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New FAAC Director Looks At New Area Social Programs

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The new emphasis is on communications.

Jack M. Peuler, director of the Farmington Area Advisory Council, describes his first two months in the directorship as "uncovering an iceberg and getting to see what's underneath."

The 28-year-old social worker, who has been with the FAAC since 1971, told Observer Newspapers that the council is planning to expand its program to include more extensive individual counseling to include adults.

"Before, 90 per cent of counseling was for teens, now more than 50 per cent are adults coming to ask, 'how do I handle my youngster?'" said Peuler.

Peuler feels this is because the FAAC has become accepted in Farmington as a legitimate agency to help both young and old.

IN ORDER to give the counseling service more expertise, the FAAC has hired a psychologist to intensify individual counseling.

In this way the council will be able to increase the counseling to include not only those using drugs, but also family members who want to know how to help their children.

Awareness of alcohol abuse has become another area that FAAC is tackling.

Peuler said that even though drug abuse is a great problem in Farmington, alcohol is still the number one problem.

Also included in the FAAC

program is the "rap group experience." It is divided into an introductory four-to-six week session and an eight-to-12-week advance session.

These rap sessions allow people to learn ways to cope with or solve problem situations constructively where before they might have impulsively acted on feelings in a destructive manner.

Peuler said that 85 per cent of those beginning in the introductory session go on to the advanced sessions.

ANOTHER NEW concept used by the council is the formation of a speakers bureau. Peuler said the organization is attempting to recruit professionals such as lawyers, doctors, pharmacists, and law enforcement officials to work on preventative drug educational programs.

These professionals will be available to any group that wishes to learn the various problems involved with the prevention of drug abuse.

In an attempt to make children see the consequences of drug abuse, Peuler said the elementary schools will be a main target of the speakers bureau.

Also available to groups in

the next month is the new movie entitled, "The Bridge." This deals with the communication gap between teen and parent which Peuler feels is a main cause of drug abuse by young people.

THE POPULAR "rap line" is still available.

Peuler describes it as a contrast to the individual training and rap groups in that those who feel they need immediate help can get it.

It is primarily used to explain to those who are thinking of taking drugs, just what's going to happen to them, said Peuler.

Peuler explained that even though business has increased at the FAAC, drug abuse continues to be an increasing problem as far as it is related to crime.

"From the things I've seen in Farmington there is an increase in crime related to drugs in the form of burglaries and shoplifting," Peuler said.

He went on to say that this phenomena "wasn't" exclusively a Farmington problem, but that many areas were experiencing the same sort of crime.

Peuler took the directorship of the FAAC after former director Ralph Rideout took another post.

He is a graduate of Calvin College, Grand Rapids and holds a master degree in social work from the University of Michigan.

Previously he was a counselor at the Maxey Boys Training School at Whitmore Lake.



Homecoming Queen

QUEEN--Sue Ayers was named homecoming queen at Farmington High recently. For more homecoming pictures, see page 6C. (Evert photo)

Walk For Mankind

About 1,100 students and adults walked around Farmington this weekend to raise money for charity. We covered the event with pictures, and the result is on:

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Charter Progress

Another month of work is still before the Farmington Charter Commission. At least that is the opinion of the chairman of the commission. Robert McConnell outlines the anticipated schedule on:

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Day At The Races

A fund to help St. Mary Hospital is on the books for Oct. 18. Get the details in our Women's Section.

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Enthusiasm

A young mother of six couldn't be more enthusiastic about the joys of child-bearing and child-rearing. She's a Lamaze teacher and our Woman On the Go this week.

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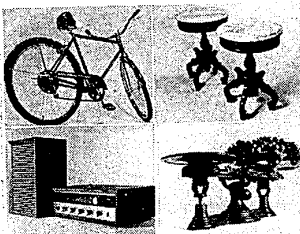
Checkup

One is being offered in Farmington to detect two kinds of cancer. The details are in our Women's Section.

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Recycling Center Needs More Money

Earth Alive found a new piece of earth from which to keep its glass recycling center alive, but now they need money. Nancy Kerjian of the local ecology group told the Farmington Township Board Monday.

A request for \$3,600 from the township to defray part of the cost of the new center was tabled by the township board, but most board members made encouraging comments.

THE TABLING motion came from Trustee Earl

Opperhauser, who wanted the Earth Alive people to investigate the possibility of a location at the Crowley's Shopping Center, rather than the school special education offices.

Mrs. Kerjian told the board the group has received permission from the school board to use a site at the special education offices, Middle Belt north of Nine Mile.

She was asking for \$1,320 -- \$3,600 from the township and \$720 from the city. She estimated proceeds from the

sale of glass would allow a return of about \$600 a year for the center.

The money would go to pay for two dumpsters, paving the site, and the erection of a "temporary" shelter.

It was the site, not the center, that drew most of the criticism.

SUPERVISOR Earl Teeples led off by relating how he had shown Mrs. Kerjian a glass recycling center in Lansing operated by a discount store.

"We shouldn't spend township

money before this is investigated," he said.

He also mentioned at least one grocery store chain in the Detroit area that conducts a similar operation. He agreed with Opperhauser that Crowley's would be a better place than the special education offices.

Trustee David Stader said, "We have a going operation, and this proposal is here now. We shouldn't just say there might be something better."

Trustee Fred Lichtman said, "If this was a private

business, could we let it go in this zone?"

Lichtman pointed out the proposed site was in a residential zone, and the neighbors had often objected to rezoning property in the area.

Township Attorney Joseph Brennan added his feeling that the township should be wary of the liability involved with this type of operation.

MRS. KERJIAN admitted the school site might not be the best, but said, "We feel this it would be a shame if they were let down."

operation on a community site, but there is no property the township owns that is suitable."

She cited centers now operating in Southfield, Redford Township and Bloomfield Hills which didn't appear to have liability problems.

"If this falls through, it may be the end of recycling in Farmington, Mrs. Kerjian said. "A lot of families have been involved in this project, it would be a shame if they were let down."

Luxury Center Gets Record Zoning Change

Developer Mel Rosenhaus was still fumbling with the string on his package of drawings when Farmington Township Trustee Fred Lichtman said, "If I make a motion, will you save us a speech?"

So the zoning for a proposed 35-acre shopping center on the southwest corner of 14 Mile and Orchard Lake roads was passed unanimously in about two minutes.

Rosenhaus had apparently "sold" the board on his new center with a two-hour presentation before the planning commission, which also approved the project unanimously.

The board was enthusiastic about the project, which will complement the "Hunter's Ridge" apartment complex which surrounds it, also developed by Rosenhaus.

A 35-acre, \$20 million shopping center is proposed for the site. Rosenhaus calls it a "fashion center," expecting high quality clothing and

accessory stores to be the main tenants. The planned design is for an enclosed mall with an exterior clad with wood. A wood exterior building is planned, enclosing about 25 shops, including two "major tenants," as yet unannounced.

Estate Seminar Is Held

A seven-week seminar on estate planning will begin Oct. 17 at the Farmington Community Center, 24706 Farmington and Oct. 19 at the Birmingham Community House, 380 S. Bates.

The sessions, lasting from 8 p.m. to 10 p.m., will cost \$30 for couples and \$20 for singles. Featured at the meetings will be seven speakers expert in the field of estate planning.



CLEAN SWEEP -- A cleanup sponsored by the Wooddale Elementary PTA had Charles Orr

and son Dan working on the school grounds recently. (Evert photo)