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THEY'LL have a good year.

But he's not sure how good the Detroit Tigers will fare this season in defense of their American League Eastern Division title.

"They'll be competitive. I don't know whether we'll win it, but we'll be right up there," said Tiger broadcaster and Hall of Famer Ernie Harwell of Farmington Hills.

The Independence Hills resident shared his outlook on April 1 at the Lakeland Mall, two miles from the team's winter home at Joker Marchant Stadium in Lakeland, Fla.

He was signing autographs for his new book, "Tuned to Baseball," and his 1988 Tiger Fans Calendar.

Harwell, starting his 29th season as a Tiger announcer, has broadcast baseball games for 40 years.

A Farmington Hills resident since 1981, he has been active in fund raising for the Farmington Community Center.

HELPING hand.

A student council drive prompted Farmington Training Center students to donate 336 cans of food to the Detroit-based Gleaners Community Food Bank.

Gleaners channels donated food to the needy and hungry through 170 agencies, including soup kitchens, shelters and emergency food depots.

More than half of those living in poverty are children.

FOOTNOTES: One year ago this week — Parental irresponsibility and breakup of the family are two major contributors to juvenile crime, says the Farmington Hills Police Department Juvenile Section supervisor.

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Police team to hunt rapist

Trail of terror recapped, Page 4A

By Bob Sklar staff writer

Farmington Hills and Bloomfield Township have combined police investigative forces, based on the probability that the same man raped three women in each community. "I'm cautiously optimistic," Farmington Hills police Chief William Dwyer said Tuesday. "We have several suspects in the Detroit and Cleveland areas, but no prime suspects. It's a process of elimination."

Bloomfield Township police Chief Donald Zimmerman Monday assigned youth officer Philip Demme to work with Farmington Hills detectives in tracking 240 tips

relating to the ski-masked, knife-wielding serial rapist.

Tuesday, Birmingham police Chief Edward Ostle made the services of detective David Schultz available to the joint investigative team.

Since April, 11 Oakland County women have been raped or attacked at homes in Farmington Hills, Bloomfield Township, Birmingham, West Bloomfield Township and Independence Township. Victims have ranged in age from 13 to 53. Blood samples taken from the 11 crime scenes indicate at least two

rapists, one perhaps a copycat, are on the loose, but police believe the same man may be involved in the Farmington Hills and Bloomfield Township cases.

Dwyer now has 16 detectives on call. "The rapes are the most important unsolved investigation in Oakland County," he said.

BASED ON blood type and other physical evidence, police confirmed that the same man raped the three Farmington Hills victims. It appears the same man may have raped the

three Bloomfield Township victims, Dwyer said. Insufficient blood samples or different methods of operation prevent Dwyer from linking the other five attacks.

Rewards for tips leading to the arrest and conviction of the rapist or rapists total more than \$5,500. Tips can be called in to the Farmington Hills Police Department: 473-8693.

Dwyer's optimism was buoyed when items stolen from the latest Farmington Hills victim turned up in the Cleveland area Easter weekend. "We think he was there just for the weekend visiting relatives or friends," Dwyer said.

Farmington Hills detectives Charles Hubbard and C.J. Van Meter were in Ohio April 7-10 following up

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Hills chief optimistic, leads are pouring in

Hills unveils '88 plan to increase anti-drug efforts

Chief says problem merits yearlong campaign, 4A

Drug effects on film, 2A

By Mary Rodrigue staff writer

A 19-point plan drafted by a citizens committee and Farmington Hills police is the backbone of a "Say No to Drugs" campaign to be launched next week.

"The city council recognizes what a far-reaching problem drug abuse has become," Mayor Jody Soronen said. "We are particularly concerned about our young people. We have pledged our support to the police department in any way we can possibly help."

The campaign will continue through 1988 and into next year, targeting various ways to stamp out drug abuse in Farmington Hills.

"There's no question there's a need. Anyone who thinks there isn't is naive," said Tim Kenny, a Farmington Hills attorney who is one of 18 members of the Farmington Hills Police Department's Citizens Crime Prevention Advisory Committee.

The committee, formed last November, meets on a monthly basis. The anti-drug campaign is its first major assignment.

"The police do as effective a job as possible. All of us recognize the problem is so pervasive you just can't expect the police to eliminate the problem," he said.

KENNY JOINED a private Farmington Hills law practice specializing in civil suits in January. Before that, he was the chief trial attorney for the Wayne County prosecutor's office for seven years. He worked for the prosecutor's office for 14 years, prosecuting many drug dealers.

"The committee is made up of business leaders, community people, members of the school system — it's a nice mix bringing different perspectives together, all providing valuable input," he said. "We have to eliminate the market for consumers of drugs. The great thrust of the kickoff is education."

The 19-point plan will be instituted on a continuing basis, according to Farmington Hills Police Chief William Dwyer.

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RANDY GORST/Staff photographer

Going back in time

Kindergartners in Jerry Pugh's class at Wooddale Elementary in Farmington Hills got a first-hand look at what learning was like nearly a century ago during a visit to historic Miller School at Greenfield Village in

Dearborn. Above, Katie Feldman (left) and Tamara Quintieri, dressed for the period, listen to a lesson. For the story and more pictures, see Page 3A.

2 awarded \$1 million in Phillip Morris suit

By Diane Gais staff writer

A Canton man and former Phillip Morris employee was awarded almost \$1 million this week from a jury which didn't believe a sex allegation that resulted in his firing.

Ronald Bradley, 38, was awarded \$931,100 and Cynthia Carsley, 26, of Ferndale, \$525,100 by an Oakland Circuit Court jury in Judge Jessica R. Cooper's courtroom Monday.

The two worked for Phillip Morris at its Farmington Hills office.

Both were fired about two months after the incident.

The bulk of the \$1.4 million award was against Phillip Morris for breach of contract.

"Obviously I wish it never happened," Bradley said. "The money will never make everything right. But I think it will go a long way in teaching Phillip Morris a lesson."

BRADLEY DECLINED to say if or where he is now employed. He was a supervisor earning \$41,000 annually at Phillip Morris. Carsley was a secretary.

Bradley, a father of three, said he believed the award was fair.

An attorney representing Phillip Morris said the company will appeal without comment.

"We think the decision was reached without

the jury having an opportunity to review all the evidence," the attorney said.

He said a pre-trial ruling "precluded us from introducing evidence." The Phillip Morris attorney also said the appeal will be based on "improper" jury instructions.

GEORGEANN STAUCH, a Phillip Morris secretary, testified she saw the couple having sex in a Westin Hotel suite rented by Bradley for the 1985 Detroit Grand Prix. The case against the pair was based upon Stauch having witnessed the encounter without her consent, and therefore it was considered a public act.

"I was staying there for business," Bradley said. "One of the secretaries became intoxicated."

"The two secretaries were touring bars downtown and met up with people from Phillip Morris," said Kathleen Bogas, a Detroit attorney representing Bradley and Carsley.

They went back to Bradley's suite and shared a bottle of wine, she added.

Stauch fell asleep. She testified that she awoke and saw the two having sex.

Bradley and Carsley, who testified in the trial, denied the allegation, Bogas said. They said they also fell asleep and later awoke from a room service call, Bogas said.

Pay inequities explored by education group

By Casey Hans staff writer

The Farmington Education Association is the first Michigan school group to study what its officials say are pay inequities in a variety of jobs in education.

They expect the results to show gender-based wage discrimination — something they want to relieve in Farmington by using the study results.

"I think it's a reasonable and fair thing," said Zan Alley, FEA executive director and chief union bargainer. "It is not our intent to accuse Farmington Public School of sex discrimination any more than we can accuse our society of that."

"Farmington has always been at the forefront. It's time for them to take the lead in correcting that."

Included in the study are secretaries, paraprofessionals, custodians, maintenance and transportation employees.

Information for the study was compiled this week. Results are being sent to a Maryland consultant for processing. Results will be ready at the beginning of June, according to Alley.

The FEA joins education groups in Florida, Nevada, California and Maine, which are studying pay inequities in their profession. "We have certain jobs in education that don't exist anywhere else," Alley added.

The FEA study of secretarial and paraprofessional wages is particularly timely for Farmington. The Educational Support Personnel unit, which represents some 500 employees in the Farmington dis-

trict, has negotiated for a new contract during the past year without success.

The issue of equity for lower-paying jobs was brought to the table as a bargaining issue this year, Alley said.

If a contract is not settled by June, the results of the study will be used at the table. They will also be used in negotiating future contracts for other groups, Alley added.

Information for the study was gathered from at least 40 percent of each job classification. Teachers were not part of the study, although Alley said all FEA members were supportive of the effort.

"All of our union members are solidly behind this study," she said. "They all understand that all school employees are underpaid, but that

our support staff people suffer the most discrimination in pay."

FOR THE study, general education paraprofessionals were compared with custodians; special education paraprofessionals were compared to head custodians; and office workers compared to skilled maintenance employees. The study will compare and analyze job functions to determine an appropriate pay equity.

"We believe that an employer should set pay based on job-related factors such as skill, effort, responsibility and working conditions, not the race or the sex of a worker," said Larry Chuvonich, president of the Michigan Education Association.

The National Education Association, parent to the FEA and MEA, was also involved in the study, aid-

ing the Farmington group, according to MEA spokeswoman Jacquelyn Johnson.

"There are some national scales used to develop comparable worth," she said. "The MEA has access to these scales."

"This will determine what kind of equity to ask for. This data should prove there's disparity."

ALSO HEATING up negotiations, which will continue on April 27, are recent two-year pay raises given to the district's superintendent and deputy superintendent.

"There were people in our bargaining unit who were shocked," said Johnson. "We don't begrudge the superintendent's raise at all, we want to see the same kind of equity with our people."

Rapist profile

This is a profile of the serial rapist who police believe has raped six women in Farmington Hills and Bloomfield Township during the past year:

- He wears a ski mask.
- He wields a knife.
- He's soft spoken and apologetic.
- He strikes near the victim's home (along the 14 Mile Road corridor).
- He stalks potential victims for 2 weeks to 2 months, studying their habits and routines, lying in wait until they're alone at home at night - and vulnerable.