

# How Phys Ed Serves SC Students

### EDITOR:

I just had the opportunity to read the "Observation Point" from the Dec. 2 issue of the Observer Newspaper. It was a fine article but for one paragraph. This paragraph cast a shadow over the entire article and implied a misplacement of values by the administration.

"Because athletics are more important than the arts (he said ironically), Schoolcraft still lacks a first class arts center and major auditorium and won't have its complex finished until 1973, although the swanky gym is operating."

It is evident that the author simply used a poor choice of words when stating the erroneous assumption that the arts are considered of less importance than athletics. Service to the student is the important thing and the sheer numbers which our program serves dictated the priority of the building.

The word "athletics" which was used in the article to represent our program is quite misleading. The term "athletics" has come to represent the varsity intercollegiate program for men and women.

In reality, this is only a small portion of our program. Listed in order of the numbers participating, one finds physical education classes as first, intramural recreation program second, and athletics as third. This does not even count the number of people using the facility during their free time in unsupervised recreation.

All intercollegiate athletic programs, except wrestling, were in existence prior to the opening of our new facility. With the added area, the programs can be expanded to meet the needs of a greater array of people.

## READERS' FORUM

Letters must be limited to 300 words.

Letters must be signed, with the writer's address. Names will be withheld only at the writer's request and for good cause.

Please type or write legibly. The editor reserves the right to reject unsuitable letters.

The administration of Schoolcraft College has also demonstrated its concern for the health and well-being of the students and has established as a requirement for graduation participation in physical education classes. The Federal Government evidently feels strongly towards such programs for it contributed a large portion of monies for the physical education complex.

Many people are ignorant of the duties and purposes of what physical education is and its place in the college community. I am very happy that the administration of Schoolcraft College is in the hands of people with foresight who have the needs of the people and students in mind. DR. CECIL C. WOODRUFF, Instructor, Dept. of Health, Phys., Educ. and Recreation Schoolcraft College

### Publisher Well-Informed

My new associates at Schoolcraft College are regularly sending me selected documents and publications as a means of helping me become better informed about the college and the com-

unity it so proudly serves. I am thoroughly enjoying the Observer that they are mailing to me, and my wife and family are already avid readers.

May I take this opportunity to thank you for your very appropriate comments in the "Observation Point" column on Wednesday, Dec. 2. It is great to know that the publisher is well informed as to the role and function of the comprehensive community college, in meeting the total needs of its constituency, and that you are willing to speak out on the issues.

While I was strongly attracted to Schoolcraft College and to suburban Detroit, the magnet is further strengthened by the fact that the college is so strongly supported by the community leadership and is so well publicized in the news media. I am most appreciative of your kind remarks about the new president and especially the warm "Welcome, Dr. Grote." We have been received so kindly in all of our contacts, and this type of responsive interaction certainly makes a difficult professional decision more meaningful and our transition as a family more pleasant and satisfying.

I look forward to the time when I will have the opportunity to meet you and to your staff personally and to get to know other civic, business, industrial and educational leaders in the communities in northwestern Wayne County. C. NELSON GROTE, Morehead, Ky.

### Widen Roads At Race Track

EDITOR: There has been some public discussion about extending the DRC racing season from 90 to 120 days, while holding Livonia's payments from DRC at \$600,000. Opponents of the extension apparently will accept the longer season if the city's share of the track's revenue is increased.

Residents living near DRC are concerned about a major problem resulting from the track's operation. Traffic during racing hours exceeds the capacity of the roads leading to the track.

This problem can't be resolved by re-routing traffic, it won't be reduced by limiting the racing season to 90 days, and it will not be materially changed by giving Livonia a greater share of the track's revenue.

The solution lies in reconstructing the major roads leading to the track to increase their capacity to accommodate both the track's patrons as well as the City's residents. For example, Middle Belt Road and Inkster Road could be widened.

EDITOR: Our school, Whitman Junior High, is sending money to the CARE Drive. Every year for nine years we have given more money than any other organization in Michigan.

We are proud of that. Not many people know that and we would like this fact to be known. Then, maybe, the mothers and fathers of the kids that go to Whitman will send them a little more money to keep up the tradition. For \$1 you can send 27 pounds of food to some poor, starving people somewhere in the world.

The government buys food from farmers who can't sell their food and the government stores it. All the money given to CARE moves the food somewhere in the world. So I would like this fact to be known by the time of the Whitman CARE Drive next Christmas.

JERRY BROWN  
7th Grade  
Whitman Junior High  
Livonia

### Whitman Aids World Needy

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EDITOR: Having to sit in Livonia District Courtroom and observing the drama of life that passes this bench, we as citizens of surrounding communities were struck by Judge McCann's openmindedness and fairness. Persons called before this court can be assured of a just hearing.

Therefore, we want to publicly recognize Judge McCann's high level of dedication to the cause of justice. JO ANNE VAN STEENIS  
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## Area Deaths And Funerals

**MRS. ANNIE MYERS** — Services for Mrs. Myers, 84, of 34552 Parkgrove, Westland, were conducted in the Schrader Funeral Home in charge of Rev. J. Clifford Thor with burial in Catholic Memorial Gardens in Westland.

Mrs. Myers died Dec. 28 in St. Mary Hospital in Livonia. She was a member of the Riverside Park Church of God in Westland. The Myers celebrated their 45th wedding anniversary in September.

Surviving are her husband, Edwin Myers, one daughter, Betty Lois Myers of Westland, and two sisters, Mrs. Martin McKenna and Mrs. Marshall James, both of Knapville, Ontario.

**ALOUS OWENS** — Services for Mr. Owens, 86, of 14555 Shadywood, Plymouth, were conducted in the Schrader Funeral Home in charge of Rev. Ronald Cort with burial in Riverside Cemetery.

Mr. Owens died Dec. 28 in St. Joseph Hospital in Ann Arbor. He was a retired factory worker, and a member of the First Methodist Church and Plymouth Rock Lodge 47, P. & A.M.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Pauline Owens, three sons, Cecil and Lee Owens of Plymouth and Charles of Livonia; eight grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

**MRS. NINA SLYFIELD** — Services for Mrs. Slyfield, 90, of South Lyon, were conducted in the Schrader Funeral Home in charge of Pastor Edward Probst with burial in Lapham Cemetery in Farmington.

Mrs. Slyfield, who had resided in Wayne County all of her life, moved to South Lyon from Salem, Wis., in 1926. She died Dec. 22 in St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor.

Surviving are two sons, George and Elmer Slyfield of Southfield; one sister, Mrs. William Mathews, eight grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

**LIBA ANN TERRY** — Services for Liba Ann Terry, 24, of 1075 Roosevelt, Plymouth, were conducted Wednesday in the Schrader Funeral Home in charge of Rev. Henry J. Walsh with burial in Riverside Cemetery.

The child and her mother died in a fire that destroyed the family trailer in Tecoma, Mich.

Surviving are her father, Capt. Norman Terry, grandaunt, Mr. and Mrs. Marion Terry of Plymouth; and great-grandfather, Frank Terry of Plymouth.

**MRS. PATRICIA TERRY** — Services for Mrs. Terry, 32, of 1075 Roosevelt, Plymouth, were conducted in the Schrader Funeral Home in charge of Rev. Henry J. Walsh with burial in Riverside Cemetery.

Mrs. Terry died Dec. 23 in Tacoma, Washington when a fire destroyed the family trailer. She was a member of the First United Presbyterian Church in Plymouth and was a former teacher in the Plymouth District school system.

Surviving are her husband, Capt. Norman Terry, one sister, Mrs. Edward Page of San Bernardino, Calif.; and one brother, Major Rex Martin of Boston.

**MRS. TERESA WEBBER** — Services for Mrs. Webber, 80, of 14985 Sheldon Rd., Plymouth, were conducted in Our Lady of Good Counsel Church with Rev. Fr. Francis Byrne officiating. Burial was in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Southfield.

Mrs. Webber died Dec. 24 in her home. She had resided in Plymouth since 1935 and was a retired secretary for Dairy Product Manufacturing. She was a member of Our Lady of Good Counsel Church.

Surviving are one sister, Sister Maria Aquinas of Detroit; and one brother, Joseph Irving of Plymouth.

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