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Athletic Director and Search Committee
Athletic Office
Plum High School
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Dear Mr. Alpino, Search Committee and School Officials,

Please consider this letter, resume and associated information as an application for the open position of Swim Coach for the high school swimming teams.

I am excited about the possibilities of becoming a member of the Athletic Department. I believe my qualifications and goals match the position. Mostly, I'm interested in coaching a wide range of students in terms of ages and abilities in a long-term setting.

I coached Plum in the past. We had great success. I've coached against Plum recently. I know the potential, the challenges and how to make the program into one of the best in the world.

If the administrators, community and district want a special setting for swimming, aquatics and acadmenics, among an overall program, then I can deliver excitement to the student-athletes and the greater community. I have every intention of building upon what has been happening and then going much further. I look forward to talking with you about such plans and my overall vision. An extensive suite of information that highlights and details many of the opportunities and goals from my perspectives can be shared as you desire.

Thanks for your consideration.

Sincerely Yours,

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Objectives:

To coach swimming in the Pittsburgh area, on a long-term basis, in a setting that will allow me to put into practice the experience, relationships, methods and theories I've developed and covered in writing and publishing activities.

To establish and direct not-for-profit, community outreach programs. These efforts could take the form of a scholastic/academic press and aquatics network. The community-building endeavor could enjoy an affiliation with an existing institution.

Activities would
generate revenue,
host on-going projects,
make significant contributions to the educational mission of students,
employ, train and mentor and
impact society in terms of
literacy, fitness, sports participation technology adoption, and excellence in achievement.

Present Roles:

- Assistant Swim Coach, Carlynton Swim Club
- At home parent
- Community activist
 - Ballot candidate for PA Senate, 42nd district, May, 2005
 - Ballot candidate for Mayor, City of Pittsburgh, 2001
- Volunteer Coaching: Green Tree Swim Team (summers) and various rec leagues
- Webmaster and high-tech advocate
 - CLOH.Org, Rauterkus.com, Platform.For-Pgh.org

Formal Education:

- Baylor University, Waco, Texas, 1982-1983. Graduate Teaching Assistant in the Physical Education Department at the Masters Level.
- Ohio University, School of Journalism at Athens, Ohio, 1978-1982. Graduate with B.S.J.
- Penn Hills Senior High School, 1977 graduate

Swim Coaching Positions:

Head Coach:

Fox Chapel Area High School October 2003 to January 2004 -- *transitional season*
Plum High School, 1991-1992, and 1992-93 seasons
Canon Mac High School, 1999 pre-season only
New Trier Swim Club, Illinois, 1987-1988
Bradley University, 1987
Peoria Area Water Wizards 1983-1987
Athens Swim Club, 1978-1982
Head Coach/First Coach, Eastmont Summer Team, 1976, 1977

Assistant Coach:

Green Tree, summer 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005
Carlynton Swim Club, winter seasons, 2004-05 to present.
TRA, summer 1999 winter 2000 (volunteer)
USC, fall 1998 (volunteer)
Evanston Wildkit, 1989
Baylor University, 1982-1983
Ohio University Men's Varsity Team, 1978-1982
Harvard University/Bernal's Gators, 1980
Greater Pittsburgh Swim Club, 1977-1978

Program Director for Swimming:

City of Waco, 1983
Carnegie Library of Homestead, 2002 summer

Illinois All-Star Teams:

Coach at Quad Meet in Indianapolis, 1987
Zone Coach at Minnesota in 1988
Zone Administrator in Wyoming in 1989

Aquatic Management Positions:

Lifeguard/Head Guard, Eastmont Swim Club, two summers
Pool Manager/Lifeguard at Hospitality Inn, one year
Lifeguard, Athens City Pool, two summers
Lifeguard/Manager/Instructor at Harvard University's Blodgett Pool, one summer
Pool Manager at Baylor University's outdoor pool, one summer
Pool Manager at Central Park Pool in Peoria Illinois, three years

Personal and Professional References:

A list, if not attached, can be provided.

Professional Education and Certification:

Certified Aquatic Manager, 2002

Certified Pool Operator, 2002

American Red Cross Water Safety Instructor, 2002

American Red Cross Lifeguard Training and First Aid, 2002

American Red Cross CPR for the Professional Rescuer, 2002, 2004

American Swim Coaches Association Level 3 Certified and attendee of more than 20 swim coaching seminars including a one-week coaches college hosted by USA Swimming at the Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs.

Speaker at the Northern California Coaches Clinic in Napa, January 1992.

Swim Coaching Highlights:

Developed a team of 200 swimmers in Peoria, Illinois that won the Sportsmanship Award two consecutive years, placed swimmers at national meets, set new state records in multiple individual and relay events, and claimed second place in the state junior and senior championships. At Zones in Minnesota, four PAWW swimmers in various age groups captured individual gold medals.

At Bradley University, rushed to the call to become Interim Head Coach to replace veteran coach, Jim Spinks, as he recovered from a massive stroke at the season's outset. The team rallied throughout the season. BU swam against Iowa, Notre Dame, Northern Illinois, etc. Every swimmer but one accomplished lifetime personal best times at the Mid West Independent Championships. Bradley retained its fourth place team ranking. Individual swimmers (Mike Murray and Bjorn Anderson) finished 1st and 2nd in the 200 fly, 1:51 on the meets final day.

At Ohio University, gladly worked for four seasons under a master coach, Fletcher Gilders. Handled all in-season recruiting and assisted with every team functions from Florida training trips to building the team's dry-land equipment. In this period, OU advanced in the 10-team Mid-American Conference Championship Meet from 8th to 6th, to 3rd and 3rd.

In back-to-back seasons, led the girls squad at Plum High School to its highest ever team performance, 2nd place, at the WPIAL Championships. Plum's 400-free relay finished in first place both seasons, earning All-American honors and setting a time of 3:35.66 (1993).

Coached Plum senior, Jim Rumbaugh, to two WPIAL records and the PIAA record in the 200 IM (1:52.85). Jim's Jr. National swims, as hoped, bettered his PIAA times. He later became a captain at Tennessee and swam a leg in a medley relay that broke an American record.

Athens Swim Club swimmers often claimed high-point awards at the Ohio AA Championships. In one meet, ASC swimmers won three out of the six age groups high point awards: 10-under boys, 10-under girls and 11-12 boys with Ted Steiner, 11-12, named swimmer of the meet. For five consecutive years, at least one ASC swimmer was the high point winner at the state championship meet. The ASC 10-under relays set pool records in Cinci Marlin's pool. As these younger stars matured, a few later joined the local college squad, O.U., helping to win multiple conference championships.

Coached the Fox Chapel HS boys and girls teams to increased success in a transitional season after the departure of a long-time Varsity and Club coach. Hired great assistants who then transitioned in additional years after a total staff departure. Provided radical change for dysfunctional elements within the program to assure better operations in the future seasons.

Coached my own children (ages 10 and 7) within a winter swim club along with three other adult coaches. Mike, Bonnie, Beckey and myself were mature, reasoned, and inspired coaches with the community team in a new league and all of the coaches had their own children as swimmers on the team. The team offers a stable framework for personal growth with normal relationships and the children became energized with the sport.

Community Involvement, Public Participation Projects

Civic Contributions

Board member: Market House Childrens Athletic Assn. 2002 - present;

Task Force and Booster, Duquesne Heights Community Center, 2003.

Participant and founding member of a congregational based social action organization, Pittsburgh Interfaith Impact Network. The youth-recreation task force was a prime concern of a 2-20-03 public event.

Calculated and expressed opinions formulated through dealings with a wide range of organizations. Concerned involvement and alternative solutions to points of interest range from development to transportation and tax policies.

Presented various ideas to the Urban Retail Properties, Golden Triangle CDC, and others for integrating various recreational facilities into the program in the Fifth and Forbes debate. Riverlife Task Force, Save Our Stadium (Pitt), Civic Arena preservation, open access to UPMC's South Side Football Compound.

Some advocate issues and networks concern mass transit, Maglev, light-rail extension, Mon-Valley Toll Road, Ultra Violet Loop and cycling.

Experiences and perspectives flow among policy concerns including land-value tax, eminent domain, TIFs, candidate and referendum recruitment.

Educational Activist

Active Participant at Phillips Elementary School in the PTO, the School and Community Council and a Key Communicator.

Member of Steering Committees for Pittsburgh Public Schools. One task force helped to guide Take-Your-Father-To-School. Another created the Parents Educational Resource Centers (PERCs). Five opened in Jan 2003.

Steering Committee for Fatherhood Forums for the National Fatherhood Initiative of Greater Pittsburgh.

Wireless Neighborhoods participant, 2003.

Founder of the Youth Technology Summit and organizer for the Idea Sessions, started

Speaking / Theater

Board Member, Whiskey Rebellion Toastmasters, 2000 to 2003.

Presenter at the Stay-At-Home Dads Annual Convention, Chicago, November 2000.

Writer and actor for the television show, *The Art Of News*, as part of PCTV 21 (Pgh Community TV).

Directed children's activities at the Shadyside Arts Festival, August 2001

Performed "Human Chess" at Ground Zero's Downtown Making a Scene, October 2001

Speaker, Political Mass at the Rex in South Side, October 2002

Studio Guest, Monday Talk, Talk, September 2003.

Activist for Democratic Process

Hosted a 9-11-03 Community Unity event with presenters and music.

Organized and moderated candidate debates with NewColonist.Com for the general election, 2001.

Organized and moderated debates for School Board elections, 2001 primary, for Phillips PTO and community.

Site host for Deliberate.Com and eVote from June 2001 to present.

Participant at CMU's e-democracy event, spring 2003, and Community Connections site.

Sports Consultant for a masterplan proposal for the North Shore

Masterplan (www.GoldenCathedral.com) includes a sports complex, public fields, and sports venues integrated within the buildings throughout the water's-edge neighborhood. The alternative masterplan puts sports venues in the base of many buildings. An amphitheater with a cable structure is adjacent to the Cathedral. The ground plane is all astroturf for use for various recreational events and pregame rallies.

Political Activist

- Ballot candidate for Pennsylvania Senate, Special Election, May 17, 2005.

- Ballot candidate for Mayor, City of Pittsburgh, Primary Election, May 15, 2001.

Attended hundreds of community meetings, appeared in debates, released ebooks, and sites to public domain.

- Webmaster for Mayor Candidate, James Carmine, Ph.D., General Election, November 2001.

Carmine2001.com operated from June 2001 to December 2001.

- Member of Pittsburgh's GOP Committee, (May 2001 to present) 3rd District Committee, (Dec. 2000 to 2004).

- Boardmember, Libertarian Party of Allegheny County, (2004 to present)