

# Former Teacher Here Leads Drug Fight

By MARTHA MAHAN

LIVONIA

A husky, energetic 35-year-old graduate of Livonia's public schools has taken over as full time director of the Community Commission on Drug Abuse.

Mike Bogolea combined the two qualities they were looking for, commissioners say. They wanted someone youthful enough for young people to trust as a "rap" partner but who also possessed the presence and expertise to rate respect from the community.

He was chosen for the \$15,000 a year job from among 85 applicants, loaded with talent and experience, commissioners report.

BOGOLEA isn't that far removed in time from the teenager for his memory of their ways of thinking to have become belated. He graduated from Bentley High School just eight years ago, in 1962. He has lived in Livonia since 1959.

At the same time, his experience as a family man and as a counselor for the drug



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addicted have weighted him with knowledge of what responsibility means.

The Bogoleas - Mike, his wife and two-year-old son - live at 9115 Marie.

He moved to his drug commission job from a position as narcotics rehabilitation counselor for the Wayne County Health Department and U.S. Bureau of Prisons.

He also operated voluntarily as what he terms an "ad hoc committee of one" in attempting to join Farmington's "rap line" and the Livonia District Court in an effort to establish a joint narcotics rehabilitation center.

It's a project he hopes to continue to press, backed now by the added weight of his drug commission directorship.

BOGOLEA'S Farmington contact came about through the four years he spent there as a classroom teacher. He earned his bachelor's degree in education from the Uni-



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versity of Michigan, returned there for a master's in guidance and counseling and is working on his doctorate, also from Michigan.

While an eighth grade teacher in Farmington, a class on the subject of careers developed into talk sessions on social problems such as drugs, sex and family situations.

School discussions were the forerunner to "rap" in the classrooms which Bogolea tried to direct more toward drug problems.

"I don't look on drug problems as a separate entity," Bogolea said. "It's a people problem with drug use as its most devastating aspect."

"If young people are going to use drugs, I want them to be aware of the consequences, to know enough about drugs to be aware of the problems they bring and to be aware of their own problems as people," he said.

"Then, at least, they make the decision knowing what they are getting into."

BOGOLEA's first goal, he said, will be to try to make the drug center at Farmington and Five Mile a place of community involvement.

"I'd like to see a cadre of volunteers come in and help remodel and panel and donate furniture and work with us so that they felt they were a part of this place," Bogolea said. "I see a guy driving by and looking at the sign and saying to himself: 'I donated a piece of paneling for that drug center. I'm a part of that program.'"

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Other long range goals:

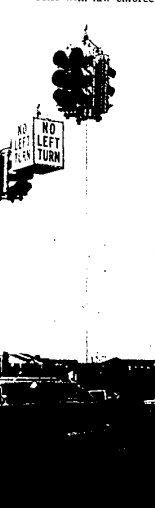
"To help develop a real level of self awareness among young people so their identity is known to them;

"To help strengthen communication between young people and the community and within the community;

"Establish a rehabilitation facility;

"Work with and through the schools for a real, comprehensive drug education program;

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ment agencies and the courts in the field of prevention to keep the drug problem from getting larger;" and

"Apply for federal and state grants to help fund a rehabilitation and prevention program."

Bogolea is especially pleased at the solid way Livonia has gone about establishing a drug combat program.

"Wayne County has strictly a panic program," Bogolea said. "Livonia has worked on a good, substantial developmental program while the problem here is still on a scale that we can fight."

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