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Communities Take Note: Help Children Swim

Congratulations are in order to Mr. Roush and Mr. Leeper for their community's effort in teaching youngsters to swim. As a college swimming coach and instructor, I can only stress how very very important it

is to teach children to swim. Not only are they ready physically, but also their fears can be handled more easily and with greater degrees of success. All communities please take note!

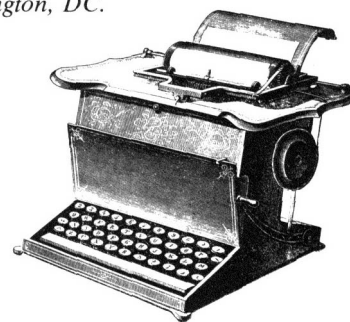
—Bob Edens, swim coach, Greensboro College, Greensboro, NC 27420.

Quality Leadership Not a Women's Issue

Ms. Sisley in her article "Women in Administration: A Quest for Quality Leadership" (*Journal*, April 1981) expresses concern over the behavior of women administrators. Using adjectives such as *ruthless, aggressive, and quick to act* she attributes the motive of career advancement to them. While she admits that their role models have been men, I didn't read a thing, hard as I looked, about the need for male administrators to change their behavior to improve the quality of *their* leadership. Could it be that Ms. Sisley has been criticizing the wrong people? Do I detect a double standard of acceptable behavior? If not, she should have labeled her essay "Administration: A Quest for Quality Leadership."

The women administrators *are* paving new paths, and they need our support. If indeed their role models are behaving unacceptably let's say it and strive for quality leadership for all. If they are not, let's not discriminate! And *please*, let's be careful not to label strong women as aggressive and strong men as leaders.

—Ellen Boten Widoff, former director, Department of Physical Education, Joseph P. Kennedy Jr. Institute, Washington, DC.



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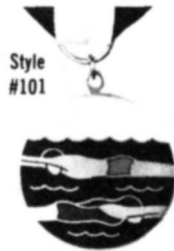
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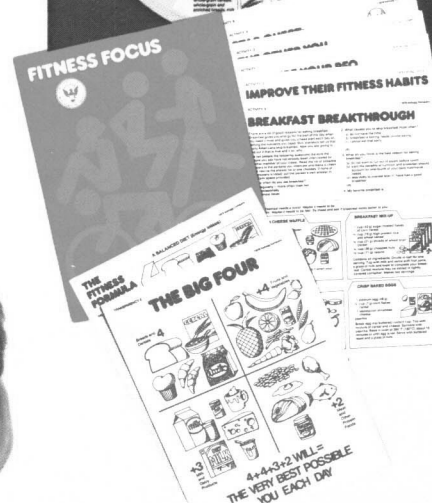
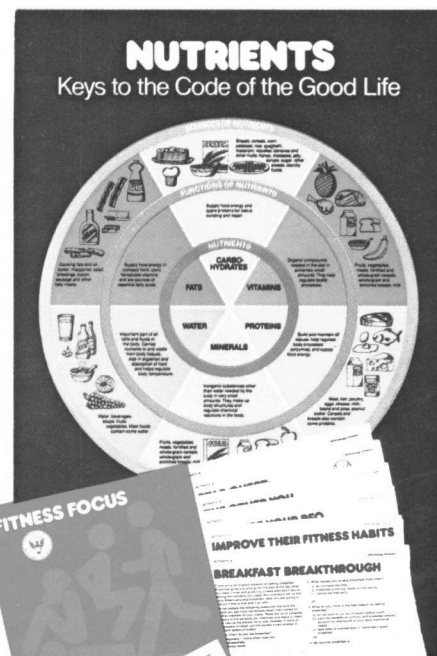
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