

New Facility Has Areas For All Indoor Sports Activities

Schoolcraft Phys Ed Building Nearing Completion

by DOUG JOHNSON

The finest physical education facility on a Michigan junior college campus is now more than half completed at Schoolcraft College.

According to Marvin Gans, director of health, physical education and athletics at the College, Schoolcraft's new facility has no parallel in Michigan at the two-year junior college level.

Gans proudly says he feels there's no comparison between the new facility and those at already established junior colleges like Henry Ford.

"I hope it will become a hub of physical education for all schools, and that we can serve as an example and a resource center," Gans said.

Under construction since last July, the \$2.7 million building is supposed to be finished by Jan. 15 next year.

"They tell me they will finish on time, but I would guess it would be more like one or two months later," Gans said.

The 96,000 square foot building will have specific areas, Gans said. All are well under construction, with the pool area being the least complete.

THE THREE include:

• Two classrooms, which will hold all lecture physical education courses such as sports of fitness, health, and first aid. The rooms will also double as meeting space.

• A large indoor pool, 77' shaped with a special below water window for filming swimmers in action. The pool will be 15 meters at its widest portion. A balcony will seat 450.

• A large gym, which can be divided into two small gyms; the dimensions of 120 feet by 140 feet will allow for several different uses. Gans is particular-

ly proud of the flexibility of this facility.

"Depending on what class is using the gym, we can have a variety basketball court, or two intramural courts, or six volleyball courts, or three tennis courts, or eight badminton courts," he said.

Gans said electric backboards and an electric folding door make the gym easy to convert to different uses as the day and class schedules change. Bleachers for spectators are planned.

• A second or auxiliary gym provides still another teaching station, Gans said. The smaller gym might hold a variety basketball team, or other indoor games.

• A gymnastic area has been combined with a dance area. Special high beams for suspending equipment have already been installed. A bar, and mirrors will be added for the dance classes, with the mirrors being fold-

ed up when not in use.

• Near the lobby will be a wrestling and weight training area, which will house mounted weight equipment, as well as universal exercise machines. There will be room for two college size wrestling mats as well.

• Six handball - paddleball courts have been planned. One will have a special viewing window for instructional purposes.

GANS BEGAN work in 1966 on the facility by preparing a detailed 25-page report to the administration about the new facility.

It was through his efforts that the college began to think in larger terms than just a gymnasium and offices.

Eberle M. Smith and Associates were hired as architects and the work began.

Gans hopes the building will help the community realize the

extent of the physical education curriculum and competitive athletic schedule at Schoolcraft. He has planned a general open house for the press and athletic directors from Michigan junior colleges for Sept. 3.

"We will have dinner, tour the facility and then I hope we can spend some time telling the visitors about community colleges and our athletic program here," Gans said.

Gans may become something of an authority on junior college physical education facilities. He is currently serving as a consultant to Macomb Community College, which will soon build a physical education facility.

Gans feels it will be comparable to Schoolcraft's. He notes that other colleges in the area have buildings, for

instance, Henry Ford has a gym and two classrooms, Flint Community College has a gym, classrooms and a pool.

THE NEW facility at Schoolcraft is designed to serve a projected student enrollment through 1970 of 5,000.

"Programs and uses for the multi-level building include physical education, class instruction, intramural sports, extramural sports, varsity athletics, pre-professional courses, informal sports participation and student and faculty recreation," Gans said.

This fall the physical education department will have Gans plus six instructors. He hopes for two more by the time the new building is in full swing.

Physical education and competitive athletics are not new to the campus. Gans and his staff

have been using the pool at Northville State Hospital, as well as a community center in Northville. The college has run extensive indoor and outdoor classes as well as intramurals for many semesters.

"Most people don't realize that we have a good program going," Gans said. He said Schoolcraft offers a complete transfer curriculum in physical education, and is fully accredited by the North Central Association.

Gans hopes that good athletes will take a second look at Schoolcraft. The college has had an uphill battle but has fielded teams in six competitive sports, including soccer and basketball.

He feels many good high school athletes are being encouraged to attend four year colleges because the students feel Schoolcraft has nothing to offer."

"They may well go to Western or Michigan State and not make a team that they might have made here," Gans said.

THIS FALL, when the college begins a new year there will be over 44 sections of physical education, all scheduled without the use of a building on campus.

"Many of them are closed already," Gans said. Gans expects the new building to be open from 8 a.m. until 10 p.m. once completed. A full schedule of activities and building usage probably won't be a reality until the new school year in August, 1970.

In addition to the nine teaching area, office space and extensive storage rooms have been planned, as well as showers and locker rooms for both women and men.

Head Of Felician Order Dies

Death has taken Mother Mary Alexander, superior general of the Felician sisters, the order that conducts Madonna College, Ladywood High School, St. Mary Hospital and the Maria nursery in Livonia.

Mother Alexander, 72, died in Rome, Monday, Aug. 4, of a blood clot on the heart. She was hospitalized two days. Her body was flown last week to Buffalo, Mother Alexander's home town.

The funeral Mass took place Monday, Aug. 11, in St. Joseph Cathedral, Buffalo. It was conducted by several bishops from dioceses in which Felician sisters are stationed. Bishop Joseph Breitenbeck represented the Detroit Archdiocese.

A NUN for 55 years, Mother Alexander spent her early years of religious life as a teacher, principal, director of an academy for girls and editor of a monthly religious periodical.

From 1940 she held higher offices in the order. She was consecutively superior of schools and higher superior of the Buffalo province of the Felician order. In 1953 she was appointed superior of the new Felician missions in Brazil.



Mother Mary Alexander

Since 1958 she was the superior general of the entire Felician order, numbering 5,000 sisters in seven countries with central headquarters in Rome, and she spent a large share of her time in the Mother House in Livonia.

She began her second term of office in 1965, to be completed in 1971.

Educated at the Catholic University of America, Mother Alexander received an honorary degree of doctor of laws from Canisius College in 1963. In 1966 she was given the Fidelitas Medal awarded annually by the Orchard Lake Seminary for distinguished service.

Mother Alexander headed the order's special general chapter meeting last fall in Lodi, N.J., to update the order according to directives of Vatican Council II. She remained in the U.S. until April, when she returned to Rome. She planned to come to the States again late this summer.

The assistant general, Mother Mary Laudine, originally of Detroit, will head the order until the election of a new superior general.



BUILDING PROFILE — The new physical education building at Schoolcraft College takes shape as workmen rush to complete the structure by 1970. The areas on the right will house two huge gyms.

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Guggenheim Art Leaves You Laughing, Wondering

One thing is certain, you don't have to be an egghed to appreciate the priceless Guggenheim art collection now on display at the Tel-12 Shopping mall now through Saturday, Aug. 16.

But you better have a sense of humor or else you'll miss the whole point of the provocative collection by 100 famous artists, some of whom are reported to be "very well known in their fields."

That's the word from Curator Paul Anthony who takes all the credit for the exhibit which includes one of his own masterpieces, titled "Burnt Offering."

ANTHONY RECALLS the year was 1965 and he was leaving through an art magazine while deep in the throes of a bronchitis attack when he conceived the idea for the exhibit.

After all, Anthony feels, laughter is our primary reason for existing — and what better way than through art.

The Guggenheim masterpieces — not to be confused with another collection with a similar name — were accumulated in a different fashion than that of visiting galleries and

museums and spending fabulous sums, Anthony reports.

With certain exceptions, every painting, collage, and assemblage in the exhibit was done by special commissions, Anthony states. This means that established artists were hired to do them for as little as possible — with the promise that their identity would remain a secret.

ARTISTS FROM California, Arizona, Missouri, New Jersey and New York are represented in the show. Since 1967, the collection, annually enlarged, has been traveling America.

Wherever it goes, it leaves people sputtering — most with hilarity but a few with indignation, comments Anthony.

IT SHOULD be noted, Anthony points out in his colorful publicity brochure, that the Guggenheim Collection is far from being anti-modern art.

"One the contrary, we hope we are doing a service in behalf of what is good in contemporary art, including the modern genre. We do, however, retain the right to our own opinions as to what deserves the

appellation of fine art, what makes fine sport, and what is a fine kettle of fish."

GENERALLY SPEAKING, the collection is divided more or less into 12 classifications, ranging from portraits like "Whistler's Mother No. 327" by J.M.W. Turner to sketches by famous names, including "Pencil Breaking" by Paul Cezanne.

For the bold, there are "Mistake" including the Bauhaus masterpieces, "Strike A Blow for Lady Bird," the "Felon" collection is equally interesting and has the distinction of having the least number of portraits listed.

"Wreathes" has some stirring contributions, including Anthony's favorite titled "Unfurling in a Marine Storm."

For the less timid, Anthony recommends The Guggenheim collection of nudes. And for the politically motivated, the collection boasts among its newer works, a portrait titled "Conservation Club" by artist Barney Goldwater.

A brief description of the paintings of several buildings to one side of the canvas states the artist insists the painting has no political overtones — even if it does seem a bit far to the right.

But it's Anthony's own "original" that best tells the story behind the collection.

"By means of a frame, your attention is invited to this burnt pillow ticking."

Then Anthony subtly lets the viewer determine just where art leaves off and humor begins.

Area 11 In Fair's Honors Band

Eleven Overland high school musicians will play in the Honors Band at the Michigan State Fair which opens in Detroit Friday, Aug. 22 and continues through Sept. 1.

The following Livonia residents will be part of the band: Phillip Fouts, of 30113 Brighton, who will play French horn; Donald Hillman, 3628 Rayburn, who will also play French horn; Paul Hoyak, 18021 Mayfield, trumpet; Norm Owen, 3306 Perth, flute; Diane Sherman, 36206 Lawrence Dr., flute; Dorian Martyn, 29709 Pickford, piccolo.

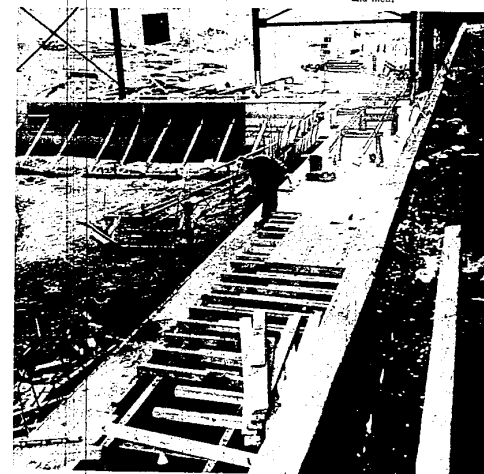
From Westland: Charles Reissenweber, 34411 Fountain Blvd., baritone; and Emmanuel Springer of 29015 Amaspolis, baritone.

Redford Township: Pamela Benasali, 10940 Chatham, trumpet; Douglas Lovett, 18771 Rockdale, tuba; Stephen Schulman, 24235 Shawansee, bass clarinet.

THE HONORS BAND is composed of 92 high school musicians in Michigan who are selected through audition. This is the eighth year for the Honors Band, which will perform in the Music Shell Aug. 22, 23 and 24 at 1 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.

The concerts will be free to all State Fair visitors as well as all entertainment.

Director of the band will be Lt. Col. Arnold D. Gabriel, US Air Force band and orchestra.



POOL DECK — Workmen erect forms for the pouring of the deck area around the huge indoor pool planned for the new Schoolcraft physical education facility. Workers left one end of the pool open for trucks to drive in with cement.

Librarian's Humor Wins Writing Award

An article published in the Junior College Journal has won an All-American Award in educational writing for Schoolcraft College Librarian Patrick Butler.

The article, "How to Name a College-Sort Of," appeared in the February, 1968 issue of the Journal which is the official publication of the American Association of Junior Colleges. In it, Butler wrote facetiously, but in a humorous vein, of the naming of Schoolcraft College.

The award was made by the Educational Press Association of America, which annually sponsors a competition for writing by educators and about education. The competition this year was judged by members of the Journalism faculty at Syracuse University.

Butler received a certificate for excellence in educational journalism from the association. His article was submitted to the contest by Roger Yarrington,

editor of the Junior College Journal. The story was featured in the magazine with a full-page cartoon on the cover. It was later widely reprinted.

Dr. Donald H. Dent has been named chairman of the new construction engineering department at Lawrence Institute of Technology. It is announced by Dr. Wayne H. Buell, president of the college.

LIT is inaugurating the new bachelor of science degree curriculum this fall as a four-year program in the day college and a six-year program in the evening college.

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