

Women's Lib Gets An Icing

Women's liberation soon will be put on ice—the ice, that is, that fills the rinks of the Westland Hockey Association.

For the first time, the association is accepting girl skaters along with the guys in seven divisions that have players from four years of age through adult.

Several associations in this area already have girl skaters, a Westland association official explained, and there have been a number of inquiries from interested girls and their parents.

"We decided to accept their registrations and see how it would work out," he added.

ON THE FIRST day of registration, Aug. 6, there were a dozen girls ranging in age from five up, out of 500 registrations.

But the entry lists stay open until Sept. 15, so a decision on how to assign the girls to teams will be held off until later.

One of the first to sign up was 14-year-old Carol Livesay whose father, Edward, is on the Westland Hockey Association board of directors and serves as its equipment manager.

Carol has been anxious for quite a while to get into hockey team play.

"I have five brothers, and I play hockey with them quite a lot because that's all they want to do," she explained. She's attended a lot of their games, too.

MRS. COLLEEN VAN PUTTEN took her three daughters, Cathleen, 10, Kristen, and Beth, 5, to register.

"Our son is 12 and has been skating since he was nine and just loves it," she said.

"The whole family is quite athletic—usually we freeze our back yard for skating in the winter—and the girls have

been playing and wanted to try competing."

Mrs. Van Putten has done her share of driving to games and practice and isn't even dismayed at the prospect of adding three more players in the family.

BUT THE MOTHER of another boy player balked at the idea of sending her girls out on the rinks. "I don't think I could take it—my husband's and son's schedules are enough," she said.

"Besides, I've seen some of the older girls from other associations in games and they're as aggressive as the boys."

"I really think I'd rather have my girls take ballet lessons."

And the association, while signing up the young ladies, gave one bit of evidence it's still pretty boy-oriented.

Read the big letters on the registration and orientation program for the 1972-73 season:

"Don't send your son to his hockey game—take him."

Wayne Co-Op Opens Sept. 11

School will open Sept. 11 at the Wayne Cooperative Nursery, Inc., in Warrenwoods Wesleyan Church, 6615 Venoy, south of Warren Road, Livonia. Orientation days will be held Sept. 5, 6 and 7.

Applications are now being accepted for the school year by Mrs. Richard Kears, 31224 Avondale, Westland.

Mrs. Elaine Smith will teach the four-year-old groups and Mrs. Carol Pomroy, the three-year-old group. Mary Golombiewski is the equipment chairman.

The nursery will hold a board meeting Aug. 14 at the home of Mrs. Edith Trudgen.



Volunteers Can 'Invest' In Youth

An "investment" opportunity is offered volunteers who would like to give some valuable service to some troubled young people.

They are needed by the Young Adult Institute, which has in-patient care facilities for patients 17 to 21 years of age in the Northville State Hospital and day care center at 10711 Puritan in northwest Detroit.

All kinds of psychiatric disorders and emotional problems are treated in the two divisions of the institute, and volunteers can both relieve the staff for counseling work and give the patients more contacts with the community.

Research has shown, according to an outline of the Young Adult Institute program, that this age is a pivotal stage, a point at which many developing problems become apparent and time when many young people are seeking answers and therefore are receptive to a comprehensive counseling program.

This is offered, both for the in-patients at Northville and the day care patients in the center opened several months ago.

"THE IDEA of the center was to make this a community service and get closer to the community," Mrs. Sieg said.

While many day care patients are referred by physicians and counselors, many others simply come in and ask for help. The institute accepts without referral young people over 18 or those involved with drugs (other than heroin addiction.)

The center in Detroit has facilities for about 400 new and continuing day care patients in a year and is not yet operating up to capacity, Mrs. Sieg said.

At Northville, there are 60 beds in the unit, but because of the intensive counseling

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PEOPLE SKILLED in various arts and crafts, those who could lead music or drama work, those with the training to teach a school subject or leading group activities in daily living are needed, said Martha Sieg, community relations director for the institute.

"Nature people of all ages are the ones who can help," she said.

"It's so reassuring to these kids to know that people are not afraid of them, understand they want to work out their problems and want to help."

"The community must receive these young people when their treatment is completed, so it's an investment to help them now."

THE INSTITUTE also would like to know about homes that would be able to receive a patient into a family situation on a temporary basis.

The institute has been developing gradually over the last few years out of the B Unit in Northville State Hospital.

In 1964, Mrs. Sieg said, it was decided to put all the patients 17 to 21 in one unit, since they tended to get lost in the adult units.

HOCKEY FOR GIRLS

gets its start in Westland, and among the first to sign up were members of the Van Putten family, above. Reth, (left), Cathleen and Kristen showed up to register with their mother, Mrs. Gordon Van Putten. At the left are Kristen Zdanowski, 8, and her mother, Mrs. Robert Zdanowski. (Observer photos by Leonard Pogor)



ELIZABETH STANDLEY of Detroit, a remedial reading teacher, helps out at the Young Adult Institute.

Spotlight on Women

Babies Get In The Swim



MRS. SUE GRIFFITH of Livonia and her small daughter, Amy, participated in a recent Diaper Swim class in the Livonia Family Y.

Babies from six months up and their toddler brothers and sisters can learn to be at home in the water in a new series of swimming classes to be offered Aug. 21 to 24 in the Livonia Family Y, 14255 Stark.

The classes are free and open only to persons who have never participated in the Y's pre-school classes. Registration will be Thursday and Friday, Aug. 17 and 18, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

There will be four instruction periods, from 9 a.m. to 12 noon Monday through Thursday, and the levels of instruction include Diaper Swim, for babies six to 18 months, Mom and Tots, for children 18 months to three years and Kinder Swim, for three to five-year-olds.

Mothers participate in both the diaper swim and the mom and tot classes.

Emphasis in the classes will be on swimming skills and water safety, including mouth-to-mouth resuscitation and basic first aid as well as life-saving skills.

The classes are aimed at acquainting the community with the pre-school swimming program offered in the Family Y pool.

Full classes will begin Sept. 11. Registration for the eight-session programs will be from 9 to 11 a.m., 1 to 3 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. on Monday, Aug. 28, for building members, Tuesday, Aug. 29 for basic members and Wednesday, Aug. 30 for non-members.

Children enrolled in the Kinder Swim free classes next week and the regular program must wear swimming suits, and girls need bathing caps.

Babies in both Diaper Swim and Mom and Tot programs must wear cloth diapers and tight-fitting plastic pants.

All children should have their names on their suits so that instructors can relate to each child by name.

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