

Mushinski is new Borgess AD



Fred Mushinski

Bishop Borgess High School has filled its athletic director's position from within.

Former head football coach and Borgess faculty member Fred Mushinski will take the reins from Ralph Owen, who is retiring in June after serving 14 years as the school's AD.

From 1970-79, Mushinski posted a

48-32 overall record as Borgess' head football coach, guiding the Spartans to one AA Division co-title with Dearborn Divine Child.

After stepping down as the school's head coach in 1979, Mushinski served brief stints as a volunteer coach at the University of Michigan (1980-81), and as an assistant at Garden City High School (1982-83) and Westland John

Glenn (1984). He was also a part-time coach for the Green Bay Packers from 1976-79.

A Dearborn native, Mushinski graduated from Michigan State in 1955. He began teaching at Borgess in 1969 and served one year there as an assistant before becoming the head coach. His first coaching stint came at Divine Child (1967-68).

"FRED BRINGS a lot of experience with him and he's been involved in several football camps," said Owen. "He is really taking over right now. I'm just going to help with the transition."

Mushinski, who could not be reached for comment Tuesday night, has one big task at hand — filling the head football coaching vacancy created last December when Gary Cook resigned.

"Fred is interviewing applicants for the football job now," said Owen. "He'll probably decide in the next two weeks."

Owen said there were seven other applicants for the Borgess AD position, including some who were interested in filling both positions.

Owen indicated that Mushinski is not interested in coming back as the head football coach.

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ALL-MSAA CAGE STARS
Rochester and Southfield-Lathrup, the 1986 Metro Suburban Activities Association co-champions in boys basketball, combined to land five people on the 12-team all-league list.

The Chargers has three players listed, including Eric Stokes, Marcus Windstad and Arlis Slater. Rochester's two representatives were Mike Gilbert and Joe Green.

The league's other stars include Matt Powers and Tom McCarthy of Troy Athens; Troy Simmons of Bloomfield Hills Lahser; Mike Kolody from Birmingham Groves; Dean Elson of Rochester; Adams; Burton Brodsky of West Bloomfield and Bryan Boswell of Loyal Oak Dondero.

DRIVE FOR DIMES
Local golfers can test their swing and their stamina in the Drive for Dimes Saturday, April 5, and Sunday, April 6.

The Drive, sponsored by the Southeast Michigan Chapter of the March of Dimes, is a good way to start practice for the 1988 summer golf season.

Prior to the event, participants solicit pledges for each half hour they hit golf balls. All pledges are tax deductible. The more pledges solicited and the more hours played add up to more money raised for the March of Dimes and the fight against birth defects.

Each session offers 12 hours of golf indulgence, from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., in the climate-controlled Madison Heights Golf Dome.

For further information, call 423-3238 or 423-3282.

GLOBETROTTERS TROT IN

The Harlem Globetrotters will bring a new look into Detroit this year when the team makes its annual appearance at Joe Louis Arena for a pair of games on April 5 and 6 at 1:30 p.m. The team also will play a game 8 p.m. April 5 at the Pontiac Silverdome.

The world-renowned Globetrotters will appear this year with their first female "Trotter" — former Olympian Lynette Woodard.

Captain of the 1984 Olympic gold-medal-winning women's basketball

team, Woodard has set numerous records in her athletic career. She topped the NCAA women's basketball scoring record with 3,649 points and has made history as the first woman to play professional basketball in competition.

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ICE TRAVAGANZA '88
Lathrup Village, Southfield and Farmington Hills will be among 24 communities represented in the "Ice Travaganza '88" to be held March 20-23 at Yack Arena, 3131 Third St., Wyandotte.

The "Ice Travaganza '88" is presented by the Wyandotte Figure Skating Club, a member club of the United States Figure Skating Association, and will be the 14th such event presented by the downriver community.

There will be approximately 200 skaters ranging in age from 4 to 60 participating in the show.

The performances are scheduled for 7:30 p.m. March 20-22. There are afternoon shows scheduled for 1:30 March 22 and 3:00 March 23.

Tickets are \$3.50 at the door.

ICE SHOW COMING

The city of Birmingham will present its annual ice show at the Birmingham Ice Arena (2300 E. Lincoln) Saturday, March 22, and Sunday, March 23.

This year's theme is "Uptown Birmingham."

From "Beautiful Noise" to "Needing a Little Christmas," the 205 skaters will perform 15 group and 20 feature numbers. The special guest star is Anne Fisher, a 15-year-old gold medalist.

The prize-winning Blazing Blades Precision Team will perform. The show also will feature colorful costumes and spectacular scenery.

Tickets are \$3.25 (\$2.25 for youth and

seniors) at the door or \$2.75 (\$1.75 for youth and seniors) pre-sales from the skaters. There will be two performances on Saturday — 2 and 7 p.m. — and Sunday — 2 p.m.

OVER 50-SOFTBALL
Players are needed for an Oak Park over-50 softball team.

Anyone interested should call Merle Bronstein Mondays through Thursdays after 6 p.m. at 559-4422.

EXEMPT GOLFERS
A number of area golfers will be exempt from Sectional Qualifying Rounds for the 1986 Michigan Amateur Tournament.

Among the 24 exempt golfers are Birmingham's John Morgan (1985 Michigan Amateur champion), Rochester's John R. Johnson (1983 Michigan Amateur champion), Franklin's Pete Green (multiple Michigan Amateur champion), Birmingham's John Morgan (1985 Michigan Amateur quarterfinalist), Birmingham's Agim Barcha (1985 GAM Honor Roll) and Birmingham's Matt Jackson (1985 GAM Honor Roll).

● On a related golf matter, golfers may now participate in a unique charity tournament via the magic of computers.

Golfers can play the famous Pebble Beach Course in California at the Golf Tech Center at a Ponce Lake Mall in West Bloomfield. A foursome can play 18 holes with their own clubs through May 4.

The event is billed as the Michelob Winter Charity Golf Classic for Muscular Dystrophy.

For further information, call 851-0811.

OFFICIALLY SPEAKING

Seven people from the Eccentric coverage area will be honored at the seventh annual Officials' Awards and Alumni Banquet scheduled for 7 p.m. April 19 at the Clarion Hotel and Convention Center in Lansing.

Area officials to be honored include Birmingham's Thomas R. Rucker, Rochester's LeRoy M. Schuetzle, Troy's Russell Koppitz, Nick M. Midea and John E. Oster and West Bloomfield's Joseph E. Anderson and Michael E. Popson.

Those seven officials are among some 130 people across the state who will be recognized by the Michigan High School Athletic Association for having served as athletic officials in Michigan for at least 20 years. Plaques will be presented to all the officials.

Roy Kramer, athletic director at

Vanderbilt University, will be guest speaker. Kramer formerly coached the Central Michigan University football team before taking over the Vanderbilt job.

Anyone interested in attending the banquet can make reservations by calling (517) 332-Athletic Club is looking for an age-group swim coach for its summer team.

Anyone interested can call Jim Austin at 616-5050 or 616-1663.

'NBA: AMERICA'S GAME'

Oakland Mall will host the national touring "NBA... American's Game" March 20-23.

This program gives people an opportunity to learn more about professional basketball through information panels; and videotape monitors highlighting the greatest moments in NBA history.

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