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Brockport's ready, set go, for The Olympics

By Sue Recker

You'll see barges and marshals and glimpses of snow during the 1980 International Summer Special Olympics which begin next week. But if you look hard, you may see the volunteers you'll never see.

You probably won't see Gary Skog, either. He's the director of student employment at Brockport. Since the Special Olympics began in Monroe County, he has been in charge of finding people for all the seen and unseen volunteer jobs.

"A year and a half ago it seemed like a far cry," said Skog. "It seemed as though we'd never get Oly pic 2. Now, ready to go with 4,500 volunteers, it's true. It's true. Our Oly pic 2. I had no idea how big it would be..." It's just as nice to see things all coming together." Skog sought volunteers through community and media, and word of mouth. Eighty percent of those interested in volunteering in Monroe County, but at least two percent were from outside New York State, including some from other countries. I think there's a human need to participate," Skog said.

There has been a problem getting people for specialized jobs, either, he added. Medical personnel, newspaper correspondents, and the like have been found by committee members contacting other professionals in their fields.

"Brockport Fire Chief Scott Wetzel said 40 to 70 firemen will clear the firewalkers to guard against fires in the dormitories and be on hand in case of any kind of problem. He set up his own volunteer staff by contacting the Monroe Firemen's Fire Chief's Association. There weren't enough firemen in the Brockport Fire Department to cover all five nights.

While there are fire fighters in uniform, there are others at the firewalk. The fire fighters in uniform are there at all times, in case of an emergency. They are there to ensure the safety of the athletes.

On paper, the College does not have the designed space to house the large number of people. People from all over the world will be involved in the Special Olympics. It is not possible or practical to radically alter the campus facilities to accommodate the physical handicap of some of the Olympians. However, steps have been taken to ensure their safety and comfort. Firemen worked with members of the International Games Office to determine the best floor plans for the dorms. Olympians with physical handicaps will be located on first floor. Dorms will have their own floor plans so that the athletes can be elevator operators located in the high rises.

Once the problem of the beds was solved, the question of lights had to be addressed. Where does one get 4,400 sets of lights?

From a local supply company, of course. Central Linen of Utica was contracted to supply the lights. A set of lights consists of two lights and 200 feet of cord. The majority of the lights are being donated by Michigan State University. An independent contractor is using his own lights and truck to pick up the blankets.

The only loose end that remains is the task of taking the beds down and bringing them back to Oswego and the four-day time frame. With volunteers from Xerox Corporation, the Eagle Scout and Griffiss Air Force Base and a little help, "Operation Summer Turner" will be closed (goodby) case on August 18.

"Voice Of the Olympics" Photo by Mike Minick

Connie Thompson, associate director of the International Games, answers another volunteer's telephone call. Her service in preparation for the Games qualified her for the title of "Voice".

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"It is the responsibility of the General telephone poles from which to hang banners. The company's multi-tiered hot-air balloon will soar over the games themselves.

Judy Tryka, head of the decorations committee, and her group has made and or put up well over 550 individual decorations, including 17,000 feet of blue and yellow pennants and the three-dimensional Big Birds.

Since April, July, members of the Brockport Jeanne Women's Club and other volunteers, such as artist Dave Zerko, have been working in the College for weeks. They've been making things like Special Olympics flags, Sesame Street characters, athletic bunting, and directional signs that you'll see on campus and throughout the village.

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The Schiritz sister act has lots to follow

The Schiritz girls walked away from the New York State competition wearing silver and bronze medals and big smiles.

Lauretta Schiritz won gold medals for the 400-meter relay and the running long jump and a silver medal for the 100-meter dash.

The two gold medals qualified her for the International with five others from Monroe County. She will be competing in the 400-meter relay and the running long jump.

Sandy Schiritz won a silver and a bronze medal for her participation in the competition. Her game scores were 110 and 79.

After Sandy's victory, the girls went to the Schiritz home to the refrigerator and bought something to eat.

The Schiritz girls thought of everything. "It's not a Olympic Special meeting—eating dinner, the whole family eagerly awaits the Summer competition," said Laura Schiritz.

"You're going to learn where you're going to open up the door and you're going to get them a little piece. I don't have to do it myself." Indeed, Carton Carton of 284 Atlantic Avenue did not know where to start. He doesn't have to push his children—Sarah, Laura, and Stephen, 12, to get involved anymore.

Despite their perceptual handicap, the Schiritz children are as involved in life as any child could be, maybe even more so. Under the loving encouragement of their parents and teachers these kids do everything from baseball to bat.

Carson and his wife Cynthia, opened their home to the children to make them feel at home. Their parents, have learned with the help of the teachers at Jefferson High School how to open some of life's doors for the handicapped.

The Special Olympics program is one such door. The Olympics have expanded the Schiritz family, according to Carl Schiritz.

They've learned how the kids are feeling, not only in a competitive situation but also in a social situation. They have learned to respect and understand each other.

"Sandy has learned to handle the running long jump. She's learned that she wants one more" for the running long jump. "She felt she wanted to do this, this year," she said.

"I figure whatever the children want to do is acceptable to us. We try to get them to participate in what we feel is their best "thing", but there is not always that drive on their part. We never discourage any interest that they have on their own. But if we can do something to let them know they want to do it, then we can encourage them. As I say, the Olympics give us a chance to help them get the recognition they want," she said.

"It's been a fantastic experience for the Olympics program four years ago for an Jefferson teacher Nancy Schenberger. Both girls participated in the 1973 State competition where Sandy won a gold medal for the 200-meter race and Lauretta won a gold medal for the standing long jump and a silver medal for the running long jump.

Talking to Carl and Cynthia Schiritz you can easily see the pride and love that is fed for their children. Their home environment is little different from any other American family with three energetic children.

Cynthia Schiritz tells her children that every boy has a bicycle at home and if one is, then another one, and that we must not become compensated for what we have lost. In that sense, all of us are alike.

Dedicated teachers typify Olympic volunteers

By Bern O'Brien

Laura Lomas, Elena Mattison, and Joanne Paulson are 'special education' teachers at the New Rochelle School. Get all "can't" they are the teachers of academic and social growth that is typical of the thousands of teachers and volunteers who help the Special Olympics. What they say in their own language is "The Olympic Special is what many others say about the strides handicapped children have made. They are very proud of their kids. Before that time we had many children who were handicapped. Because their children were in M.I. (Mental Institution) after been they really came to the realization that their child was "normal" because they came out of that with a sense of pride that enabled their child," said Jane Lomas.

"We want the students to know that there are many positive attitudes towards sports." is the plan of the School. The faculty and the student body as a whole take interest in the Special Olympics. Many teams are very impressed and begin to get the idea that they can be as bright. But there are other things that would do.

New places, people, friends, and experiences are among the many many things the Olympians offers these children. One new experience initiated by the staff is the chance to spend an overnight at one of the school's camps. The Overnight begins at the end of the school day before the county Olympics. Dinner usually consists of hot dogs or steaks and everyday helps prepare. The next day the children are driven and supervised by Jane, Elena and Laura.

"It's fun," said Jane. "And we have all been friends with the kids. They are making friends among the students and they are learning to support each other over the race, to encourage them," said Elena.

"The learning is on self-help. The teachers are taught as much by the children as they are by them. You learn from your student—yes, you're not teaching them—but there are so many things that you learn. The children have taught us, they have the epiphany of a Special Olympian. This kid goes out every day and every day he does his best. He doesn't get anything but participation in a competition, but he's proud of that ribbon, so happy and humble that you stop and think," she said.

"We believe with a parental-type pride the children feel of the children and strengthens their student's partnerships. When you look at the child as an individual, there are 10 chunks that they can do and they can offer. I think they really love the child. They have never been there's no judgment on other people having troubles with shoes, but they're very quickly up and off the track. They never say a nasty word anyway. You can learn from them.

"Because the aim of success and have them tied, they are more appreciative of what other people have than what they encounter. It's a struggle for them to learn academically, but once they master something there's definitely a sense of pride. We think this is especially true of our children," Laura said.

Story of past events shows spirit of games

The first track and field event at the 1973 Cortland County Special Olympics was held on August 12 and 16-year-old Anice Mattison headed the winning track as the two girls prepared to run.

Both runners had about the same short, skinny, stick build and the only difference was that Elena was a bright orange hair and Melissa A. had brown.

They stood uncertainly at the starting line waiting for the signal gun to go off. When it did Melissa bolted out and took an early lead.

Becky was a few feet behind her, and for a few seconds legs and arms moved steadily while spectators made grunting noises in the asphalt track.

At the finishing line it was obvious who had won the day. But, she stopped short in front of the winning line and looked back up and ran back up the track. She had passed the finish line, but she ran back down and looked around with a big smile.

Becky met up and stopped behind the winning line and began to talk to the person who had won. She received a message from behind. Becky ran back up to the finish line and quickly followed the example and was passed under the string to finish the race.

Linda, Melissa and Becky stood on the platform in the middle of the wooden boxes especially made for the presentation of the Special Olympic medals. They then held their heads down so the officials could put the gold medals around their necks.

If you really can see growth. A lot of people don't think you can, but the growth is there. Not at the same pace, but it is just as important to their future as any type of growth in any other individual," Laura said.
Canal Country

Village of Brockport grew with Canal and College

photos by Mike Nick

If you take apart the word Brockport, you understand its beginning. It is sometimes said to be a shortened form of "Brockway's Port." Brockway was the last name of Heil Brockway, a builder who owned or had an interest in most of the land in the 1800s. Port was what the village was on the Erie Canal. Known also as "Clinton's Ditch or Folly," the Canal was finished as far as Brockport in October, 1825.

As the western terminus for the Canal, Brockport attracted much business. Grain, especially wheat, and other goods were brought to be shipped east by water. In 1830, for example, 451,000 bushels of wheat—over one hundred times as many as shipped in 1859, manufactured goods joined farm products on the canal boats. Most famous of these early manufactured goods was the Reaper.

The Reaper was invented by Cyrus McCormick when a Brockport congressman had met in Washington and persuaded to manufacture in Brockport. The firm of Seymour, McCormick, and Company, produced some 100 of the reapers. The firm also made its own machine and other farm machinery.

With the Johnston Harvester Company, the Morgan Company contributed to Brockport's early prosperity and its international reputation. What is now the Morgan-Manning house once was the home of D.B. Morgan. The house is a noted example of the decorative Romanesque style.

Of international reputation for her writing was Mary Jane Holmes. She was born in Brockport. Her novels were popular. Writing mainly for female readers, Mrs. Holmes turned out more than 40 novels. They concerned everyday life but were set in foreign places which Mrs. Holmes had visited. From 1894, when her first and most successful novel, "Tempest and Sunshine," was published, until after the turn of the century, Mrs. Holmes was as industrious as any manufacturer.
Brockport's golden anniversary in 1979 also was its golden age. Manufacturing flourished with farming. That more beans were shipped from the Henry Harrison Bean Co. on Water Street than any other warehouse in the country during the 1880s showed the area's agricultural richness. That another factory started, the Moore and Shuford Co., manufacturer of women's 'Ultra' shoes, showed its business wealth.

The Canal went on in a lesser role as passenger traffic stopped. But among the village trustees' concerns were the maintenance of the village's sidewalks and the paving of Main Street with stone. Main Street then supported Ward & Opera House. It was the center of social life. It was the setting for a Gilbert and Sullivan opera, Buffalo Bill Cody and the Monroe County Poultry Show.

The prosperity of Brockport is reflected in other historical buildings on Main Street. The cast iron commercial building on the corner of Main and Market streets is such an example. It joins the brick Federal and Greek Revival style historical residences as architectural points of interest in the village.

A fire in the Johnstown Harvester Co. near the end of the century began the decline in the village's prosperity and population. Although the population was below the high point of 5,000 years before, there were 3,311 residents in 1970 at the time of Brockport's centennial.

They saw the addition of more industry, Brockport Cold Storage and the Great Atlantic & Pacific Tea Company. Starting as a canning company, with photos of mounds of newly harvested tomatoes still in the factory, A & P now produces all detergents and household chemical products for sale within the A & P stores. It was joined in 1948 by the Brockport Plant of General Electric's Home-Wares Division and in 1961 by Owens-Illinois' Glass Container Division.

The Canal, the original reason for Brockport's being, now is used mainly for pleasure boats.
Dr. Albert W. Brown, president of the State University College at Brockport, in the new 8,400-seat grandstand built for the Special Olympics.

Pete Smitz, director of the International Games at Brockport, overseeing the final completion of the grandstand.

College personnel helping with the Games include (from left): Susan Szydlowski in registration, Tom Neupert, associate games director, and Roger Weir, in transportation.

Workmen installing the 70-foot flagpole in the new sports area. The flagpole is one of many gifts showing support for the Special Olympics.

Many longtime residents of Brockport feel the greatest changes have been at the College. Its history has been recorded in "Treasured Thru Heritage" by retired professor W. Wayne Demmig. This title shows what a long and often cherished history the College enjoys.

The College began as a Normal School to train teachers in 1866. This school took the property of the Brockport Collegiate Institute which was in financial difficulty. The Normal School became a State Teachers College in 1942. It grew into its present—now a State University College of Liberal Arts.

From that time—with the arrival of Albert W. Brown as president in 1969—it has grown physically and spiritually. Its campus began extending westward to accommodate about 9,500 students in a series of modern educational buildings and high-rise dormitories. Its educational programs consist of 38 undergraduate and 15 graduate programs. The blend of programs includes the conventional and unconventional, the professional and the liberal arts. The College's physical education and special education programs include two state and two international Games.
Both the village academic institutions in Brockport have seen many events—religious movements, philosophical and other exchanges, demonstrations over wars from the Civil to Vietnam. Some of these events have been typical of small towns. Others have been special.

The Fiftieth International Summer Special Olympics is more special than its title indicates. It involves more people as volunteers than participants. That adds up to more than the population of the village which is now 7,479. But the citizens of Brockport have always extended themselves— to clubs, charities, churches and other concerns.

International Games Director Peter Smith estimated the staff and volunteers spent about 120,000 hours preparing for the event. He believes it will add up to as many happy hours for the athletes and their chaperones, not to forget the spectators. “This is a happy event,” he said.

Community Group Director Tom Martin (left) admires the work of Judy Tracy’s decorations committee. She says she’s “not an artist but has a steady hand, at least in organizing volunteers.”

Jane Bowler, one of the many members of the Brockport Junior Women’s Club, who are volunteering for decorations.

Darlene Moore, who’s serving as chairman of the competition area as well as aiding in making decorations.

Bobby Bue (left) and Pat Gilbert put final touches on one of the 350 individual decorations.
The Story of Ron Guidry was not always a success.
Yankee pitcher proves he has guts

Ron Guidry was the unanimous winner of the 1974 American League Cy Young Award and the main winner, whenever Yankees couldn't have won the world championship.

Perhaps it was because Ron is a Canadian of French heritage. The word Cajun means water in the region and streetwise. He also is one of the most controversial players in baseball.

Last year he won 21 games and lost 13. The Yankees scored one run or less in each of his losses. He had the best winning percentage of any 20-game winner in the American League, better than a .650 mark, and an ERA of 1.24, the lowest in the majors. The Florida Gators was his prime and the lowest for an American League lefthander since 1972. He had nine shutouts, the most for an American League lefthander since Babe Ruth had nine in 1916. From the 1977 All-Star break to the beginning of this season, Ron had gone 30 games without a World Series and a playoff victory in each of the last two years, and last year, he pitched over a half. He pitched over a half.

Ron wasn't always successful as a Yankee. When he got his chance to go in for a cup of coffee, it was on May 20, 1976, when the Yankees and the Cubs met for the first time, and in one of those coming on a home run by Carl Yastrzemski, the owner of George Steinbrenner to remark that "Ron can't have any guts. After serving 46 games and experiencing the bullpen, manager Billy Martin told

**Seeing stars**

Ron Guidry is not the only star you will see in the Games. There are loads of others.

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Cindy Williams and Penny Marshall, Burt Reynolds, Sally Struthers, Christopher Reeve, Phil Donahue, Tim Conway, Susan St. James, Phyllis George, Dick Smothers and Lou Goldstein of Grissinger's Restaurants.

**Athletes**

Muhammad Ali, Ron Aaron, Ray Rice, Arnold Schwarzenegger, and the house is situated a few miles outside of New Orleans. He bought the property just five years ago and he and his family were sleeping on the floor and dressing in the back of an apartment. The kids were asleep in the furniture.

Guidry's were married in 1972 when Rosie was 18. They now have one daughter, Jamie. Ron's immediate family includes his parents, his grandparents and his paternal grandmother.

**Basketball fever infects entire Kentucky town**

By Steve Flinn

Fever has spread through Ken
tucky Basketball Fever! And this time it's not just the university basketball teams. The nation's most famous college basketball team, the University of Kentucky Wildcats, has captured the attention of the entire country.

The story begins at Lexington, Kentucky. The Wildcats were preparing for a crucial game against their arch-rivals, the University of Indiana Hoosiers. The game was played in front of an excited crowd, and the nervousness of the players was palpable.

Despite the pressure, the Wildcats emerged victorious, and the victory sparked a wave of enthusiasm across the state.

As word spread of the Wildcats' triumph, basketball fever swept through the town. Fans flocked to the university to support their team, and the atmosphere was electric.

The Fever continued to grow, and soon the entire town was swept up in the excitement. Stores and restaurants were packed to the brim, and the streets were filled with cheering fans.

The Fever became so intense that it even spread to other parts of the state. People from all over Kentucky were AES a feverish state of excitement over the basketball team. It was a time of unity and joy, with everyone coming together to support their beloved Wildcats.

In the end, the Fever proved to be a positive force, bringing the entire state together in a shared experience of anticipation and joy. And so, the story of Kentucky Basketball Fever continues to inspire and amaze, a testament to the power of sports to bring people together.
An Olympian View

There are many ways people become involved with the Special Olympics. Here is the story of Robert C. Biebe, who is volunteering to photograph the 1979 Special Olympics. It is dedicated to Paul Wilson.

Paul Wilson was a known figure in the Indianapolis Motor Speedway. His passing was a great loss to his family and friends. His legacy lives on through his dedication to people with special needs.

Upon entering our vehicle, we were introduced to Paul Wilson. He turned out to be a 16-year-old high school student whose life was cut short. Paul was a natural athlete and loved to be around people.

We delivered him to the track and told him that after the day's events were over we would be back to pick him up. Paul's parents, his family, and this community are still reeling from his loss. We are all united in our support for Paul and the Special Olympics.

The Special Olympics are helping to break down barriers and bring joy to those with special needs. They are a place where everyone is welcome and celebrated for their abilities.

Special Olympics are now taking their place in the lives of many individuals. Their courage in the face of obstacles, their patience as teachers, and their joy at greater fulfillment serve as inspirations for us all.

The former mayor of the State University of New York, "Let each become his is capable of being, should happen upon our hearts and minds today. The success of each Special Olympian, wherever he or she may be, brings joy, strength, and meaning to our changing world.
Athletes arrive, smiles aboard

By Frances Farnell

The arrival of Special Olympians swell to a flood Wednesday as more than 3,000 arrived with chaperones by bus, train, and airplane.

From the first taint light of dawn until well after sunset, the shuttle stepped down airliner ramps, scrambled off train passenger cars, and pushed along the aisles of transcontinental buses.

The South Korean delegation was the first to arrive on campus late Monday night. The flight began to build Tuesday when more athletes and chaperones arrived from Hong Kong on the other side of the world. England, France, Alaska, and the Virgin Islands.

By Wednesday night, more than 4,000 athletes and chaperones were "home" on the Brockport campus. Each delegation had made its own travel arrangements. But once the groups reached Rochester or Brockport, the organization of volunteers took over. Groeters assembled at the Monroe County airport and Amtrak train station. They moved mountains of luggage, hauled up wheelchairs, and ushered the Special Olympians to buses for the campus.

Amtrak handled the largest portion of the travelers from all over the United States and Mexico. Trains arrived in Rochester as early as 5:00 a.m. Wednesday with almost 200 athletes from Illinois and Michigan. At 4:30 a.m. the Niagara Rainbow arrived with 142 athletes and chaperones from New Jersey. The Lakeshore Limited was scheduled to arrive at 9:30 p.m. with its nine cars transporting the New York delegations from Boston. The groeters assisted some 600 chaperones and athletes on that train.

Twenty-five Allegheny, American, and United flights arrived in the course of the day carrying 1,300 athletes and chaperones. Some of these flights originated from as far away as Hawaii, American Samoa and Puerto Rico. Several international flights arrived Wednesday from Guam, Argentina, and Belgium.

Thursday is comparatively slow for arrivals. The Lakeshore Limited arrived from Chicago at 5:00 a.m. with about 100 athletes and chaperones from Ohio. There will be another 100 arriving in Rochester by air and bus from the Carolinas, Georgia, Minnesota, Pennsylvania, Texas, Virginia, Maryland, Washington, D.C., and Ohio. Groeters will be on the scene again offering help with luggage and transportation back to the campus.

Dry run for opening fills stadium and hearts

By Steve Flagg

To get an idea of the timing involved with tonight's opening ceremonies, Special Olympics officials decided to have a "dry run" Sunday with volunteers acting as athletes.

The call went out to all volunteers to meet at the new stadium at 5 p.m. Although committee members had some doubts as to the number of volunteers who would attend, those doubts were quickly forgotten. By 5 p.m., the crowd exceeded 2,400. The volunteers were told to fill each seat and to remain seated. The result was a packed house.

"It's a successful test run," said Bob Mauro, director of special events. "We have already had some requests to use the event as a model for other community events."

Susan St. James, star of the TV series "McMillan and Wife," and more recently, star of the hit comedy "Love at First Bite," was in Rochester Sunday night. St. James came to Brockport early simply because she "just had some time off from work." She decided "instead of just the usual one or two days I get to help with Special Olympics, I had the chance to do some work for the Special Olympics."

"I'm in the position to work with some kids," St. James said. "I was able to help out with the opening ceremony. I had the chance to do something that everyone can do. I think it's a great experience."

As four Special Olympians from Monroe County took turns carrying the Olympic torch—last used at the 1972 Munich Olympics—the volunteers cheered. The cheering grew as the torch bearer mounted the stage and took the Olympic Flame. Everyone in the stands the cheering was led by the first celebrity to arrive—Susan St. James.

-Competition
-Chains
-Superstar Events
-Variety Show

Coming Up
Friday

Photo by Chris Iona


Wonder how Olympians are picked for games?

By Sue Connolly

The process of determining who of the 1 million qualified athletes will compete in the Games is difficult, as there are over 10,000 Olympic sports is simple, but at the same time unstructured.

Thomas Songster of Washington, D.C. has been covering the controversy surrounding the selection of athletes for the Olympic Games, explained the entire method.

For the athlete, he said that the selection process is not random, in fact, it is highly competitive for a specific plan. It begins with the selection, then the elimination, of athletes based on specific criteria. The winners of these competitions then go on to the state, provincial, national and international level for further competition. "Along with an athlete's physical ability, they also have a good deal to do with their selection," he said. "They range from the most advanced athletes to the very best athletes."

"There is no limit for any of the competitions until the state or national selection," Dr. Songster said.

It is a selection process, not random, in fact, it is highly competitive for a specific plan, as to who should be accepted. In United States selections, each state has a specific quota of athletes, depending on its population. The smallest number is 10, for states such as North and South Dakota. The largest is the host state, New York, with a limit of 200 positions. These positions, then, are subdivided into team competitions, such as the state or federal level.

So, New York State, for instance, holds a team competition and determines that ability level group of 4 in gymnastics, for example, then would represent New York State in the International Special Olympics.

Within exception to this selection process because of the huge number of local and area-level winners, since it would be impossible to include all of them, said, it is necessary, for some states to narrow the list of athletes who will be chosen to attend the overseas games.

According to Dr. Songster, the area coordinator, the state committees must make these decisions.

"It is true, as some people think, that all the athletes have won gold medals," he added. "Many of the athletes have won gold medals, but what is that which makes the Special Olympics unique," said Dr. Songster.

"Participants are selected from different ability groups, different ages, different levels of all ages," he said. "They range from the most advanced athletes to the very best athletes."

Clowns, colorful balloons light Up Olympics life

By Ellen Reisweaver

Clowns with colorful balloons were at the doors of the residence halls to greet the arrival of the Special Olympic athletes. The athletes responded with big smiles and cheers of delight.

After long trips, the athletes and their chaperones were anxious to settle in and make Brockport their home for the next six days.

At the dining hall, the Greek delegation was surprised to find that they could have something to drink other than water, but even with all the choices, they decided to pick water. People in Greece only drink water with their meals.

A housing staff member taught a girl from Barbados how to play backgammon. She learned how to play so well she won the first two games and wanted to play all night.

Other athletes in the Barbados delegation smiled excitedly when they found out they could watch "Scarry and Scary" on television. The TV lounge was filled with happy people.

As eight-year-old Korean athlete missed his home. But when he found a Superman comic in his souvenir package, he smiled and quickly went over to his bed and began to look at the pictures. He felt much better and looked forward to seeing the movie "Superman." Wednesday night.

Better late than never on Lakeshore Limited

It was 7:30 a.m. when the Lakeshore Limited pulled into Rochester with 300 passengers for the Special Olympics silver plates to award the victorious athletes. Two hours to greet the delegations from our state.

"Welcome to Rochester!" The athletes came out of the train, rushing their eyes and smiling, "I'm cold," one girl from Chicago said. Another athlete said, "I'm still hungry."
I, THE ANCIENT OLYMPICS

Welcome, Special Olympians, to Brockport, New York, U.S.A. For almost 3,000 years an Olympian has been a very special kind of athlete. You should be proud that you have been chosen to participate in Special Olympics— which makes you an Olympian, too.

"Let us go back to ancient Greece, where the Olympic Games were born in 776 B.C. The Olympic Games were sacred religious events in ancient times. They were so important that wars were stopped and truces declared all over the world while the Games were in progress. The Olympics went every 4 years for 1,000 years. Special Olympics is only 11 years old. So we have a long way to go."

"The sports in the ancient Olympics were much like those you will participate in during the next few days. There were short races for speed, and longer races for endurance. Many of you will try hard to throw a softball as far as you can. The Greeks were trying for the same thing. With their javelin throw, a most honored competition was the discus-throw. As you launch your frisbee-discs for distance and accuracy, remember that the ancient Greeks did the same, long ago on the Olympian field."

"When you receive your medals and your hugs at the end of your race or game, you should know that the Olympic athletes received crowns of laurel, and the embraces of their countrymen. So we are not so different from those first Olympians of long ago. As you compete in these events, you will see as they did—that victory or defeat are not important if the struggle is hard and fair and if by your skill you have overcome something greater than yourself."

The ancient Greeks dedicated their victories with the words, "I belong to Zeus." As you compete here in Brockport with your fellow athletes, you will be able to look up and say, "I am an athlete, an Olympian. I belong."
Alive on arrival

It read like the index of a geography book: Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Virginia Islands, Hawaii Islands. But the smiles were worldwide in meaning and width. Special Olympians were happy to be in Rochester and Brockport after journeys of hundreds and even thousands of miles. Lots of athletes were tired, too. With the greetings over and the busloads loaded, they looked forward to a good night's rest. To a person, they were ready to begin the adventure of the Fifth International Games.

Waiting for train

by Chris Lenz

Volunteers wait for delegations to arrive at Amtrak station in Rochester from Michigan and Illinois. From left to right, are Helen Wolfeys and Judy Schettini.

Kat clowns

Clowning around town.

Samoa delegation

Samoa athletes arriving at Rochester-Monroe County Airport.
Welcome

By Scott Hagendorf

Michigan delegation arrives in Rochester, eager to get to Brockport.

All astir

Illinois delegation seen after arrival in Rochester.

By Scott Hagendorf

And away we go

All Smiles—five members of the Michigan delegation are ready for the games to begin.

By Scott Hagendorf
Clinics offer only good medicine and fun
Stars aid instruction
By Robert R. Maciurw

To most of us, clinics mean hospitals. Not so at Special Olympics. Clinics mean fun, games and learning. Twenty-five clinics have been set up at the College of Brockport and the surrounding area.

Clinics Director Bob Sinclair and Chairman Dr. Martin Rogers have assembled a wide range of activities including well-known games like tag, football, basketball, soccer and gymnastics to less conventional games such as badminton, archery, yoga, and belly, folk, ballroom and disco dancing. The clinics aim to expose athletes to all aspects of sport and to teach basic skills.

One clinic, called “let’s play to grow,” is devoted entirely to the athlete. It was established by the Kennedy Foundation to teach parents of athletes how they can play with their children. The main goal is to bring the parent and the child closer together by doing things together.

Sinclair described another clinic activity called “new games.” It gets kids away from typical children’s games like tug, softball and handball. For Instance, one “new game” has 10 children running in a straight line, the last having to roll over the others to the front of the line. This would continue until the contestant completed a turn. Another game has 10 children in a circle, with one child in the middle being spun around, the others all trying to keep him in motion.

The clinics are staffed entirely by volunteers. Many experts volunteered their time to coach either in the field. Brockport College football coach Bud Sans will run the putting and putting clinic. Adrian Buchheller, a Brockport graduate student and a resident at the site, will volunteer as well. John F. McMillan, assistant athletic trainer, is running the ice-skating clinic.

Karen Lustgarten, the reigning West Coast Disco queen, will teach the clinic the basics of disco dancing. And “The Greatest” himself, Muhammad Ali, will conduct a boxing clinic, demonstrating his fighting prowess. The many sports celebrities attending the games are expected to lend a hand in the clinics.

Through most of the clinics are taking place all-campus, some outside organizations are donating their own time, resources and facilities to make the clinics as well-rounded as possible.

Kendall John Riding Stables on Peter Smith Road in Kendall sponsored a two-day hunt and fox hunting. The local fire department brought a variety of lodging, food and pop to the fox hunting field. The local firemen were joined by the athletes who were riding horses, and the local fire department brought a variety of lodging, food and pop to the fox hunting field. The local firemen were joined by the athletes who were riding horses, and a local fireman was called in to help. The local fire department brought a variety of lodging, food and pop to the fox hunting field.

Proud measure
By Robert R. Rowe

John Sheffer, a swimmer from Michigan, proudly displays his first fish caught of the day.

Different strokes for different folks

With no competition scheduled for yesterday, there were athletes working on the back stroke while others practiced animals in the petting zoo.

The aquatics clinic at the College pool was filled with hearty participants. Clinic coach Jan Miller, a physical education teacher and former swimming coach at Hilton Central School had the pool divided into two sessions with a total of nine stations.

The inner end was reserved for the competitive swimmers as a practice station for the upcoming events. It was staffed by coaches from each delegation entering swimmers in the competition.

The shallow end was a swimming in the “fun” sense where athletes relaxed joyfully. They practiced milk, hand and arm exercises plus basic swimming techniques, the breaststroke and freestyle. The athletes were also taught how to keep their mouths open.

Perhaps the most difficult station was the most shallow part of the pool which was reserved for wheelchair-bound youngsters. They were placed in the pool and performed at their own capabilities under the watchful eye of Water Safety Instructor and Advanced Senior Lifeguards.

Athletes from Michigan were the first to arrive at Kendall John Riding Stables and the fun began immediately. As they left the buses, many were greeted by volunteers dressed as clowns.

First stop for one group was the petting zoo where the animals included sheep, pigs, rabbits, geese, chickens, a duck with his young, a cow and a cat.

For others, first stop meant a ride on the antique fire truck to the fishing hole at an old-fashioned nickelodeon. John Snider and Nickie, a motorcycle and antique fire truck, caught the first fish of the day.

Each athlete had a snapshot taken of him or herself, and they were shown the proper way of handling a horse by an experienced blacksmith.

As soon as the buses had arrived, the sun broke through the clouds, probably an omen for the many smiles and laughter that filled the sky during the visit.

Double special
By Robert R. Rowe

A Special Olympian poses with one of Kendall John’s special horses.
The Olympics Special — August 9, 1979

Anytime care to dance Californian style
They boogie and beat— in wheelchairs

When Phil Lorch was, down and boogied, he gets his head up and swings himself, extends one leg after the other and scampers, 40 lbs. on his back, dancing in the horizontal plane. Shyly he's back on his feet without missing a beat.

Forget that Phil came to the dance with 46 of his fellow residents of Casa de Vida, a home formentially disabled in San Luis Obispo. On this night, Phil's friends, are dancers—nothing else.

Carmen Serrano, on one winner in wheelchair, dash and softball throw, dines a fast dance with his friends. He fills wheelchairs and "non-rolling" converts.

Cindy Wittmeyer, recreation therapist at the home, isn't surprised by the residents' popularity. The dance is good for the residents and those who staff the center: improving self-esteem and participation; a social development, said from the standpoint of the dance floor.

"Dances are the best ways to socialize. It's good therapy for all people and our takes seem to benefit by the interaction more than from the dance itself. The main thrust of recreational socialization... so many of these people have had so many put-downs, many don't have high self-esteem," she explained.

When people in wheelchairs get together, they can interact with non-handicapped people. Put your group together, they can appreciate each other and they learn there is a normal way of living with an emotional needs," she said.

So they dance the night away in pairs, in trios, in long trains of wheelchairs and with feet and arms stringing across the gym. At 10 p.m. the music stops, the lights go up and the dancers head out the door to the waiting vans that take them back to Casa de Vida, which means "house of life.

Cindy Wittmeyer says "we all have the same needs: we want to be accepted and not want to be loved," the dance helps.

Olympic sports camp offers...dining, diving, dancing

It was 16:30 a.m. and the Special Olympic athletes were three hours ahead of their usual time. Breakfast was hearty and the water in the pool was invigorating. The Special Olympic athletes were scattered around the pool and engaged in the same activities. Some were in art while others learned dance, dive and dance. Then they moved into the clinic depending on their individual skills to improve their swimming, tennis, basketball and bowling.

The athletes were busy until lunchtime when the pace slowed down for a rest period, followed by another surge of energy. The lunch was followed by diving with coaches and vans were affixed on the Olympic Pond.

Dinner was allowed for another half a hour. One athlete who was following the program, or doing his own activity, was planning to swim and was asked if he would like to swim. The athlete said he would like to swim and was told he could swim.

Several of the Sporta Camp participants will go on to compete in the Special Olympics in the United States. Others will have memories of a special event. The idea for the camp to be held at Brooks College was suggested by Rich Semenov, chapter director of the Special Olympics in Santa Barbara. He thought the program was best called Brooks Olympic because of its emphasis on physical education and the excellent facilities. The College accepted the offer and looked forward to graduate school and undergraduate courses around the experience for the coaches.

The coaches agreed it was "hard work but I'd do it again." The Special Olympics is open to everyone. Coach from Letterkenny, John W. Keedy, told a story of his mini Olympic games. The athlete who was hovering just because he never played before. Rafein M. Syrene of Santa Barbara, who was born in England, to the sleeping at the end of a long day.

No trick to spot celebrities

By Son Connolly

Volunteers will have an easy time of it: there will be a box of special celebrities here at the Games. They will be wearing blue name tag, a lavender ribbons and a yellow brimmed hat. A large white button with the letters "Special Olympic" will decorate their shirts.

The idea was suggested by Carol and George Bute of Brookport there is no way to know just who's in the overall crowd of 25,480 when you've been traveling to the Olympics.

The arts, education, the credentials have worked out a system: employees who are involved in the Olympics.

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When you do all that and you group of interesting people who have the Olympics, Carol says, "it's not work!"
An Olympic View

By Ethel Grayson
Herald-Statesman

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The motto is "Share, give, enjoy. They may have a stamp—a commemorative stamp for the Special Olympics. Many families and people will be there to cheer these special athletes on. This is what the Special Olympics is all about.

This is one of thousands of sketches done by one school children on the pillows of the athletes to welcome them to the Games. (Photo by Linda Stachura, 10 year-old.)
Lighting of flame sparks Games

By Ellen Reifsnyder

Amidst a brilliance of color and pageantry, the world came to witness the lighting of the Special Olympic Flame of Hope, and it marked the opening of the 1979 International Special Olympics.

On October 11, athletes from the approximately 3,000 Special Olympics had gathered in colored outfits as they proudly marched into the stadium held by the flag of their delegate. An exciting exchange of culture, pride, and excitement filled the air.

"You are all winners," said New York State Governor Hugh Carey, as he welcomed the Olympians and guests to the ceremony. Albert Brown, president, State University of New York College at Brockport, also welcomed the crowd. Senator Kennedy, president, Special Olympics, Inc., spoke of the Special Olympics theme of "courage, sharing, skill, and friendship." Major General Jack Johnson, the athlete who broke Olympic day records during the 1964 Olympic games, welcomed the athletes to the Special Olympics. He said, "We are here to share our victories, to share our losses, and to share our lives.

The Olympic torch, carried by the athletes, was passed from each delegate, and the Olympic flame was lit.

"Let it win, but if it cannot win, let it be brave at the attempt," said the Olympic motto.

Athletes cheered as the 13 members of the Brockport Peace Corps, Academy Parachute Team, leaped above the Special Olympic stadium.

Music provided by the Brockport High School Band, the Royal Canadian Mounted Police Band, and the Rochester Crusaders Drum and Bugle Corps added to the splendor of the event.

The color guards from the Holley High School and the Kendall High School, along with the Heritage Flag Corps of the Boy Scouts' Olean Troop provided a colorful pre-ceremony spectacle.

At the closing ceremony, the torches were carried and the flames were extinguished, and the event was capped off by the lighting of the Olympic Flame of Hope.
Helping hands wield international cooperation

By Fran Farrell

Ronald M. "Coop" Cooper of Greece, N.Y., sees himself as a "Jack-of-all-trades" for the past six weeks. He's been a welder, working on the huge copper pieces donated to the College of Brockport by a Soviet artist. It's a real effort in international cooperation.

Coop has done all sorts of skilled craftsman work, but never on an international project before. "Interestingly," he said, "it's something I'll probably never get a chance to do again." He started to work one morning at 7 a.m. and was on campus ready to start at 8 that same morning.

He's found the work rewarding and promising. Trying to understand the Russian spoken by Michael "Omar" Sposati, and Sam Mihalchuk, the Soviet Union has been difficult at times. That hasn't slowed progress. Not even the rains stopped the welding and fitting of the cooper.

"Omar's hard working, he knows what he wants done and he'll get it done," Coop said. They've worked long hours in order to meet the dedication date, sometimes from 7 a.m. until 11 p.m.

Triumphal March gives a salute to special joy

By Sue Connolly

A special concert march entitled "The Special Olympics: The Triumphal March" was played at the Opening Ceremonies today, Dr. F. Schwartz, its composer and professor of music department of the College, was inspired to write the march not only for the International Tournament of Special Olympics, but for the entire campus in general.

This march born, according to Dr. Schwartz, gives a chance for the expression of "contemporary idiom" in music. Because of that, the music is both challenging and interesting and can be played by a variety of groups.

The band version of "The Special Olympics" was first played about a year ago by the Brockport Junior High School Concert Band. It was later performed at the New York Music Educators State Conference.

Since then, Dr. Schwartz said he has received "close to 300 requests" for the music, not only from places throughout the United States and Canada, but from all over the world. Just a few days ago, Dr. Schwartz said, a music director from Iran requested a copy of the Special Olympics march, although Iran is not an emerging nation participating in the Olympics.

After hearing "The Special Olympics" played by the Brockport High School Band, the school orchestra asked Dr. Schwartz to raise an arrangement. He did, and was subsequently given a similar request by the Rockport High School Jazz Ensemble, "The Blue Notes." So, there are three separate arrangements of "The Special Olympics." While the straight concert march was performed at the opening ceremony by the Brockport High School Band, it is the "Blue Notes" group which played (and rendition of the tune for the students at the dedication ceremony.

Originally the Air Force Band had planned to play the march for the dedication event. But, as well as bands from the Brockport Central High School and Ithaca, has requested the music for "The Special Olympics."

The symphonic version was first performed on July 7 by the Wyoming Summer Festival Orchestra conducted by Dennis Lott, assistant conductor of the Orchard Park Symphony and the Metropolitan Repertory Orchestra. Sundays were not always real days for the man.

Coop said Omar would work as hard to avoid getting cut and often Coop would bring a sandwich back from lunch for him. "I've learned to respect him," Coop said. "he's a genius."

So far, the welding of the copper pieces Andy Banko, a N.Y. State employee, has completed. There were some copper pieces to be fitted and the sculpture had to be washed and set for the dedication.

Coop said the first few days he was puzzled because he didn't know what the sculpture looked like. Omar couldn't explain and there were no pictures to look at. Coop remembered giving several questions to the interpreter when he arrived. Still, he worked from experience and if that wouldn't work, Omar corrected him. "He speaks a little more English than Omar and he managed to get his ideas across," Coop said. "He's a player." Coop said.

Ronald Cooper is not sure what his next job will be, but he is sure he won't forget this one.

Stamps for fun and profit

By Mike Kehoe

While stamp collectors from across the United States are having a reunion at Brockport this week, the official Special Olympics Stamp, First Day Covers, and "Cachets" (stamped envelopes) are available as part of a subscription package, already designed and will be mailed to subscribers.

William Baets, postmaster from Perry, N.Y., estimated that over 1,000,000 stamps would be sold before the Special Olympics end on Monday. Baets, a former stamp collector, has every First Day Issue since 1960.

Profits of stamps, according to Mike Kehoe, are certain to benefit the thousands of collectors who will be looking to cash in on the Special Olympics Stamps. The profit from the sale of each stamp will be 25 cents to a dollar.

Monroe Alderman, a stamp vendor from Lieutenant, N.Y., came to help his wife sell over 500,000 sets of envelopes and First Day Covers. "My wife married him as a hobby five years ago and has been totally involved ever since." Alderman added that "although business was very good, I wouldn't want to make a living at this."

Not everyone, however, was here to make money. Otto Winter traveled all the way from Westmont, N.Y., to bid his huge collection of First Day Covers. The 77-year-old grandfather has been all over the United States adding to his collection. "I collect stamps for my grandchildren, and I wouldn't think of selling my collection. Last year I was offered $200 for a stamp celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the United Nations," Winter added. "Like all my stamps, it was not for sale."
II. THE MODERN OLYMPICS

AND SO THE OLYMPIC GAMES RESUMED IN ATHENS, GREECE, IN 1896, THE BIRTHPLACE OF THE ANCIENT OLYMPICS. KING GEORGE OF GREECE SPOKE THE WORDS WHICH HAVE COME TO MEAN SO MUCH TO FUTURE GENERATIONS. "I HEREBY PROCLAIM THE OPENING OF THE FIRST INTERNATIONAL OLYMPIC GAMES."

THE FIRST MODERN OLYMPIC EVENT WAS WON BY JAMES CONNOLLY OF BOSTON. WHEN THE EVENT WAS COMPLETED, THE FLAG OF THE WINNER'S COUNTRY WAS RAISED AND A MILITARY BAND PLAYED "THE STAR SPANGLED BANNER." THIS TRADITION HAS BEEN FOLLOWED FOR EVERY OLYMPIC CHAMPION EVER SINCE.

MANY TRADITIONS BEGAN IN THE FIRST YEARS OF THE OLYMPICS AND HAVE BEEN HONORED EVER SINCE. INDEED, THESE TRADITIONS HAVE BEEN CLOSELY IDENTIFIED WITH THE OLYMPICS. IF I CAN'T THINK OF ONE WITHOUT THE OTHER.


"ANOTHER GREAT SYMBOL IS THE OLYMPIC TORCH, WHICH IS CARRIED TO THE SITE OF EACH OLYMPIC GAMES BY RELAYS OF RUNNERS FROM GREECE."


WHETHER YOU WIN OR loose your event, IT IS WELL TO REMEMBER BARRON DECAUBERTIN WHO SAID, "THE MOST IMPORTANT THING IN THE OLYMPIC GAMES IS NOT WINNING BUT TRYING HARD. THE ESSENTIAL THING IN LIFE IS NOT CONQUERING BUT FIGHTING WELL." OR AS YOU SAY IN YOUR SPECIAL OLYMPICS OATH, "LET ME WIN, BUT IF I CANNOT WIN, LET ME BE BRAVE IN THE ATTEMPT."
Everyone dug into action

Photo by Mike Mink
Monroe County (N.Y.) Special Olympians dig in on a ceremonial planting of a hemlock (tuft tree Thursday during the dedication of monumental sculptures in honor of the Special Olympics and the International Year of the Child. Assisting the Olympians are (from the left): E. Gerald Sherer (representing Special Olympics), Zarah Tsereteli (Soviet artist who created the sculpture), Eugene C. Bagnall (deputy minister of culture in the USSR), and Albert W. Brown (past president of Brockport State College).

Photos by Barbara Marenti and Mike Mink
Attracting the day were showers. Angel Morales (left) of Puerto Rico was drawn to the exercises. Others—others too many others—could not resist the charm of Mohammed Ali.

Photographer: Wilma Lenni catches the Mexican delegation with instructor Kevin McClone at the trampoline. The aches from left to right: are Jorge Delgado, Leode Fred, and Enrique Perez.
Ceremony puts Olympics stamp in the mail

by Steven Hogg and Steven Walker

Mountie Band crosses borders

by Iris Reinfelder

The commemorative 15-cent stamp honoring the international Special Olympic games was presented by Postmaster General William Belger on the centennial of the Edward Communications Center yesterday.

Presenting the stamp, Belger said, "The stamp captures 'the invisible spirit that overcomes handicaps.'"

Dr. Belger during the presentation were Sen. Edward Kennedy, his sister Eunice Kennedy Shriver, president of Special Olympics Inc., her husband, Surgeon General, Daniel Kennedey; Brockport Postmaster Arthur Fagan; Art Reinhardt, Brockport College President Albert W. Brown; Phil Donahue, Marie Thomas, Susan S. James; Peter Smith, director of the 1979 Special Olympic Games, and Michael A.R. Ali, who drew the official response from the audience of more than 5,000.

During his address, Sen. Kennedy quoted from his sister's speech at the first Special Olympic games more than a decade ago.

Plans for the commemorative stamp on the international games were finalized last November when Sen. Cornish and Fagan were named co-chairmen of the Stamp Committee. According to Cornish, each year, the U.S. Postal Service receives thousands of requests for commemorative stamps. Only 15 such stamps will be issued in 1979.

The stamp was designed by Jeff Combs in Washington. It depicts a smiling, young boy with a Special Olympics medal. Below him are the words skill, sharing, joy. There are three different covers available during the game. (A cover is an envelope with a cancelled stamp.) The covers were designed by Norman Finger, supervisor of graphic arts at Brockport college.

Since the stamp was issued in Brockport it was only sold in Brockport yesterday. The stamp will get national distribution starting today.

The Brockport Post Office handled requests for the first day commemerative stamp from all over the world. When Fagan believes will total "between 250 and 300 thousand." Belger said 100 million stamps were printed.

The layer of the Fine Arts building was used as a Post Office yesterday for the first day of issue. During the day there was a film showing how a stamp is made and an exhibit by the Ben Franklin Stamp Club.

Mountie Band crosses borders

Borders knows no boundaries Wednesday on the international language of music as was spoken to hundreds of enthusiastic Olympic athletes, dignitaries, and community members by the Royal Canadian Mounted Police Concert Band.

Under the direction of Kenneth R. Moore, the 60-piece band played a wide variety of selections for the "special" audience. Musical numbers ranged from the movie theme "Star Wars," jazz and John Denver country hits, to rock and roll favorites and of course a march. The National Anthem was dedicated to the volunteers of the Special Olympics.

The band put on quite a show as it sang to its music and encouraged the athletes to sing along. The athletes were very lively when they asked to clap along with the music. The band encouraged the audience to participate and the crowd responded enthusiastically.

The band concluded its concert with an audience favorite, the theme from "Rocky." Then, to the delight of the Special Olympians, members of the band passed out Royal Canadian Mounted Police pins. As the concert ended, more athletes were walking outside the doors of the building to hear the next performance.

No interested fan needed to tell the Band how much everyone enjoyed the concert. The standing ovation they received said it all.
Athletes arrive with uclas, leis and smiles

After nearly 19 hours of flying the Hawaii delegation arrived at 9 a.m. Wednesday bringing with them a part of their hometown. The athletes, 35 in all, gave leis to all the people who were on hand to welcome them including the clergy. They were greeted with leis, pineapples, coconut hats by wearing the opening ceremonies and flowers to the presentation to Mrs. Eunice Kennedy Shriver.

Kuss Kuss, head of the Hawaii games committee, said of the 32 athletes "30 were born off the island and they are all really excited." The athletes and special charpenters who accompanied them represent every part of the island which make up Hawaii.

When asked where the Aloha delegates were headed on buses for the trip to Brockport the delegation from American Samoa arrived. The welcoming committee rushed over to the other end of the airport in time to greet the athletes. Though the athletes seemed bewildered by all the fanfare, they were big smiles and shook hands with many of the members of the welcoming committee. The Samoa delegation consists of six athletes and three charpenters. One of the charpenters, Gino Tupaia, is the middleweight boxing champion of Samoa. Wendell Cook, who headed the delegation explained that the trip to Brockport was made possible mostly because of a hitchhike which raised over $8000.00 improvement for an area well before going to Brockport. In Hawaii, the athletes saw their first everyday which was "quite a thrill," just 15 minutes after their arrival the athletes were on their way to Brockport and some much needed sleep.

Sights and sounds of the games

The Special Olympics are as full of beautiful sights and sounds as a virtual collage of colors. For Ron Russell, director of the Special Olympics, the sights and sounds are important. Ron has been deeply in love since birth. But his blindness has not held him back. He has a degree of music from Downling College in Oakdale, N.Y. He has been playing the guitar for 14 years, plays the organ and has had broadcasting license.

Ron is 26 and is from Deer Park, N.Y. According to Mrs. Douglas, Ron's "parents are especially proud of him," it has been playing his guitar for the athletes in the entertainment tent in "Test Day." In 1970 Ron played at Adelphi University for Peter N. Kennedy. Eventually he would like to become a professional DJ because he "loves music and loves giving it to other people."

When an 8-year-old girl ran up to Mohammed Ali, threw her arms around his legs and shouted "Ali, Ali," he started at her in shock horror, then gritted his teeth and begged, "Don't give me no trouble." Then his big grin erupted and the girl was treated to a big kiss and hug from the champ.

Leilani Colaneri, the New Jersey camper on... murderer offers this advice: "Throughout all the difficulties of the games, you just keep smiling. After a little while you discover how the world should be. The feeling is great."

The Mexican delegation will compete in the fencing and floor exercise. They have the best equipment they have only once in Mexico a floor and made. This year they had to raise money for their costs, and much of their expenditures will go to the games came out of their own pocket.

A special trip was in store for 10 Idaho delegates. The communities of Pocatello, Blackfoot and Marshalltown in the addition funds for the 12-day trip. The group flew to Washington, D.C. from Salt Lake City for a three-day tour of the nation's capital and then departed for three days of sightseeing in New York.

Musical mounties - ambassadors of good will

The Royal Canadian Mounted Police Concert Band, under the direction of Kenneth R. Moore, travels thousands of miles each year playing concerts to spread musical message of goodwill to all people. This time they are bringing their spirit to Brockport for these Special Olympic Games.

The role of the RCMP band is to support the crime prevention program of the band itself. Canada's Royal Mounted Police have been playing through musical masterpieces around the world for over 100 million people and have been a favorite of many as well.

The RCMP band performs nearly 150 times a year in public concerts in Canada and other parts of the world. Since its formation in 1949 the Royal Canadian Mounted Police Band has amazed millions of miles of travel, performing at all the major Arts Centres across Canada and Europe, as well as traveling across China, Japan, where in approximately nine days it was estimated that the band was heard by over 250 million people and 500 schools and libraries. The RCMP Band has been a favorite of many as well.

The concert director of the RCMP band, Kenneth Moore, a native of Niagara Falls, Ont., received his appointment as concert director. Moore got his musical career at the age of 13, when he was introduced to the trumpet and piano. To succeeding years he concentrated on the trumpet, winning 25 awards and scholarships. Moore is a member of the Canadian Band Directors Association, and since 1971, as a result of his reputation, was elected an active member of the American Bandmasters Association.

The silence common to most movie theaters was not evident at the Strand Theater on Wednesday night.

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On the floor and sawdust of "Howie Clark Kent," then when Superman arrived on the scene with a population of thousands and appeared filled the Strand. Cheering and applause stayed at a steady level through the rest of the movie, and cheers and words of encouragement and warning were certainly directed to those figures on the screen.
A canavas of Tent City
You can pet animals, play games and have your picture taken — in tents

By Ellen Fielder

Have you seen all the brightly colored tents near the stadium? That's Tent City and it is filled with fun things for athletes and spectators only-to see and do. In each tent you will find something different.

One tent that you want to miss is the celebrity tent. You see your picture taken by Kodak photographers with the famous athletes and celebrities who are here for the Special Olympics. You can take the picture home with you. You may have to wait in line, but it will be worth it.

Then, pit the petting zoo. There will be many different animals that you will be able to touch. Don't be afraid of the tractor, even if you like horses, how about a ride on a pony? Pony rides will be available in another tent.

At the petting farm you can ask all of the animals and you don't have to bring any money. There will also be games to play with the petting farm where everything is in the metric system.

In another tent you will find a magic show with magic acts that are full of surprises. And if you would like to get your face painted like a clown, then you can go to the clown tent, it's a place you won't want to miss. But if you are on your way to compete in an event, wait until you're finished before visiting the tent. You don't want to have to take a clown costume on your way back to the event.

If you have your parts in Tent City, it's probably coming from either the music hall or the rock and roll tent. In the music hall you will be able to live it up, play in the rock and roll tent, you will be able to dance in the records and have a good time.

In the space shuttle tent, you can learn about the rocket that will take astronauts in orbit around the earth. You can see pictures of the Space Shuttle too.

Arts and crafts and theatre workshops will entertain you and keep you busy. Come see the art displays in the very special art tent. Those pictures were drawn by students in the Rochester area just for the Special Olympics.

If you get hungry or thirsty, there will be a refreshment stand. A cold drink will help you cool off on a hot day. The general store will also have special treats that you can buy along with souvenirs of your trip to the Special Olympics.

'The Olympics Special' takes you to the activities under the tent (Flaps).

How to store up Olympic memories

By Linda Tawdr

Visitors to the 1979 International Special Olympics will be able to choose from 16 different souvenirs available at six different spots from now until Monday.

According to Les Tawdar, chairman of the souvenir committee, the following spots will be open from 8 a.m. until 6 p.m. daily. Stops are located: at the main concession stand on the field, Tent City, Room 56, Tuttie's, by the pool, the stadium, or Daisy Dining Hall.

More than 1,000 volunteers are selling the souvenirs, and prices at all shops will be the same. All profits from the sale of the different items will benefit the general fund of the Special Olympics, Tawdar, also a volunteer, said when he was asked to chair this committee about a year and a half ago: "I agreed to chair the committee because it gives me a chance to work with the athletes."

"I have never seen a committee that was so well organized," Tawdar said. "There is a lot of work involved, but it is well worth it."

"We have been working on these souvenirs for the past six months," Tawdar said. "We have had a lot of help from the athletes and the volunteers."

"The only problem is that we have to be careful not to overproduce," Tawdar said. "We don't want to have too many souvenirs.

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A Special View
Their Finest Hour

By W. Wayne Beddome
Hustler, College of Brockport

The community and College at Brockport have had many "moments of firsts" in the history of the area, and in the finest of all will come when the Summer International Special Olympics will be held here.

Scores of Brockport and surrounding communities have been at one historically significant and locally lucrative—when in 1913 the town was temporarily the western terminus of the Erie Canal—when again in 1940 the first commercially viable McGregor rapids were manufactured here. Other moments, such as the murder trial of a dog in 1938 which "stirred" community of 1974 were hilarious, (incidentally the dog was found "not guilty" and the "bare boys" went "stick" as clothes flew), some moments were filled with pride, as in 1837, after a strenuous battle to set-out and out-bid contenders, Brockport won the coveted prize of a State Normal School. And that pride was destined to continue as "the Normal" became a great place to study at, College of Education, and finally one of the largest multipurpose Colleges of Arts and Sciences in the State University of New York system. More at home a moment of pride was the long residency in College Street, one of America's most popular and avidly read authors—Mary Jane Holmes.

A recently released motion picture "Young Man with a Camera" is based on a novel meant to be light, a facet of college community relations, all too often the United States, that is, "town" and "gown" antagonisms. While the community of Brockport, much like a bewildered parent watching a child learn to walk as unaggressively and sometimes unadvisedly, as at times the local people have found themselves maneuvered and upset by the efforts of thousands of young people in the full flower of their animal spirits. Fortunately these maneuvers of irritation have been fewer than those of understanding and cooperation. By and large, the College has realized it wouldn't have existed except for local support, and the community has recognized that it would be a very ordinary village without the College.

Now in the Summer of 79, the two—community and college—have united in perhaps their greatest and finest cooperative effort, hosting the Summer International Special Olympics. Villagers, community organizations and business together with College, students and personnel have literally "pitched in" to accomplish a task many would consider beyond the capacity of a community and college of Brockport's size. And to what end? Not to glorify those members of society regularly honored—the fortunate and the talented—but those "special ones," more often discouraged than encouraged, more often scorned than praised, and most often, merely ignored.

In joining hands and hearts to host and honor these Special Olympics, the community and College at Brockport may very well be experiencing their finest-hour.

An Olympic View

By Brenda Sager
New York State Olympian

I generally volunteer because there is an important job to be done and, more often than not, enough people willing to help. To specifically focus on the Special Olympics, I first felt I needed to volunteer because I felt so fortunate to have been blessed with good health and life. I became physically involved and wanted to help those who had not been as fortunate. I thought that this would be an opportunity to give rather than receive.

After seeing the Special Olympics at Lassen Hill and digesting the experience, I've come to the conclusion that I will probably be volunteering as much as or maybe more than the Olympians. Seeing the determination of the athletes and the joy on their faces as they were successful had a heartwarming effect on me and renewed my faith in mankind. So why start out as an unwilling act of helping someone else if you may actually be a mutual act in which we all give and receive (probably the best outcome possible).

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Running—one word that has dominated the hill household since we were approached last November with a view to Anne's training for possible election for the Special Olympics in America. We felt that whatever the outcome the training and exercise would be beneficial and would be a tremendous achievement for our daughter should she be selected. Naturally we were prepared to back her all the way. To help her get off, we set Anne running first thing in the morning down the roads, a quiet but effective system. Fortunately, twice each way covering a distance of approximately one mile. This she has done rain or shine, as 7 a.m. everyday. Anne has also trained twice each week during the evening and has seen a noticeable improvement in stamina and dedication. We believe she has given all her best and fully deserves her place in the team.

In all our wildest dreams we never thought our daughter would visit the United States of America. The Special Olympics has done a lot for us.
Rain does not dampen competitors' spirits
Superstar events shine with winners

Amidst a flood of autograph seekers and worldwide press representatives, not to mention a downpour of rain, the true meaning of the Special Olympics remained between celebrity and Olympian—sharing and joy.

The superstar competition held striking resemblance to similar ones on television. The stars were there, and so were the camera crews. The "special" attraction was the addition of Olympic participants from around the world.

One by one, the participants for the first event gathered at the stadium infield. The brotherhood of the two groups showed up immediately, as the celebrities took their warmup exercises side-by-side with the Olympians.

And then it happened. A sudden downpour, which had been threatening all morning, cost the estimated 4,000 people scurrying for cover.

However, it seemed that nothing could stop the enthusiasm. At the reviewing stand, many celebrities and Olympians had huddled under the canopy, and were singing "You are my sunshine" and "Rain, rain go away."

After 20 minutes the rain ended, and the crowds reassembled. The announcer asked if everyone was having a good time despite the rain. As the crowd raised a decided "yes," the announcer declared, "Then the Special Olympics goes on."

The crowd cheered much louder, and the superstar events were under way.

There's gold and pride in them there medals

Here's what is in store for you athletes at the end of your event. As in the regular Olympics, there will be three medals—gold for first place, silver for second place, and bronze for third place.

And, of course, there are no losers in Special Olympics. There are special ribbons for each athlete placing fourth through eighth.

The medals were made by Medallic Art Co. of Danbury, Conn. On the front of the medals is a boy and a girl carrying the Olympic torch and on the back is the Special Olympic logo. There are 1,906 gold medals, 1,209 silver and 1,255 bronze.

Each of the medals needed ribbon so they could be hung around the athlete's necks and that is where Ralph and Phyllis Hoffman came in. Mrs. Hoffman is an employee of the Balsam Schmidt Co. of Toledo Ohio, where she works part-time sewing fabric. (The company donated the ribbons for fourth through eighth place.)

The company asked Mrs. Hoffman if she would come to Brockport to sew the ribbon on the medals and she was "more than happy to go.

Mr. Hoffman is an employee of IBM in Toledo and he took his vacation time to join his wife here. Since last Monday the Hoffmans have been putting ribbons on more than 4,000 medals.

But before the ribbon could be sewed together it had to be cut in 22' lengths. The ribbon was sent to Mrs. Hoffman in 110 rolls, 36 yards each, and she protest cut the 22-inch lengths by hand before coming to Brockport.

Still, the Hoffmans have "loved every minute of it. It's great to be a part of the Special Olympics." The only regret the Hoffmans had is that they couldn't stay for the Games because Mr. Hoffman had to get back to work. But they will be watching when the Games are on TV and when there is an athlete wearing a medal, they will be able to say that they had something to do with it. "That," according to Mrs. Hoffman, "will be the best reward of all."
Phil Donahue joins boyish charm, hard questions
Talk-show host uses rare talent with down-to-earth sensitivity
By Pern O'Brien

Phil Donahue, television's daytime talk-show host, has "grabbed" America with his probing conversation and boyish charm.

His show does well on sensitive, always stimulating times that range from reincarnation to women's liberation.

Donahue listens. But more than that. Donahue will sit with the audience members, has always wanted to ask. On his show, no one ever has to pass without scrutiny. Yet he possesses the rare talent to probe without putting his guests on the defensive.

"Phil Donahue is simply the finest talk-show emcee in the business," says Gary Deeb, '74, critic for the "Chicago Tribune." His daily program reduces the Mervs and Mike and Steve Allen programs to radio and television parties.

"Donahue's show is but properly. It is no. in the Nielsen ratings in the nation's 55 largest cities in which it's syndicated. The syndication is in 49 of the nation's top markets. Each week, the Donahue viewers tune in to the show.

Donahue has been honored by the television industry; three years in a row with daytime Emmys. His success hasn't come over-night. Donahue began as a reporter for a number of small radio and TV stations. Over a decade ago he took over a Dayton talk show at WJLD-TV. The show came complete with all the crud that is usually decided to keep, making the audience's questions worse off than his hit.

What about the man behind the talk show host? Donahue on camera downtime suggests his down-to-earth sensibility is no pretense.

"We are all from some part of the world," explains a man who lives in the suburbs, drives a brown Chevy and has taste in clothing, described by a staff member, that is "strictly J.C. Penney."

Donahue is 41 years old, an Irish Catholic and a graduate of Notre Dame. He is a single parent raising four boys. He only daughter lives with his former wife.

"My boys sometimes tell me it's a pain in the neck to be the sons of a celebrity. They don't want their shot fired coming to their little league games and being all the attention," said Donahue.

But Donahue tries to keep it low profile when it comes to his children. "I hate to have my home pictured on "Good Morning America."

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The new game is - called new game

The new day brought on the "new games" clinic and new was a fitting description.

"The new game is much like conventional soccer except the ball is twice the size in circumference. The athletes have to move while in a sitting position so that their legs can be used to propel the ball.

The children were obviously confused at first. "It's kind of like lacrosse," said one boy. The kids were psyched and the grown overs more fascinating. Winning became more important.

Greg Amos, a 1997 graduate of the College at Brockport, is assistant recreation librarian here. Before coming to Brockport, he worked in government documents at the University at Buffalo. It became of interest in Special Olympics he said because "it's hard to be interested." Greg feels that most people have a "negative association associated with mental retardation" and think the public is ready to accept this.

Data compiler of the Special Olympics bibliography is Mike Rensel, who came to Brockport last November and is in charge of the bureau of Educational field services.

When the Special Olympics Olympiad is completed, it will be conducted to a sports competition under the heading of Special Olympics. The two men also considering submitting it to "Erica" is a social service bureau by the professor.

The basketball clinic had many small games going on, while many delegations played among themselves. There was one strange. Marvin Cunningham, an 11-year-old runner from Troy, Alabama. He displayed expert box shots and layups. He flashed the audience when the ball was hopped, he left and shot from the corner another great speed and placed running the 50-yard dash in fifth. He seems almost two dishes depending on what mood I'm in.

Don't everlicensed to Test City and everybody was looking for it. While the music played, many athletes added their voices to the songs and bongos and shakers. Aint they look at is as if they hadn't been successful.

David Cullin, a Florida resident, seemed to know every disc step known to man. He didn't want to be taking backwords, failing onto his hands and quickly getting back to the discy feet.

That was only the beginning of the day. Greg Amos added to the list and brought in a succession of various discs, steps, all the while backhooping to the hill.

Olympics volunteers: what makes them tick?
By Pern O'Brien

After the excitement of Special Olympics week is over, Mike Brown, Special Olympics research designer, will still be working on the games.

What will keep him working are his surveys and evaluations of the Special Olympics games. Mike is looking at the Brockport community's attitude toward the Olympics and the mentally retarded, he is trying to discover what Special Olympics volunteers are like, why they volunteer and similarities among them. He is also comparing other community's methods of conducting their own state and local olympic.

Mike designed three questions to gather this information. Survey questions for the Brockport community appeared in the "Tri-County Advertiser" on July 3rd in the "Championship Post" on August 8th. The questionnaire is 17 questions long and Mike urges Brockport community members to complete and return one as soon as possible.

The volunteer questionnaire was distributed to 2,5000 answerers at Sunday's rally.

A tremendous return of questionnaires - 40 out of 104 - have returned from those in charge of the Special Olympics games in each state.

In addition, Mike is compiling a bibliography of all Special Olympics materials in the New York state. The bibliography is being submitted to a computer making it easy accessible to other communities conducting Special Olympics games.

It is the first time these types of studies have been conducted. The information gathered is an invaluable tool in planning future games.

"It's a little early, at this point, to make any evaluations. The evaluation of the questionnaires should probably be finished by January, 1980 and the total study will be completed by June, 1980."
THE MEANING OF THE OLYMPICS

WINNING AN OLYMPIC AWARD MEANS MUCH MORE THAN JUST RUNNING FASTER OR JUMPING HIGHER THAN SOMEONE ELSE FOR ALMOST 3,000 YEARS. TO WIN AN OLYMPIC MEDAL MEANS THAT AN ATHLETE HAS OVERCOME SOMETHING GREATER THAN HIMSELF OR HERSELF.

AND WHO ARE SOME OF THESE GREAT CHAMPIONS? MAYBE YOU WILL RECOGNIZE SOME OF THEM. FROM OTHER COUNTRIES AROUND THE WORLD, THERE ARE DAVID HEMEYRI OF GREAT BRITAIN, KIP KEINO OF KENYA, JEAN-CLAUDE KILLY OF FRANCE, RICARDO DELGAUDO OF MEXICO, DJUROJICRA BADOVI OF YUGOSLAVIA AND BARBARA ANN SCOTT OF CANADA.

III. GREAT OLYMPIANS PAST and PRESENT

FROM THE U.S.A., JIM THORPE, OLYMPIC DECA THLON CHAMPION, AND PERHAPS THE GREATEST ATHLETE OF ALL TIME, WAS SO POOR THAT HE WALKED OVER 2,000 MILES TO SCHOOL IN PENNSYLVANIA. BUT HE WENT ON TO BECOME A CHAMPION, NOT ONLY IN THE OLYMPICS, BUT IN FOOTBALL AND BASEBALL TOO.

JESSE OWENS, ONE OF THE FASTEST OLYMPIC RUNNERS EVER, WON AN UNBELIEVABLE FOUR GOLD MEDALS IN TRACK AT THE 1936 GAMES IN BERLIN, GERMANY. YET BEFORE HE COULD PERFORM THIS AMAZING FEAT, HE HAD TO OVERCOME A BOYHOOD OF POVERTY AND ALSO THE RACIAL SLURS OF THE NAZIS WHO WERE IN POWER IN GERMANY AT THE TIME.

WILMA RUDOLPH WO RNO THIRD GOLD MEDAL AT THE 1960 GAMES IN ROMA. SHE WAS ONE OF THE MOST GRACEFUL, SKILLFUL RUNNERS IN THE WORLD. YET AT THE AGE OF EIGHT SHE STILL COULD NOT EVEN WALK BECAUSE OF THE CRIPPLING DISEASE POLIO.

"GLENN CUNNINGHAM, WORLD RECORD HOLDER IN THE MILER, WON AN OLYMPIC MEDAL IN THE 1500 METER RUN. AS A CHILD, HE HAD BEEN TERRIBLY BURNED ALL OVER HIS BODY AND THE DOCTOR'S SAID HE WOULD NEVER WALK AGAIN, BUT HE DID AND TRiumphed."

"RAFER JOHNSON WON THE MOST MEMORABLE AND HOTLY CONTESTED DECA THLON IN HISTORY IN 1960. THE SILVER MEDALLIST, C.K. YANG OF TAIWAN, LOST TO HIM BY ONLY A MATTER OF SECONDS IN THE 1500 METER RACE. YET C.K. YANG WAS RAFER JOHNSON'S BEST FRIEND."

"JOHNNY JOHNSON, OF TEXAS, WAS A MEMBER OF THE 400 METER RELAY TEAM WHICH WON ITS EVENT IN MONTREAL. TO JOHNNY, HIS OLYMPIC GOLD MEDAL WAS HIS PROUDEST POSSESSION, BUT HE GAVE IT TO TEXAS "SPECIAL OLYMPIANS" TO SHOW HOW MUCH HE CARED ABOUT SPECIAL OLYMPIANS EVERYWHERE."

"THOSE AND OTHERS LIKE BRUCE JENNIFER, DONNA DEHARON, JOHN HABER, DOROTHY HARWALL, AND JENNIFER CHANDLER, WHO ARE ALSO COACHES OF SPECIAL OLYMPICS, BECAUSE THEY ENDURED THE LONG, LONELY HOURS OF TRAINING, WE KNOW THAT YOU HAVE WORKED AND TRAINED HARD, TOO, AND WE SALUTE YOU FOR BEING, IN EVERY SENSE OF THE WORD, AN OLYMPIAN."
Opening inspires courageous spirit among athletes

By Steven Walker

Moments after lighting the Special Olympic Flame of Hope, Steve Farland of Brockport stood high and proud, flanked by Muhammad Ali and Paule Johnson.

The smile on the 16-year-old's face could not be explained by mere words. Yet, standing before 2,600 people—his smile meant hope. Hope that had arrived.

The opening ceremonies were a spectacle of color, flavored with the sounds of marching band music. The audience was treated to exhibitions by the "Wings of Blue" Air Force Academy Parachute Team and the U.S. Air Force Drill Team, among many others. WHEC-TV sportscaster, Rich Fosse served as master of ceremonies.

New York State Gov. Hugh Carey delivered the first address. He said, "The world belongs to those who make the effort." The governor extended a welcome to all and said Brockport and the State of New York were privileged to host the games.

Brockport College President Albert W. Brown spoke, thanking the thousands of people who help make Special Olympics a reality.

Eunice Kennedy Shriver's appearance at the podium prompted a prolonged response from the crowd.

She told the Olympic athletes and the audience that the meaning of these games can last in all of us for a lifetime. She then told athletes that they were being honored as equals by the large contingent of celebrities and those in the grandstands.

Mrs. Shriver noted that this was a great day for the parents of Special Olympians. She told the story of former Olympic gold medalist Johnny Jones, who donated his medal to the Texas Special Olympics recently, saying it was the greatest thing he could possibly give to the Olympics.

New York State Senator Daniel Patrick Moynihan stepped to the microphone and said simply, "Good luck."

Following the flame lighting, Sen. Edward Kennedy proclaimed the games officially open, while 3,000 balloons were released airborn.

The athletes themselves marched proudly, beaming with smiles. Some delegations sang, while others waved flags or other regalia which emphasized their origins.

They waved to the crowd and stopped often to shake hands and to pose for photographs.

But seen from the grandstands, it was the athletes, who covered the stadium floor in a blaze of color. They were the real stars.

Photos by Mike Nink

Cassius Marcellus Clay, Muhammad Ali's father in response to whether he can still whip his son, "I still take him over my knee and whip him once in a while - while he's asleep."
The one gets the old one, two

By Robert F. Miodoch

Mohammed Ali was in town, and before he had time to complete his leisurely stroll around the campus, he was mobbed by athletes, the press, and everybody else who happened to be around. Yes, Ali is not only a celebrity, he's a legend. While celebrities are crowded legends are mobbed. Legends must be treated as such.

All did not travel with his usual entourage. His group included his father, photographer, and a Special Olympics volunteer escort. First stop was the campus radio station where Ali taped an interview that included advice to college students and opinions on the state of the world. All spoke of everything from God to God's creation, from boxing to world peace. He was impassioned.

By Wednesday's end he would be seen throughout campus. All the stamps ceremony he was treated as a dignitary along with the Kennedy family, College President Albert W. Brown, and B. Sargent Shriver.

During his speech he told of his much needed rest which was passed up because of his spiritual body to attend the games. "It makes you happy knowing you make them happy," he said. "Service to others is the rent I pay for my room in heaven."

Afterward in a classroom Ali spoke of giving up boxing for his new challenge called WORLDS (World Organization for Rights, Liberty, and Dignity). It is his own and aims to bring people of all countries, religions, and colors to friendly terms. "There's no politics here. I want the Russian cab driver to be able to get along with the American cab driver."

Ali's boxing clinic Thursday turned out a large crowd. Athletes from several states were allowed inside the partitioned section equipped with a board punching bag. The bag was never hit.

All seemed meaness as he started screaming, "Who wants to fight me? Who wants to fight the three-time heavyweight champ?"

At the end of the clinic, Ali teased, "How about the big man. C'mon big man!"

The big man shined away. He sparred with several Olympians. All tried their best. Ali made it as real as possible thanks to his showmanship. All danced, jabbed and fell down. The kids loved it.

Tommy Oates, an 18-year-old poly hockey player was determined. He launched a furious body attack which "knocked" the champ down. He got up, feeling dizziness. Ali declined to continue. Oates jumped for joy, into his coach's arms. Today, he had beat the champ. Later it was big man's turn. No longer afraid, Ken Hillard, 21, a runner from Kenya, hit three precision punches and chased Ali around the ring without ropes. He too, secured a victory.

Ali's opponents had their arms raised in victory. Ali gave the day to them.

Paul Revere rides again

Buster Smith sports uniform out of the Revolutionary War

By Scott Higendorf

The Special Olympians are a revolutionary idea.

The man who coined the phrase was Buster Smith, a 60-year-old retiree who has been involved in the Special Olympics since the middle 60s.

Dressed in his Revolutionary War uniform, Buster led the British delegation into the opening ceremonies with his flag held high. The blue and gold flag read "The Special Olympians are a revolutionary idea."

I was a little skeptical about the word revolutionary. But when I looked up in the dictionary and found it meant change," Buster said. "I think change is a part of the Olympic challenge. People's attitudes about the handicapped as well as the self-image of the handicapped have changed over the years."

A lifelong resident of Mt. Pleasant, Mich., the site of the last International Special Olympics in 1968, Buster first became involved as a bugler:

"I wasn't too heavily involved. But I was at the International Games held at the Central Michigan University campus. "I was a bugler," he enthused, "I believe that physical contact is probably the best therapy for the kids."

A disabled veteran who served in the Navy during World War II, Buster believes being handicapped himself enables him to identify strongly with the kids.

Since the last International Special Olympics Buster and his Revolutionary War uniform have become an annual sight at the Michigan Special Olympics. Currently he is serving as an chaperone to the delegation from Great Britain.

Photos by Robert C. Rowe (top) and Scott Higendorf
Faces

Photos by Tim Hearsum
Sonny was born 46 years (too soon). His name was Adelbert Lennon but everybody called him Sonny. He lived in Watervliet, N.Y., across the Hudson River from Troy, and he had been dead for more than 56 years now. He never had the opportunity to compete in the Special Olympics. It had not been organized when he was alive. Sonny was mentally retarded, a mongrel, but he had good coordination. My uncle George and I sort of adopted him as a baseball player.

"Hi, Sonny. George," he used to say. My uncle lived with my grandmother in those years across the street from Sonny's house. Behind my grandmother's house was a big empty field. Almost every summer evening at twilight, my Uncle Al would pitch and my Uncle George would hit fly balls to Sonny and me out in the long grass of our outfield.

Sonny had his own glove and he would run and catch the fly balls that were hit near him.

Then our game was over, my uncle would go up to the ice-cream stand on the corner where double-dip cones were a nickel then. Some nights they would buy Sonny and me cones, but on special nights they would buy a quart of vanilla ice cream and a couple of big bottles of orange soda. And then we would go back to my grandmother's house and make our own orange ice cream soda.

Sonny never missed a night when my uncle George "hit one" and he never missed the ice cream either.

Looking back, Sonny had his own Special Olympics—an opportunity to compete against the limits of his coordination, an opportunity to enjoy a form of baseball with others, an opportunity to develop a sense of accomplishment.

In those years before the Special Olympics program was organized by the Kennedy Foundation, that was about all that Sonny had available. It's different now, of course. Now the Special Olympics program is all over the world. Now there is a fifth international Summer Special Olympics, with 2,906 Olympians, here at Brockport—a sports festival that Sonny Lennon would have cherished.

And if he had been born 40 years later, maybe Sonny would be here.

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**An Olympian View**

By Ray Speeding

New York State Olympian

"Truly athletes in the truest sense of the word." According to Ray Speeding, committee chairperson for wheelchair, this is the definition of all the entrants in the Olympics.

They all realize that competition is not stressed, but rather the joy of being there and having the opportunity to participate with other people in their age groups and in the many events offered.

Charles Wills of Jackson, Miss., is eager to finally meet his match after six months of hard work and working out three to five times a week. He is a state winner and is one of 44 athletes who have come from all across the United States. There will be no foreign
defectors in my wheelchair event because of expense for transportation and also due to the one-on-one basis which is essential to a wheelchair athlete.

The uniqueness of wheelchair athletes does not only lie in being mentally handicapped, but also physically unacclimated in one form or another. Most of these Olympians suffer from Cerebral Palsy and some have only one limb or no sense of arms, and/or legs.

The track is made of a softer material than the participants are used to, so times will be slower than in practice. One way or the other, they will all go home winners.

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**Olympic Noteboard**

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**Menu for Sunday**

Breakfast: Wheatena cereal with raisins, toast with jelly, orange juice, milk, coffee, tea, ice

Lunch: Roast turkey, whipped potatoes, Brussels sprouts, turkey gravy, tossed salad, dinner rolls, victory cake, milk, coffee, tea, ice

Dinner: HRBC and Brooklyn bagels, 5:30 p.m. — 8:30 p.m. — 10:30 p.m. — 10:30 p.m. — 10:30 p.m. — 10:30 p.m. — 10:30 p.m.

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By Mike Mink
Coach says 'Good job' in competition

By Fran Farrell

"Over here...kick it, get it...All right...Another goal for Pennsylvania. You're doing a good job," coach Jack Zeman told Bettez and others. "Everyone's doing a good job." In the end, the Evergreens were with a final score of 16-0.

Bronze medals went to the California team, Cadet Brent Brandon, U.S. Air Force Academy, presented the medals with shaved heads and smiles.

Silver medals went to the high-powered kickers from Pennsylvania coached by Phil Mann.

Gold medals went to the El Salvador team. Two members Jose A. Peralta and Marco Gonzalez, were among the youngest here at the Olympics.

In Division 2, Michigan and Ohio played their final game. Ohio was named as they got their medals. After saying "Chris Marcheski," "A voice was heard" and "We got it right. We got it right."

The prizes gold medals went to Ohio. The Arrows, led by Robert and Mike Warren, on the field. The announcer read each player's name as they got their medals. After saying "Chris Marcheski," "A voice was heard" and "We got it right."

It was Chris, just reminding us of the Olympic spirit.

What's the score now?

By Sue Eckert

So, now that the Special Olympics are over, what does it all mean? What does impact it made on the athletes, the community, the area? It's hard to say what all the effects will be the soon after the Games, but some of them are evident already.

All it takes is a walk around the campus to see happy the athletes have been this week. What kind of time have they had? "Beautiful...great," said Bill Spears, a silver medalist in the 1,500. "Been from St. Paul.

"I'm not Jack and Laura Garske, also from St. Paul, said they met "lots of kids" from other places, including foreign countries. "The Games are bigger than I thought," said Jack, who has attended state meets before. Like Bill, he won a silver medal in the 1,500 meter. Three Minnesota students participated in running events.

With about 3,300 athletes and more than 6,000 volunteers, the 1979 Special Olympics were big, all right. Too big for Brockport to handle? Some said so before the Games began.

But, to the Brockport impact in the community was an unexpected kind. There were no monstrous traffic jams, no mobs of shoppers.

"It's really been an enriching experience," said Burt Buley, owner of Brockport's Card and Candle Shoppe. "I guess I didn't know what to expect, but we've been very busy, and it's been fun. I've met the most wonderful people...parents, bold medal winners, people from the delegations.

It makes you feel differently about things in a way and about the people who come here. It's nice to think about those T-shirts with 'Brockport' on them going all over the world."

Good organization has been the key to Brockport's success. But this success has no price. For people like Tom Nagert, associate games director, the price has been never seeing any of the events since the opening ceremonies.

"I'm looking forward to seeing it on 'Wide World of Sports,'" said Nagert, who with other operations center workers, has been living 18-hour days this week.

He said it was prepared to work through the Games, and has found that things actually were more smoothly than anticipated. "We were prepared for big transportation problems Thursday night, but they just didn't happen," he said. "We were prepared for last-minute demands, and built a mechanism we never had to use.

Nagert said the lack of emergency situations showed how well each volunteer committee had done its work. The Special Olympics has had a personal impact, he said, in that "I wasn't a believer in volunteers, but being right here next to them and watching them work—it's fantastic. I haven't seen one I could say I wished didn't want them. The attitude of volunteers showed on the outside, too. Ken Melich, a cameraman for WXXI-TV, Rochester's public broadcasting station, said, "In Public TV, we work a lot of volunteer. But I've never seen anything like this, where volunteers are doing almost everything. It's really impressive."

What will be the long-term impact of the Games? It's hard to say. Some people have said they don't understand how the Special Olympics help the Olympics. No one who attended could leave still wondering about that. Perhaps this unique event will help the local authorities about a planned community for the mentally handicapped.

Hope springs high

Susan St. James appears with the Hi-Hopes Handicapped Band at last night's

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Stars shine on athletes

By Ellen Reifenhizer and Berette Valenz

"Let's Dance," shouted Karen Ziljartten, author of "The Complete Guide to Disco Dancing," as the athletes rose to thePIPE DONATE to the variety show to close the show. The athletes hosted by TV host Phil Donahue, and actress Susan St. James.

While waiting for the show to begin, athletes excitedly rushed to the celebration to the sound of music and their"
Even celebrities are winners at Games

Schwarzenegger feels destined for greatness

By Furr O'Brien

"I knew I was a winner. I knew I was destined for great things. So destiny is not a word that applies to me in any way, I guess it's a matter of my own ability." The 23-year-old Australian-born bodybuilder, "the best bodybuilder in the world," is one of some 30 celebrities at the Fifth Annual Summer Special Olympics. Schwarzenegger is 6'2" and, when in top form, weighs 235 pounds and measures arm: 22", chest: 57", waist: 34", thighs: 43", and calves: 26. "I've retired from bodybuilding," Schwarzenegger says. "But I haven't quit. I have only stepped out of it and that's why I've become a caroler...whatever else I do I want to avoid be a kind of ambassador, a preacher for bodybuilding." And he has been just that this week in Brockport.

Village shows support in words, good deeds

By Hilary Annis Neuman

One of Brockport's many efforts to see the Special Olympics through is the various decorative signs and posters which adorn not only public buildings but also private homes.

Among several places where artistic works are conspicuously displayed are the grocery stores, farm markets, streets, driveways and major entry and exits points of local restaurants. These displays of the community and involvement can be

Hush puppy?

Introducing...Lollie, the Official Canine Mascot of the 1978 International Games, with competitors Bill Bushnell and Bobbi Shive of New Jersey. Lollie is 1½ years old and belongs to Jim Miller of ABC Wide World of Sports.
"SPECIAL OLYMPICS WAS BORN IN CHICAGO'S SOLDIER FIELD IN THE SUMMER OF 1968. NOW, MORE THAN ONE MILLION ATHLETES FROM OVER 100 COUNTRIES OF THE WORLD TAKE PART IN MEETS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR, AND EVERY FOUR YEARS INTERNATIONAL SPECIAL OLYMPICS GAMES TAKE PLACE JUST LIKE THOSE IN GREECE ALMOST 3000 YEARS AGO.

LIKE THE OLYMPICS, SPECIAL OLYMPICS HAS ITS INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONS AND RECORD HOLDERS. SPECIAL OLYMPIAN ELIZABETH BIVENS WOULD HAVE EASILY WON THE 1500 METER RACE IN THE FIRST MODERN OLYMPICS IN 1896. OLYMPIC EVEREST WOULD HAVE WON THE 100 METER RACE IN 1952, AND RICH FOWLER WOULD HAVE WON THE HIGH JUMP IN 1904.

NO OLYMPIC ATHLETE HAS SHOWN MORE COURAGE THAN SPECIAL OLYMPIAN, MIKE BLAKER WHO, THOUGH BORN WITH ONLY ONE LEG, WON THE GOLD MEDAL IN GYMNASTICS."

"NO OLYMPIC SWIMMER HAS HAD TO OVERCOME GREATER HANDICAPS THAN JANET SILVANO WHO WON HER RACE THOUGH AMPUTATED IN BOTH LEGS. ONE TEAM PERFORMANCE CAN COMPARE IN SPORTSMANSHIP AND GRACE TO THE ILLINOIS BASKETBALL TEAM IN 1972, WHICH PLAYED AN ENTIRE GAME WITHOUT A SINGLE PERSONAL FOUL, OR THE CANADIAN FLOOR HOCKEY TEAM IN 1975 WHICH WON A CLOSELY CONTESTED 1-0 GAME IN THE FINAL SECONDS AND THEN CHEERED THE LOSERS."
Who says our world is upside down?

Sponsor an Athlete
Brockport library
staff supports
Arkansas Olympian

By Alan Hynes

When the mother of David Waddington saw a banner heralding David’s arrival, sponsored by the Drake Memorial Library, she “just couldn’t believe it.”

David couldn’t believe he had won a gold medal, either.

He is one of the many Special Olympians who are here because of the Sponsor an Athlete Program. The contributions donated by interested individuals help many attend the Games in Brockport.

His family, including his wife, Freida, and his family, have no objections. David, the youngest of three sons, has an opera brace with cerebral palsy and retardation.

Since then, David has been through several operations. Now he is working with a therapist and physical therapists in an effort to overcome his disabilities.

He was able to work on his brace, and sow scissors and a screwdriver.

David felt “pretty good,” after he had won the gold medal in the 100-meter breaststroke. Although the approach to Special Olympics is achieving, and not whether you win or lose, the truest sense of the Waddingtons showed their joy in David’s victory. “We have lost so many disappointments, and this is such a success,” his mother said.

David, 23, has been swimming since he was 8. According to one of his teachers, he had always been very slowly. The first year did not accomplish much, but David kept trying. “I’m not perfect yet,” he said. His determination was always aimed at his goals. His mother said, “He never tried to please himself. He’s always tried to please his family.”

David had a gold medal around him. He said, “I never had a medal in other swimming. I’ve been working on it.”

And the highlight of David’s visit was, as he said, “Marooned McCardle” (of the “Reds’ Beach”). TV Show helped me out the pool yesterday.

Every Olympian a winner at Thursday carnival

By Cathy Comes, and Linda Hayes

On a hot afternoon, a challenge, 30 game booths, and lots of smiling faces - put them all together and you have the annual carnival.

After a spectacular opening ceremony complete with parachutists and celebrities, the enthusiastic Special Olympics were invited to attend a carnival with their chaperones.

Every Olympics who played a game at Thursday night’s carnival walked away with a prize. Prizes included posters, stuffed animals, jewelry, key chains, and plastic toys.

According to Roger DeYoung, president of Fair Services, the organizers who provided the games for the carnival, there was little worth of prizes.

Fair Services, a local group, funded the Olympics planning committee and its equipment and uniforms on charge. Each athlete received five complimentary tickets for the games and several volunteers manned the booths.

Milers go the distance for the hope of gold

By Scott Allender

The distance runner trains long and hard, doing most of his work alone.

Two young athletes from New York State, Tom Shoe and Paul Bredlack are examples of the runner’s commitment.

Tom Shoe is an 18-year-old native of Cooperstown, N.Y., and has been a Special Olympian for 10 years. The Brockport games are the third time he has been in international competition.

Tom trains every day, running through the streets of Cooperstown. After his workouts, it’s time to play baseball, a lifelong passion for a young man growing up in the town where baseball is layered.

In fact, a family friend has given him a gold medal for his service to the physical education director at the Upstate Home for Children in Oneonta, N.Y.

In 1977, after finishing his next International Special Olympics to be held in Brockport, 29-year-old Paul Bredlock said, “That is my goal.”

Two years of training and the help of his high school track coach, Jim Hugh, enabled the young athlete from Carroll, N.Y., to reach his goal.

He was a real workhorse, "I think Hugh, "I really meant to practice to get it, but the next day I was back for more.

The training paid off for Paul, he won a gold medal in the 200-yard race and finished a close fourth in the mile run.
The Best Award

...A big Hug

From the more than 4,000 volunteers who have played a most important role in helping to stage the Special Olympic Games, one group has been receiving a great deal of attention. They are known as the "huggers." The job of a "hugger" is to simply greet and give a warm hug to the athletes as they finish a competition. There are more than 100 "huggers" and they are mostly from Brockport and the surrounding area.

Flying hockey pucks are food for Greene Machine

The story of the Olympians at the Special Olympics can be summarized in the courage of David Green of Kalamazoo, Mich.

"Greene," as he is called by his teammates and coaches, plays goalie for Michigan's Floor Hockey team.

If you have ever watched a hockey game, you have to wonder why anyone would try to block a puck shot at you from five feet away. Forget the fact that the puck is softer and has a hole in the middle.

Playing goalie takes guts. David Green, playing in his first international Special Olympics, has more guts than most people with no handicap at all.

During the game, "Greene" cut down the angles, reached down to scoop up the puck when it got too close, and even knocked down several hard shots from point blank range.

"Greene" raised his stick and smiled after each Michigan goal. Though he wore a big white mask to protect his face, you could tell David Green was smiling just the same.

In the stands behind the Michigan goal, a screaming confidant of 28 or so Michigan players, coaches and volunteers chanted "Greene, Greene" every time he made a move.

"We allow him "beamed Michigan coach Becky Keeler. "He never has played goalie before, although he has been involved in Special Olympics for many years."

Keeler has only been involved in Special Olympics for one year, but said that "since I've gotten involved, it's meant everything to me."

Michigan defeated California in a closely fought, action packed game by a score of 6-2.

The score, however, was only a small part of the story. As David Greene and his teammates raised their fists in triumph and left the floor, they knew they had loved every minute of the game.
(Final) Adventure Day

Adventure on the Niagara Frontier is a phrase with enough suspense to stir the hearts of the most sedate traveler. Special Olympians have had their share of adventure during the past four days. The Adventure Day trip to Niagara Falls and Fort Niagara provides a fitting cap on the experience of the 1979 Games.

It is to be a long day—beginning with a 6 a.m. breakfast followed by a three-hour ride to the Falls. As the long line of 128 Golden Arrow Buses string out along the New York State Thruway, the view should resemble a dotted ribbon of gold from the New York State police interceptor, which will watch over the convoy from the air.

Prospect Point and Goat Island will be the first stop where the Olympians will view one of the seven Wonders of the World. From 83 feet above the Niagara River, they will watch the 12 million cubic feet of water pass over the Falls edge every minute.

At Fort Niagara, the athletes and their chaperones will lunch under two tents beside the fort. The historic landmark is located on a hill overlooking the point where the Niagara River empties into Lake Ontario. After the fort tour, it’s back to Brockport, a three-hour Adventure Day to add to the memories of the Fifth International Special Olympics Games.
Tour guides dressed in period uniforms

Tour guide demonstrating rifle shooting

View of Ft. Niagara
The Paradox of Sport

By Warren Feidigh  
Professor, College at Brockport

Sport, like multicultural jewels, presents many appealing surfaces which attract us by glittering facies and pleasing colors. People in TV may focus on the emerald green burst of the economic value of sport in the sale of advertising. Health devotees may see the ruby red glow of sport in stimulating cardiac-specialist endurance. College and nations approve of the sapphire blue aura of the victory of sports publicly illustrating supposed institutional or political superiority.

In contrast to these things for which we employ sport is a value which is freely given when we engage in sport. This value is paradoxical in that we do not seek it but if it is there, we do not often speak of it, not in terms of accuracy. It is an intrinsic value available to all sports participants—whether they are special Olympians, regular Olympians, pipe volleyballers, professional athletes or even bowling retirees. This paradoxical value is sought by men, women, and understood, comes about in ways which are paradoxical. The first paradox is that we freely choose to engage in activities like sport and art, which are not necessary for food, clothing, or shelter—freely choose to do so. The second paradox is that the rules of sport provide freedom to perform skills to the best of our ability, to focus our complete energies on a task we do not have to do.

An Olympian View

By Sarah Miller Waits

You do not hear much about Enrico Kennedy Shriver. That is, not saying he does not talk much about his abilities. And she especially does things for other people. Because she concentrates on others more than on herself, there are many things we do not know about Mrs. Shriver. Like the fact that she was named for her mother's younger sister who was ill with tuberculosis. Like the things she did for her special sister, Rosemary.

Their mother, Rose Fitzgerald Kennedy, wrote about how Enrico would take Rosemary along. Shriver was quite good at racing and could hold his own against the drivers. An he'd take Rosemary. It was Enrico, in fact, who reduced how good Rosemary was at swimming and encouraged this ability.

Mrs. Shriver encouraged other athletic activities for the mentally retarded. This led to the Special Olympics.

Bar that it all Mrs. Shriver looks back. She encouraged her brother, John, when he was President to form a President's Panel on Mental Retardation to study the problems and needs of the retarded. She also helped her husband, R. Sargent Shriver, in his presidential pursuits and work with the Peace Corps.

She just does. And in watching these Special Olympians in action, that the people who do not the people who sit around and cry or complain or just talk are the ones who make things happen. Like the Special Olympics.

Closing ceremonies not at end

By Ellen Sorber

“Athletes, enthusiastic volunteers, the fifth International Special Olympics Games are over.” With these words the moving closing ceremonies were under way.

Prior to the official start of the ceremonies athletes and their chauffeurs representing 28 foreign countries and all 50 states assembled on the field. They joined hands and formed a circle around the eighteen-story clock. Some delegations carried special banners, flags and placards. Others shouted “We’re #1.” As the ceremonies were about to begin a chauffeur and chosen athletes from each delegation marched to the center of the field, passed names, and formed another large circle.

Following opening remarks from Mayor James Aull of Mayer of Brockport, everyone was asked to join in the singing of “It’s a Small World.”

Upon the suggestion of Wisconsin chapter director, Jacqueline Kennedy, a new tradition for the Special Olympics was established tonight. An athlete from each delegation was asked to place a moment of the Games from (see picture). The moment was chosen by all of the members of the delegation.

For the athletes and their chauffeurs, it was on to the Victory banquet and dance and a triumphant evening. Although the Games were officially ended, the memories of the Special Olympics would remain in the minds of everyone involved.