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TEAMWORK. When Little Caesar Eateries co-founder Mike Illioli pazed into the audience at the Nov. 8 groundbreaking ceremonies for the \$13-million first phase of a new Little Caesar's World Headquarters at 12 Mile and Drake in Farmington Hills, he spotted a special group of faces — members of what he called "my team."

Coach Jacques Demers and members of the Detroit Red Wings — fresh from a 5-4 overtime victory over the New York Rangers — came straight from morning practice at Joe Louis Arena to enjoy the festivities.

Illioli purchased the Red Wings Hockey Club in 1982. **HILL'S** reapointed. Richard Stuffer of Farmington Hills was reappointed vice chairman of the Detroit-based Employers Unemployment Compensation Council.

The council specializes in providing information and analysis on unemployment compensation. Stuffer is a General Motors Corp. unemployment and workers' compensation assistant director.

FOOTNOTES: A look back into history — "When families settled here 150 years ago, the land was an area of forest, some open meadows, many swamps and clear running streams. The settlers cleared the land and it became open farm land with many orchards. This land use remained the same for about 125 years," so says "Farmington: An Original Entity," published in 1976 by the Farmington Hills Historical Commission.

Liquor sales to minors — a local concern

By Casey Hans staff writer

It was Farmington's turn to get tough Friday. Department of Public Safety officers, aided by Farmington Hills police cadets, visited 23 businesses in a five-hour period and ticketed 17 for allegedly selling liquor to minors.

Seventy-five percent of Farmington businesses with liquor licenses received misdemeanor violations. That's comparable to results from Farmington Hills Police Department's "Operation Liquor Enforcement I," a five-day liquor sales check that ended Nov. 1. Hills cadets and police visited 67 liquor-licensed businesses and issued 49 misdemeanor tickets.

Farmington Director of Public Safety Frank Lauboff was not surprised by the results of the Friday night liquor crackdown. He said he receives information regularly from both parents in the community and from those younger than 21 caught by officers carrying liquor.

"We've gotten a lot of information, and from what we could gather, it's been a problem," he added.

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alcohol to minors is greater than it was 10 years ago, he said.

THIS IS the first time Farmington has used a "team blitz" approach in checking Farmington's liquor-licensed businesses. Lauboff said the random checks will continue. "We'll do it again," he said. "It'll give us some type of a gauge."

Of the 17 businesses ticketed, five hold Class C liquor licenses, which allow liquor by the glass; the others are licensed to sell either beer and wine or packaged liquor over-the-counter.

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Police zero in on Tally Hall

Ten young people were arrested when up to 150 teenagers and young adults gathered at the front entrance to Tally Hall about 8:30 p.m. Friday, Farmington Hills police said.

Seven were arrested for allegedly obstructing public passage. Two were arrested for allegedly interfering with police when they failed to leave when ordered to do so. A 10th was arrested for alleged annoying conduct when he spit on a passing car occupied by two young women.

The youths, ranging in age from 16 to 20, were from Farmington Hills, Bloomfield Hills, Livonia, Southfield and West Bloomfield.

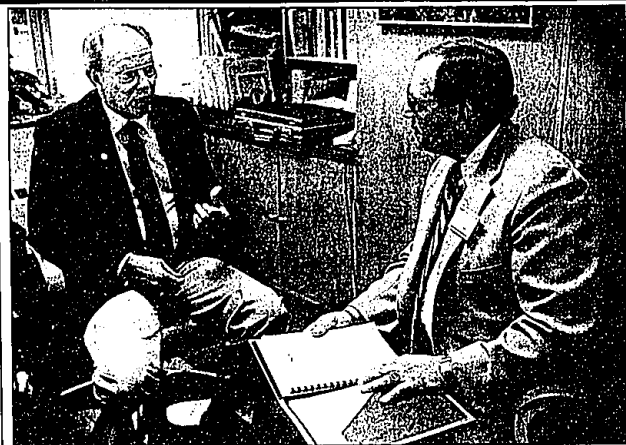
Police were watching Tally Hall because of several reports of disruptive and disorderly behavior, including fights, by young people along the northern business stretch of Orchard Lake Road the past three weeks, Sgt. Charles Nebus said.

"Our officers were out making a special effort to give extra patrol to those businesses to discourage that kind of behavior and prevent large groups from gathering," Nebus said.

AT 8 P.M. Friday, a group of young people was reported loitering and disrupting business at Orchard Mall, south of Tally Hall. The group then moved to Tally Hall. The first group that gathered there was

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Evaluators arrive



Richard Chapman (right), Mount Clemens High School administrative assistant Clarence High School assistant principal and a North Shewbridge, Central team member, meets with Farmington Central team members.

Accreditation High school review begins

By Casey Hans staff writer

From the deep blue of the madrigal singers' gowns to the blue and white carnation centerpieces, Tuesday was Farmington High School's night to be recognized.

A team of 30 administrators and teachers from around Michigan began their visit as members of the North Central accreditation team with a banquet at the Holiday Inn of Farmington Hills. Staff, district administrators and visitors were included in the introductory session.

The team is part of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools, which evaluates secondary schools every seven years throughout the state.

The team is visiting this week to evaluate Farmington High — the district's oldest school — in a vari-

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ety of curriculum, staff and physical areas. The team toured the building yesterday and today.

Preliminary North Central findings are usually sent to a district within several months, with a final report forwarded by the team chairman at the end of the school year.

"Improvement of schools is our goal," said William Pappas, principal at Northview High School and chairman of the North Central committee. "We are into the effective school movement. This is a learning experience for all of us."

THE NORTH Central team does a physical evaluation of the school, working with a written self-evaluation compiled by Farmington High staff members over the past year.

A 6-member steering committee plus 24 others who chaired various curriculum committees did the self-evaluation. It was coordinated by Ann Sutschek, home economics teacher at the school, who was lauded Tuesday by her peers with a standing ovation and a gift of roses.

"We worked together as a team," Sutschek said. "A vast amount of time and energy was spent."

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Teens big abuse problem — booze

Though cocaine has snaked its insidious way into suburban and inner city areas, the drug of choice in high schools is still alcohol, as it has been for generations.

"I always thought a \$5 bottle of vodka would do more than a \$50 bag of coke," said one West Bloomfield teen, who has undergone treatment for alcohol dependency.

Studies show and nobody close to teens disputes them — that alcohol is by far the most prevalent drug of choice followed by marijuana. Mescaline is popular, though hallucinogenics such as mescaline and LSD are more a part of the '60s than the '80s. Gen Xers are the days of Quaalude abuse and PCP overdoses.

"There was a time back in the late '60s and early '70s when experimental use of drugs was very prevalent. It seemed like every week we were calling the ambulance," said William MacFarland, principal at Livonia Churchill High School. "I can't recall the last time I saw a drug overdose."

"THE BIGGEST problem we have is with alcohol abuse. I haven't seen any evidence of crack, but it's early in the school year," said Mark Wollung, a Rochester policeman who serves as liaison officer with the Rochester Community Schools. "Some people have this philosophy toward alcohol: They give their kids alcohol to keep them off marijuana."

A bankrupt philosophy it is. Most counselors and mental people consider alcohol a drug. "Put that in the

paper: Alcohol is a drug," said a West Bloomfield teen in braces who once sold herself for drugs and booze. She had to convince her parents that she had an alcohol problem that went far beyond what they thought was typical teen-age experimentation.

Though substance abuse among teens has remained fairly traditional over the years, the approach by schools and communities has not.

Though parents still may think such abuse by teens is typical experimentation, many school administrators have changed radically since

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say, the '60s, when the only form of counseling was a lecture and possibly a suspension.

BIRMINGHAM and West Bloomfield schools have substance-abuse programs in school. At West Bloomfield High School, counselor Al Dickson, director of student services, meets for an hour each week with a group of 15 students who have un-

dergone treatment for substance abuse, mostly for alcohol and marijuana.

The students sit in a circle discussing their new lifestyles and the problems of staying straight in a world of old friends trying to take them back to their old ways.

It is an approach that is being copied in Rochester and Southfield. Last year, a pilot project known as Guid-

ed Group Interaction was started. This year the program is back and students receive credit. "Kids deal with a myriad of problems, and one way of dealing with these problems is drugs and alcohol," said teacher Donna Burnett.

"The whole idea about GGI is that they're not trying to go out there and change people, they're trying to help friends make better decisions."

In Rochester, substance-abuse education extends far below the high school level, as it must. There is a "Bebes" program for elementary kids, with puppet shows on self-esteem and alcohol.

Study weighs drug education

The federal government is launching a costly war on drug abuse to be carried out largely in the schools, but that may be throwing money around with a blindfold on, according to a University of Michigan researcher.

A recent U-M study of 126 alcohol and drug education programs in elementary schools, high schools and colleges shows that there is still very little understanding of what constitutes an effective prevention program, said Robert Bangert-Drowns, a researcher at the U-M Center for Research on Learning and Teaching.

"Even though the programs have been promoted enthusiastically in schools for the past 15 years," he said, "there has been no systematic attempt to determine just what works and what doesn't."

he studied were a "hodgepodge." Only 14 of the 126 measured changes in substance abuse after the programs were completed. Eighteen measured shifts in attitudes toward drug use and 28 tested for knowledge of drugs. The rest were flawed or inconclusive in their measurements.

Of the 14 that measured actual changes in behavior, only seven showed drug use had been cut. Four others showed it going up, one had mixed results, and two showed no change.

Bangert-Drowns' findings, however, are not all bad. Of the 26 programs that measured knowledge about drugs, 24 were extremely effective in giving students information about the effects of drugs and how they can be misused.

BANGERT-DROWNS said that the evaluations

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Coping with drug problem

In previous editions we explored the drug problem in our area. In this edition we take a look at how school, court and community programs are working to cope with abuse problems of students.

On Page 3A, are stories detailing how a drug treatment program works for high school students and how a drug counselor tries to help.