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NEW RINK PROMPTS WISHES: ICE, SKATES

High School Students Are Enthusiastic, Hope Cold Stays, Hint At Gifts

With the advent of this borough's first municipal skating rink in Doremus Avenue Park, students of the High School are hoping for the current cold wave to continue and hinting ice skates might make a fine Christmas gift selection.

The consensus among students asked to comment yesterday on the new skating rink ranged from superlative, like great and neat, to the query: "Will it be big enough for all the kids?"

David Lamkin of 148 Greenway Place said: "I think the pond should be bigger, and I think they should serve food."

On second thought, Lamkin said he always gets hungry.

Allan Flynn of 20 Stonefield Road, who couldn't stay long because he had to go to basketball practice, said: "I think it's a good idea."

"There hasn't been too much said about it lately, but maybe last year's Student Council asked the Borough."

Karen Zullig of 297 Grammercy [sic] Place said she didn't hear about the new rink, but added she certainly will use it.

Robert Petitt of 20 Irvington Place thinks the innovation is tremendous. He asked: "Will there be lights?"

Another youth who asked about lights is Paul Avakian of 169 Delmar Avenue. He said: "It wouldn't be much good without lights. It gets dark early now."

Jacobus M. Jacobs, superintendent of the Department of Public Works, the man responsible for setting up the skating rink, said: "First we are going to see how popular the rink will be. The poles are there, and lights are ready for installation, if we see they are needed."

The manmade rink is about 100 yards from the Municipal Swimming Pool in the park.

Plans call for filling the scooped-out area to a depth of 4 to 8 inches with water from a nearby brook.