## Ice Skating Historical Notes: FWC Featured on Ice By Evelyn A. Port, Historian FWC Newsletter Spring 2003

On a cold winter's day, January 12th, 1969, the Faculty Women's Club Skating Section made the feature page in the Ann Arbor News, which included some of these photographs.

Skating members took to the ice at the Coliseum, the UM ice rink, which was reserved for them two mornings a week. The beginners started with trepidation as well as excitement leaving the safe haven of the sideboards. The intermediate group was more enthusiastic, accomplished and secure, all beaming with each new success. Those who twirled, performed leaps and glided elegantly were the advanced group. Costumes were diverse, many colorful as well as practical. A featured skating enthusiast was Lee Meyer, an advanced skater. Her performance was a joy to watch. Another easily recognizable member was Sally Fleming, wife of President Robben Fleming. The skating section boasted 70 members at the time, chaired by Anne Sichel.

When Yost Arena replaced the UM rink only a few years later, in 1973, the FWC skating section broke up due to increased fees. However many of the members of the FWC Skating section moved to Veterans Arena including Emily

Palmer, Sue Adamson, Lee Meyer, Anne Sichel, Dorothy Eschman and Sandy (Gluck) Sipkin. The membership dwindled in subsequent years, still three long-standing members continue to actively participate.

Many thanks to Anne Sichel for presenting these wonderful photographs and adding another page to our historical memoirs.