

Bike riding, jogging and swimming are the many ways you can keep in shape this summer. If you prefer skating, roll along with Nikki, 7, a student at Dilworth liementary School (Post Photo by Lori Grier)

Theelchair Athletes Finally Receiving **Deserved Recognition**

By Karen Parker -Post Staff Writer According to Joe Russel, wheelchair athletics are finally getting the recognition they deserve.

The paraplegic who has been disabled for seven years following a car accident, stated he is pleased that he has been able to spend the past four years competitions. Russel has gained as much acclaim as the sport itself. He is a former basketball player and presently is playing for the Winston-Salem Triads basketball team.

In 1981, Russel placed hird in the featherweight division when he pushed 245 pounds at the National Wheelchair Games. On April 29 he set a record at the Southern States Regional by pushing 280 pounds weighing in at 123 chievements occurred at Tuscaloosa, AL, where he attended the Dixie Regional Featherweight Event. Again Russel set another record. This time he scratched a record of 265 pounds by pushing 275.

The gold medals and plaques symbolize one of Russel's greatest honors- sense of confidence and to once again qualify for determination, it's apthe National Wheelchair Games. During June 15-19, he will spend time in Honolulu, Hawaii, with nine other Charlotte competiters as they vie for va- compete with athletes rjous titles against other around the world.

teams in the United States. Besides weightlifting, Rus-sel will also participate in table tennis. He holds the record in this sport at the Dixie and Southern State Regionals.

Russel is confident his performance in the national competition will qualify him for the 1983 World Games. "Right now I work participating in wheelchair out at World's Gym where Roger McWorter is my trainer," Russel commented. He also trains at home on personal equipment and for the Carolina Tarwheels gets in some training while and presently is playing for he is instructing other disabled people at Central Piedmont Community College in physical fitness, Russel teaches assistance exercises at CPCC every Tuesday and Thursday, 5:30-6:45 p.m.

Russel describes himself as a "serious athlete." One of his objectives is to encourage more Blacks to pounds. One of his latest become involved in wheelchair sports, "I'm the only black in the Charlotte Wheelchair Athletic Association, and it gets lonely sometimes," he confessed. He also admitted "prejudiceness doesn't stop because a person is in a wheelchair."

However, exemplifying a parent Russel might even excel to become a member of the U.S. team in 1984 for the Paraolympics. If so, he will be fulfilling a dream to

Poison Ivey's Spreading

This native plant pest has been spreading rampantly, much to the distress of susceptible people; there are very few who are truly immune

+Poison ivy is not an ivy at all, although it is capable of attaching itself to posts, walls and trees and climbing to great heights. It ngs to the sumac family and like its cousins, tson oak and poison mac, contains in all its arts a sticky resin caable of creating irritation. Gardeners frequently may develop rashes from ontact with poison ivy

roots not otherwise visible. Smoke from burning of these plants can also be a source of very severe irri-

While some people claim to be so sensitive that they develop a rash and itch. without ever touching polson ivy, the likelihood is that they have, in fact, made a secondary contact with pets, work clothes or shoes that have touched the ant and contain the toxic sin. The resin remains months, and dead ts can produce irritaon for a year or more.

There are many rees for the itching and of poison lvy includne uncertain or ones long honored e: smearing the wers, leaves or el weed on the in, or the apsap from a era, a com-A paste of a can re-

or more recently containing cortisone derivatives, are found in the drugstores. Those excessively sensitive may require immunization through injections available from their physicians.

The most important aspect of poison ivy control is to prevent its establishment in the garden or at the edges of driveways and roads. There are effective weed-killer sprays sometimes requiring two ap-plications a week apart for vigorous plants. Care in application is necessary to avoid killing desirable plants nearby.

Pulling up the poison ivy plants also is a good method but requires extreme care to avoid contact with any part of the plant by using heavy gloves and long-sleeved garments. long-sleeved garments. Thorough washing with warm soapy water after

such work is advisable.

Many people have learned to recognize the poison ivy plant from its characteristic compound leaf containing three leaf-lets and to differentiate it from the harmless Virginia creeper, which resembles it but contains five leaflets. It is a good plan to know the plant in all sea-sons and in all its forms, including the rough brown, rope-like vines growing to the tree-tops locally.

The N.C. Botanical Garden maintains some la-beled poison ivy plants on the nature trails and in the Coastal Plain habitat so that visitors may be able to learn to identify themand poison oak and poison umac as well-at different times of the year.



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