



THE FOOTBALL SPIRIT is back in vogue, according to Jack Cotton, athletic director of the Farmington School District. Here, fans of all ages concentrate on the football action.

High School Sports: Attendance Dropping?

By STEVE BARNABY

FARMINGTON There has been a positive turn around in student feeling toward sports in the last few years, according to Jack Cotton, athletic director for the Farmington School District. Cotton said that "the day of indifference and apathy towards sports is past and feelings of the old days of school spirit are reappearing."

"We've turned the corner and are coming back," he said. The reason he cited for an increased interest in sports was because of the decreased militancy in the student body. He said that because students had won their battle for a more liberal dress and hair code, added to the administrative changes, they are now more content.

"SCHOOL IS just a more pleasant place to be," he said. As an example of increased student interest, Cotton weeks held at the high schools.

He maintained that a few years ago a pep rally would have been avoided by most students, but this year the auditoriums were full.

He said his years at Farmington had shown an increase in the number of sports and therefore allowed for a wider base of participation. In the last 12 years Farmington has added wrestling, gymnastics, tennis and swimming to its sports agenda.

He feels that this is a positive move in that it allows a wider choice for the whole student body both as participants and spectators and decreases the number of traditional bench-warmers. EXPLAINING eighth grade

is the year of the biggest turnout for sports participation, he said that from that point on the tryouts decrease for a particular sport as the individual student develops a preference.

By the 11th grade those trying out are down to the truly interested athletes.

Cotton said that in Farmington, because of Saturday afternoon games, the spectators tend to be more interested in the game as compared to high-attendance he has seen in other school districts.

Arts Council Wants Members

FARMINGTON Among the programs sponsored by the council are the "Mini Exposure to Art."

Rev. J. Harold Ellens, membership chairman, hopes the response to the drive will increase, in support of two new council programs which bring the arts and drama into the elementary and junior high schools.

He urges response from prospective members by the end of the year, in order to assure the council's new programs.

being scheduled for five junior high schools, "Adult Exposure to the Arts," youth theater, and community calendar.

Anyone interested in joining should contact Rev. Ellens.

Fusco Wins Art Award

Peter R. Fusco, a former Farmington resident, has been named recipient of the National Gallery of Art in Washington, D.C.

The fellowship, named after Williams College in Massachusetts, currently is

two years of study abroad followed by an academic year in residence at the National Gallery. It is supported by a grant from the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation.

Fusco, a 1967 graduate of Williams College in Massachusetts, currently is

pursuing graduate work at New York University. He is chiefly interested in Western European art of the 17th and 18th centuries, especially sculpture and medals. He plans to use the fellowship to travel in France and Germany from a base in Rome.

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