½ feet was acceptable for the current school year, but meat year pools must be 4 feet deep. If not, swimmers must start in the deep end or use 18-inch blocks.

McKenzie said he is aware of high schools in the state that have less than 4 feet at either end. One hondred wengt five have pools with 5 to 6 feet but in most cases it would require moving the diving beards to achieve.

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ALL OF THE Farmington pools are 3 feet at both ends, reaching a maximum depth of 5 feet in the middle. Most other pools are 3½ feet but will have to rearrange their pools using the diving wells next year.

Eventually, a lot of schools and public/private facilities might have to dig up their pools to meet a greater depth requirement.

Some, like Ron-Holland, athletic director for the Farmington schools, wonder where it will end. If the state rules flive feet is the standard, who's to say they won't be asked to dig deeper several years from now. Some school districts indicate they won't spend the money to dig the first time.

"If that's the case, a lot of pools in

won't spend the mining.

If that's the case, a lot of pools in the state of Michigan will be relegated to teaching and recreational places of swimming." McKenale said, "because schools just can't afford to dig the pool down to those denths."

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"Two meters would kill competi-

swimming

tive swimming in Michigan as there would not be enough pools to handle swim-meets. Hedford Cathella Central coach Peter Leonhardt said. He also eaches the Michigan Stingrays who are based in Farmington Hills. "We stress safety in both programs (competitive and recreational) and have bad on accidents diving into even four feet of water. Any standard needs to have public input and be reasonable."

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SOME SCHOOL districts have already paid to renovate their pools, digging to depths of four or 4½ feet based upon the suggested safe depth for 1990-91. The renewed discussion means it will likely be money wasted.

The sad part is people went out and spent energy to do what out the standard of the same and the same an

"PEOPLE INVOLVED in swim-ming programs are ever aware of the need for safety regulations," Knipper said. "In 12 years that I have been involved with swimming.

ming accident swimming accident.

"A two-meter standard looks too stringent, Only a handful of pools in Michigan would meet this depth. It would be like requiring soft ice for ice hockey to slow skaters to prevent accidents. It does not seem very rearsonable."

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McKenzie suggested any increase in injuries could be partly attributable to a change in technique for, entering the pool.

"The old method would be the bely top or fanding on the stomach, on top of the water so to speak," he can be supported to the said. "Now a youngster takes a scoop with the said. "Now a youngster takes a scoop this the water with a first and makes a hole for his head and shoulders to follow. When he hits the water with his feet, they go through the hole and don't act as a frag but a propellant."

A lot of the current discussion has to do with trying to deternine what depth will provide a sufficient cushion, he added. But that is difficult to assess because there is no standard helght for a swimmer.

Besides the cost, there are problems of logistics and planning if schools decide to renovate pools, Holland said. The Farmington Hills Harrison pool is a good example. Unlike most pools that have an outside will, the Härrison pool is located within the school building.

"Harrison would be a real problem," he said. "There's no way to get in. We'd have to come in off the parking lot, under the support structure and through the hallway. It would be an enormous undertaking."

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#### CC, Raiders win duals

The Redford Catholic Central swimming team stayed undefeated in 10 dual meets Tuesday with a 62-24 win over Adrian at the Farmington Hills Mercey pool.

The No. 2-rated Sharmocks put on a devastating show as they spread their eight Individual wins are a stayed and eight of the stayed of the stay

(3:30.77). Shumate won the 200 freestyle (1:47.10); Hoeflein took the 200 indi-vidual medley in 2:09.11, despite a

swimming

slow (42.0) time in the breaststroke leg; Dynda, 50 freestyle (23.60); Kozicki, 100 butterfly (56.29); John Brogan, 100 freestyle (51.37); Kevin Markell, 500 freestyle (519.94);

Markell, 500 Freestyle (51,37); Revin Markell, 500 Freestyle (51,519,4); Steve Reinke, 100 backstroke (101,60), and Devon Fecket, 100 breastroke (101,60), arbor Ploneer for a 2 pm. meet Saturday with the No. 5-rated Pioneers.

CIRIS KNOCIEE and Mike Drelles won two events each as North Farmington defeated host Piymouth, Salem 99-87 In. boys swimming last Thursday night. The Raiders improved to 5-3 overall. Knoche won the 200-yard freestyle in 1:55.40 and the 100 freestyle in 1:55.40 and the

style in 50.80. Drelles won the individual medley (2:05.87) and: the
backstroke (57.74).
North's, single winners, were
Adam Kammer in the 50 freestyle.
(23.67) and Jonathan Kershaw in
the 500 freestyle (5:10.6).
Salem diver Steve Salhaniey had
218.80 points to edge John Juliano
of North (218.3). Salem's Albert
Sneath won the butterfly (58:00)and Jon Stridfron the breastroke
(1:05.44). Brett Melk of Salem-was
a close second in the 500 freestyle
at 5:10.97.
The Raiders had great success in
winning all three relays. Kershaw
(7:ant. Shively, Drelles and
Kammer won the 200 medley
(145.08), and Kammer, Shively,
Keith Lee and Knoche combined to
win the 200 freestyle (1:3.25). Lee,
Drelles, Kershaw and Knoche were
victorious in the 400 freestyle
victorious in the 400 freestyle victorious in the 400 freestyle (3:32.63).

### Shamrocks state power

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The Stingrays, out of Farmington Hills, have won at least four United States Switnming Championships in Leonhardt's six years.

"I told them when I took the job I'd old to for six months, and it's endi-celled to years." Leonhardt received the second of the se

in the state," Leonhardt sald.

The Sharmrocks typical day begins before school with a 5:45 a.m. to 7:15 a.m. practice — and they return after school for a 2% hour workout.

"Coach is pretty strict when it comes to training." Shumate sald.
"He doesn't let us serew around. Just get in the water and get it done."

swimming

'When someone chooses to go to CC and is a good athlete, everyone says he's recruited to go to CC.'

— Peter Leonhardt CC swimming coach:

Now, don't get the impression he's the next Bobby Knight.

"He's a down-to-earth kind bit coach who relates well with his swimmers," Dynda said.
Shamate made all-state in two events in 1990 and is considering attending North Carolina. He has Observerland's second best time in the 1990 of the 1

ranked third (4:48.60) in the 500 free

style.
"Shumate and Hoeflein are very "Shumate and Hoellein are very hard-working, committed and ex-tremely talented athletes," Leonhardt said. "Our goal is to finish in the top three at the state meet and our chances as a team depend on these two, highly-experienced swimmers."

HOEFLEIN, AFSARI, Shumate and John Brogan have the area; best time in the 200 freestyle relay (1:31.71), Afsari is third in Observer-land in both the 200 freestyle (1:49.17) and 100 freestyle (49.97). Other top swimmers include jini-tors Randy Teeters and Devon Fes-ele.

iors Randy Tecters and Devon Felcte.

Leonhardt knows some peopleaccuse private schools of recruiting
their athletes, but as far as he's concerned, those thoughts are off-base.

"When someone chooses to go to
CC and is a good athlete, everyon,
says he's recruited to go to CC, he
sald, "When in fact, if you talk to the
parents and athlete, there is a formore than athletics being offered. If
spacene chooses to go to CC for
swimming only, they we made a bismistake.

"There's a lot more in the high
school experience than just athletic:
The whole picture has to be looked
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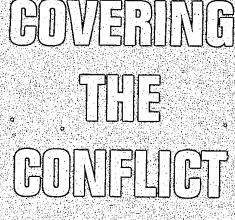
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