

6902 Old Gate Lane
Rockville, Md.
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Dear Rolly,

Just wanted to pass along the information, for whatever it is worth, that many Old Shoaler youngsters and teen agers who have heard about the possibility of a swimming pool for Star are against the idea. Some are even against the proposed youth center. When asked why they feel the way they do, the answers boil down to not wanting any changes at Star. These are all kids (1 Southworth, 5 Wards, 2 Johanssons, and 2 McVeys) who care deeply about Star; and the strength and unanimity of their opinion is striking. Most adults we know are neutral about the pool and pro the youth center.

Adults seem to have a gut committment to addition, improvement, and renovation. It is interesting that ;these youngsters feel so strongly to the contrary, where Star is concerned. Are they just resisting adult views or does their less conditioned intuition perceive an important point?

At the time I was mulling over the kids attitude, we happened to get a letter from Joe Bram, age sixty-three, another dedicated Shoaler, in which he mentioned proposed improvements at the island, concluding with the sentence, "It's all very exciting as long as they don't make the Oceanic and the rest too comfortable." Sounds as if he were trying to be broad minded but basically feels the way the young people do.

Maybe Star is a collection of the few eternal verities and an eternal verity cannot change, by definition.

Sincerely,

Helene McVeys

P. S. All Star I is almost fully booked already, so anyone you know who wants space had better hurry their registration to the Johanssons.

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