

Hayes' enthusiasm was contagious

By Joanne Mallazewski staff writer

Pam Hayes' enthusiasm was contagious. "Her enthusiasm rubbed off on all the people she came in contact with," Farmington Hills special services director Dan Potter said.



Pam Hayes 'real tragedy'

Potter was one of four who gave eulogies at a memorial service Thursday evening for Hayes, 25, a recreation programmer in the city's special services department. City officials and staff were shocked Tuesday morning with the news that Hayes, a Texas native, died unexpectedly during the night apparently from complications of an internal disorder she was unaware she had, Potter said.

At the beginning of her new career, Hayes worked part-time at the Redford YWCA and for the Farmington Hills recreation division. In mid-1988, Hayes' job in Farmington Hills was increased to full time.

"This is a real tragedy for her family and those of us at city hall. Pam is going to be really missed by all of us. She was instrumental in developing new programs and revitalizing others. She's going to be difficult to replace," Potter said.

"She was a real asset. It's hard to believe that anyone at 25 had so much on the ball," Wurmliinger said. A week ago, the special services staff took Hayes to lunch to celebrate her 25th birthday.

THOUGH HAYES developed recreation programs for all ages, she was particularly involved with youths. In her spare time, she worked in youth activities at Trinity Missionary church and coached two girls basketball teams for the Troy Recreation Department.

HAYES' WORK will leave a long-term effect on the city. She expanded the city's youth day trips programs and the Parkey the Panda programs. One of her recent tasks was the successful annual Daddy-Daughter Dance, which drew 800 participants.

She was coaching the teams Monday evening when she became ill. She was taken to her aunt and uncle's home in Troy, where she lived. During the night she was rushed to the hospital, where she died at approximately 3 a.m., Potter said.

"That's an example of the kind of projects Pam was working on," Wurmliinger said.

"We're in total shock," said Andrew Lang, Hayes' recreation supervisor. "Pam was one of those fun people. She was full of enthusiasm. She was a very approachable person. She cared about other people. She always wanted the best for everyone."

Hayes was in the process of deciding whether she should take a new job the city of Battle Creek was offering.

A 1987 graduate of North Texas State University in Denton, Texas, Hayes came to Michigan following graduation to visit her aunt, uncle and nephews in Troy. "She ended up staying," special services assistant director Eric

"Her talents were well-recognized, not just by us, but by fellow professionals. She was a risk taker and that meant she was going to go far in the field," Lang said. He described Hayes as always offering a "willing hand to help."

Services were March 18 in Texas, where her parents live. In lieu of flowers, her family asks that donations be made in her name to: Trinity Baptist Scholarship Fund, 123 Wesson, Pontiac 48053.

State says schools handled special ed records properly

By Casey Hans staff writer

An upset Lorne Leon told the school board March 14 that by withholding information about his son, the district 'sets a negative ethical and moral example in this community.'

A Farmington Hills couple is frustrated by what they said are futile attempts to get school records released about their child and to get the extra help he needs through Farmington Public Schools' special education program.

Leon read a three-page prepared statement, detailing his frustrations with the district. "It withholds information, which its constituents are entitled to. It does not follow its own rules. It con-

donez perjury, half-truths and misleading statements. It is more interested in saving face than in educating children to their maximum potential," he said. But James Rowell, coordinator of compliance for the state Department of Education's special education division, said the school district had released all necessary records, and any state-level investigations on the matter were closed in January.

level. They are now awaiting a legal appeal through Oakland County Circuit Court.

The file is before Oakland Circuit Judge Fred Meister, who will decide whether the school district has complied with the proper methods of schooling.

When asked to comment, school attorney J. Kingsley Cotton said the district "will not publicly disclose the affairs of any individual student," saying it was "prohibited by federal law." He is awaiting Meister's judicial ruling before making further comment.

Leon asked the elected school board March 14 to investigate fully what he said is a "morally reprehensible" situation involving his son, a fifth grader at Forest Elementary.

In 1987, school officials qualified him as a child with special needs. The Leons said their child was disciplined in violation of the district's Student Code and is not receiving an adequate education.

Marks fights day-care zoning bill

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care homes for a maximum six children in residential areas. State-licensed group day care homes for a maximum 12 children are allowed only on major or secondary roads and not in neighborhoods.

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day care home is less than 1,500 feet from another or some type of foster care home, a permit would be required, Faxon said. Group day care homes also would have to conform to local fencing, off-street parking and sign regulations. The home would be permitted to operate only 16 hours in one 24-hour period.

Even though Marks is drumming up support to oppose the day care regulations, Faxon isn't worried. "We don't expect a lot of opposition. These communities that have addressed child day care won't be adversely impacted. That's why the amount of protest is weak," Faxon said.

Faxon's bills usurp local authority, the councilman also said. "The whole thrust is not against day care. It's against the circumvention of local authority," Marks said.

BUT MARKS continues. The councilman's taped debate over child home day care with state Sen. Lana Pollack, D-Ann Arbor, a co-sponsor of the day care bills, can be seen on cable community access Channel 12 in the Farmington-Voyt area.

The Council of Homeowners Associations of Farmington Hills joins Marks in opposing Faxon's bills. In February, the council suggested that state legislation is not the "primary solution" for communities that have not addressed day care needs.

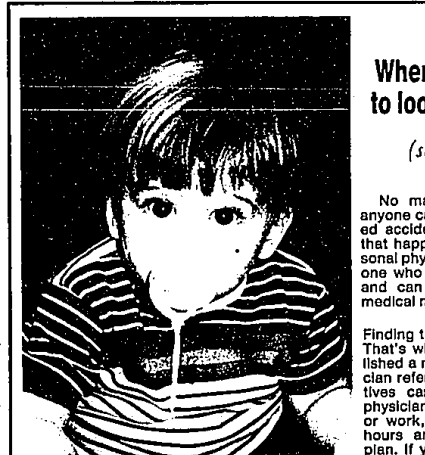
There will be more schedulings and it will be scheduled throughout the state," Southwestern Oakland Cable Commission executive director Lark Samouelian said.

FAXON DISAGREES. "The Legislature needs to finish what it started last session and pass this bill to allow home day care in our cities. To not pass this bill would be to turn our backs on the thousands of working persons in our state who use and need in-home day care," Faxon said.

AIR times are 11:30 a.m. and 8 p.m. Tuesdays, March 21, and 9 p.m. Wednesdays, March 22.

Faxon's bill would require that registered or licensed family (six or less children) and group (seven or more children) day care homes be

"Many cities, including his (Faxon's) own, have already addressed the issue," Marks said. Farmington Hills' 1987 ordinance allows state-licensed family day



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