

# Recreation leader will survey existing programs

By JUDY OWEN

Doug Gaynor is kind of a lame duck until Dec. 16.

The 29-year-old recreation superintendent for Southfield must wait until then before he can turn his full attention to his new job with the Farmington Area Recreation Council.

As Gaynor reflected on his last five and one-half years in Southfield, he said, "We're just about through building here."

Only a couple of sites in the city remain before the facilities are developed.

"Developing the programs, developing the facilities—that's the part I like," Gaynor said.

"RECREATION is essential. People

can be down but they always have leisure time to do things.

"We have to provide good recreation at an inexpensive rate," he said.

Gaynor will have his hands full as he begins a survey of the existing programs and facilities in Farmington and Farmington Hills as well as in the Farmington and Clarenceville school districts.

"I want to find out what's going on in the community—both private and public—related to recreation programs," he said.

Rather than duplicate an existing program, Gaynor said that he would like to let the residents know what is available to them.

"I'm not adverse to publicizing other people's programs such as the 'V' or the Little League," he said.

GAYNOR VISUALIZES an elaborate study of each school site to determine the facilities which will be available for the program.

"I'm 100 per cent in favor of the school-park concept, he said. "The school district was foresighted in its purchase of property."

Gaynor will also try to determine private facilities which may be available for the commission's use.

Until this time, the commission's recreation program has been confined to

summer playground activities and whatever programs were offered through the schools.

Gaynor will be able to focus on expanding these programs.

With an increased budget, the commission has also hired a full-time secretary and part-time personnel to administer various recreation programs in the community.

Gaynor is enthusiastic about starting near the ground level in developing programs.

"I LIKE a total program to have some feeling but the larger the program, the less feeling there is," he said.

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## Hills OKs 2nd collection

FARMINGTON HILLS—The city council agreed Monday night to a Farmington School Board request to collect school taxes twice a year.

Little discussion preceded the approval of the semi-annual tax collection which is expected to save the district more than \$100,000 a year in interest on tax anticipation loans.

In the past school districts, which by law must operate on a July through June fiscal year, have had no operating income until Dec. 31.

THE ONLY income between July and December has been state aid pay-

ment in October. To meet payroll and other operating expenses, the districts have had to borrow against expected tax income.

George Majoros, city manager, told the council that the board had agreed to pay for expenses for billing the second collection.

The July payment will cover only one-half of the operating taxes. William Prisk, school district business manager, said. One-half of the debt levy will not be included. The first payments which arrive bi-monthly begin-

ning in October. To meet payroll and other operating expenses, the districts have had to borrow against expected tax income.

The 11 percent factor was accepted tentatively and is subject to necessary adjustments by the assessor.

Of the 18,000 parcels in the city, an estimated 2,500 have not been reassessed since 1958 although periodic adjustments have been made.

The council also approved a 25 cent increase per 1,000 gallons for sewage disposal rates. The increase was made to cover a deficit in the city's

account for use of the Evergreen-Farmington interceptor.

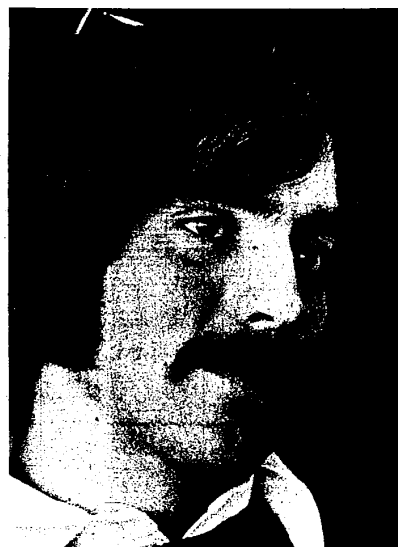
APPROVAL WAS also given for renewal of the Saturation Patrol agreement. The city joins Livonia and Farmington in the federally-funded program.

The council earmarked funds not to exceed \$7,000 for continuation of the project, which uses surveillance and undercover police officers.

Two Farmington Hills police officers are involved in the program.



(Photographed by Gary Friedman)



GREG YOUNG

## Young directs drug council's 3-fold program

By JUDY OWEN

Area youths with problems have a new person to turn to.

Greg Young is the new program director for the Farmington Area Advisory Council's Substance Abuse Program.

Young, whose background is clinical psychology, will be responsible for the program's administration and its counseling service.

Young comes to the advisory council at a time when it is being realigned to provide additional programming.

PREVIOUSLY, the council's free medical clinic, hotline and counseling service was under one person's guidance.

Now it is divided. In addition to Young, Carol Skein handles the medical clinic and Mona Irely also new to the program, handles

Rapline, the crisis intervention telephone service.

Betty Arnold handles the business and financial matters for the council and coordinates all three programs.

An additional counselor and secretary round out the council's paid staff.

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## Queens of court show no mercy

Jubilant and cries of "We're number one" filled the gymnasium last Saturday night at Southfield High School. Cause of the celebration: Farmington's Our Lady of Mercy's stunning victory over Berkley High School.

Berkley's defeat catapults Mercy's all-girl basketball team into regional playoffs, which begin Dec. 3 at Southfield High School.

Playing before a capacity crowd, the fast-moving Mercy team dominated the court through much of the game. And while they played, the Mercy fans gave their team the same enthusiastic support they have supplied all season.

And when it was all over, the queens of the court and their fans found themselves with a victory in their hands—and regional playoffs just ahead.

But Saturday, the team and the crowd didn't seem to be worried about the play offs. The cry was "We're number one," and that seemed to encompass just about everything.

For more about the game and the team, see the feature story on page three of this section and the story of the game in the sports section.



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