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DAYTON, Ohio, June 8, 1970 --- "We had a love affair last year," says Don Morefield, University of Dayton physical and health education professor who is director of the National Summer Youth Sports Program on the UD campus for the second straight year.

"We took skeptical, apprehensive young people last year," interjects Mrs. Nancy Fesson Hawkins, who again will be the Girls Program Coordinator, "and turned them into comfortable, happy youngsters who were looking up to our staff during the six-week period."

"It was a happy experience for all of us," says Morefield. "We took kids out of one environment and placed them in a strange one---the university campus. You could feel the reticence and the apprehension during those first days. You saw it in their eyes. Before it was over, however, the young people were looking toward our counselors for instructions, advice and just plain companionship. That's why I call it a love affair.

"This year, when we open on June 12 and continue through July 30, we will make some changes that should make the program even better for the overall development of the kids," he continued speaking about the program which will run on both the main and west campuses of the University of Dayton. "We'll still have 600 youngsters from the inner city, but we want to increase the number of girl participants. We hope to have at least 175 on the main campus, for instance.

"It is just as important for them to reap the long-range benefits of this program as it is for the boys. Our age range this year is from 10 to 16 (it was 12-18 last year), enabling us to catch them at a younger age. It gives them a head start with the fundamentals of the sports which we teach.

"We learned, too, that it is exceptionally important to concentrate on the lifetime sports such as golf, tennis, bowling, archery and badminton. Not everyone has the talent to be a good football, basketball or baseball player and those sports aren't as lasting in a person's life from a participant standpoint. Hence, we will increase our instructional periods in **such** things as golf, etc.

"We're also adding an educational component this year," Morefield continued. "We'll give them instruction in health education, counseling or career and study opportunities, and emphasis on teamwork and good sportsmanship in any endeavor.

"And two last points. We'll give them a daily meal each night as opposed to last year's snack, and we'll permit daily swimming," he concluded.

Morefield says that applications are being accepted at various agencies within the inner city. They include Arlington Homes, Boy's Clubs (east and west), Carillon Civic Association, Dakota Street Center, Dayton Christian Center, DeSota Bass Courts, East Dayton Youth Corp, Hilltop Homes, Parkside Homes, and Van Buren Center.

Participants will receive a preliminary medical examination. When the program begins the youngsters will be given instruction in swimming, bowling, archery, badminton, track and field, gymnastics, volleyball, tennis, golf and touch football. There will be clinics and special events in basketball, cooking, drama, dances, fashion shows, and a trip to a Cincinnati Reds baseball game.

The program on the main campus will run from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. and on the west campus from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Buses will be available for transportation and Accident-Medical Insurance coverage is provided with all fees paid by the University of Dayton, the Department of Health, Education and Welfare, and the National Collegiate Association.

University of Dayton administrators and athletic department personnel are serving on a resource committee for Morefield while Mr. Robert Lewis, Youth Opportunity Coordinator for the city of Dayton, is serving as liaison for the agencies who are selecting the 600 youths.

About 45,000 inner city youths throughout the country will participate in the program on 99 university campuses. HEW has allocated \$3,000,000 to conduct the six-week endeavor which, through the news media, became the best known summer youth program in the country last year.