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DAYTON, Ohio, March 28, 1969 --- Donald Morefield, former teacher and coach at Wayne High School, has been named director of a proposed National Summer Youth Sports Program at the University of Dayton, Thomas J. Frericks, UD's Athletic Director, announced today. Morefield, a 1957 UD graduate, has assumed his duties and is preparing a proposal for the sports education program which would involve 300 to 600 inner city youth from Dayton.

The program would be part of a national effort on more than 125 university campuses in 45 metropolitan areas. It is expected 75,000 youths from 12 to 18 would be served throughout the nation. Possible inclusion of UD in the summer effort, which is being coordinated by the NCAA in Kansas City and HEW in Washington, was announced earlier this week by the President's Council on Physical Fitness.

The program, under the auspices of UD's Athletic Department, would be conducted in cooperation with Mr. Robert Lewis, Youth Opportunity Coordinator for the city of Dayton. Mr. Lewis, who has been a part of the preliminary planning, would serve on a committee to select the participants. Method of selection will be determined at a later date.

Morefield envisions a six-week program in June and July. He has recommended the use of the University's athletic and recreation facilities on the main and west campuses involving 300 students each. Some east campus facilities also would be utilized. The young people would attend the day-camp program Mondays through Fridays.

Morefield says if his plan is approved the Dayton youngsters would receive instruction in basketball, swimming, soccer, gymnastics, flickball (a form of touch football), volleyball, wrestling and track and field. A lifetime Sports Program of golf, bowling, archery, tennis and badminton would be taught in a special one-week concentrated program with the six-week period.

"It is our feeling," says Morefield, "that this special summer project can serve as a supplement to the fine local recreational programs throughout the country. Because we can concentrate in specific areas we feel that the National Summer Youth Sports Program will enrich the young people's athletic and recreational experiences. In our mind it will serve as a catalyst in even more participation in recreational activities both supervised and unsupervised."

The Dayton director points out that his proposal will be sent to Kansas City

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where a committee composed of educators, NCAA and President's Council on Physical Fitness members would study it. The UD people expect an answer in two to three weeks.

The Dayton planning committee consists of Frericks, Morefield, Bro. Elmer C. Lackner, S.M., UD's Vice President for Public Relations; Rev. Charles Collins, S.M., Chairman of UD's Athletic Board; James LaVanche, Chairman, Department of Physical Education; Curtis Hicks, Director, Human Relations Office at UD, and Mr. Lewis.