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Schoolcraft College trustees awarded \$173,550 in contracts for construction of an addition to the Liberal Arts building last week.

H. F. Goode Building Co. of Taylor was the lowest of 12 bidders for the architectural contract. The company bid \$87,000 on the base bid and \$4,400 on an alternate bid for carpeting.

The mechanical contract went to McDonald Plumbing & Heating of Detroit which was lowest of six bidders meeting specifications. The company gave a base bid of \$66,240 and an alternate bid on lawn sprinklers of \$1,150.

The lowest of nine bids on the electrical contract was Durand Electric Co. of Livonia with a bid of \$14,760.

Completion of the addition is scheduled for July.



How Drugs Can Affect Olympians

Questions should be sent to the Community Commission on Drug Abuse, P.O. Box Drugs, Livonia 48151.

This Summer's Olympic games have prompted a number of questions. We are answering several representative examples today.

Q. What drug was the Olympic swimmer, Rick DeMont, taking? Was he cheating? Do you think he should have lost his gold medal because of this? Who was to blame?

J.L. Southfield
A. First of all, the drug, (really a combination of three drugs) was called Merox. This is a prescription drug used for the relief of asthma and which Rick has had to take since childhood. The ingredient which caused him to lose the gold medal was ephedrine, a drug which has mild stimulation as a possible side effect.

This particular use of the drug was legitimate so there is no question of cheating.

The more difficult question is, "Who's to blame?" There have been a lot of charges and counter-charges: the athlete, coaches, team physicians have all been blamed in one way or another. The unfortunate fact is that, according to Olympic rules, use of the particular drug even if legitimate and properly reported would still automatically require disqualification.

Q. I've heard it said that drugs are commonly used to increase athletic achievement. The way Olympic records have been falling in recent years, I'm almost forced to believe this. Is there something to this?

P.M. Livonia
A. In fierce competition when every possible advantage is taken (including shaving the head to decrease drag in swimming), it was inevitable that drugs would be tried.

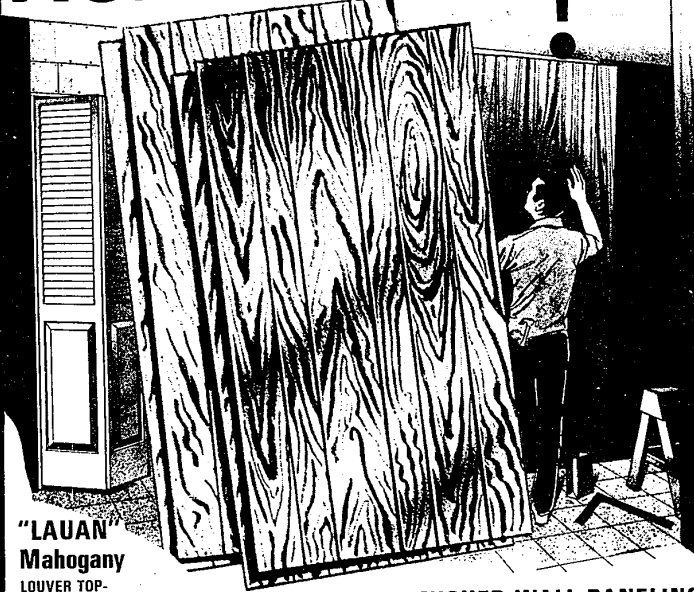
It is unfortunately true that use of various drugs has become prevalent among some athletes. This phenomenon, we feel, is serious enough to warrant devoting the next few columns to it.

What is not true is that drugs are helping to break records. There is simply no documented evidence to support any such success. What has been documented are the physical damage and deaths caused by "performance" drugs in sports.

Perhaps the best indication is that drug-taking in sports was thought to be minimal because only rarely did drugs show up in the urine of winners. More comprehensive tests revealed that drugs were showing up more frequently than had been assumed - but among those who finished out of the money.

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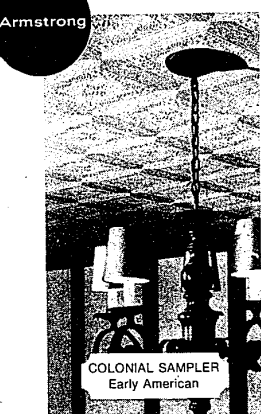
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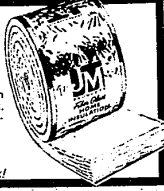
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