Profile This Week

Meet Kevin Duguay - Schreiber Rec Director

by KAREN PARK

What would happen to a small town without recreation? No one would care to venture a guess. Recreation plays a very important role not only in small communities but also in large centres and cities.

It takes a special kind of person to keep most of the people happy most of the time, and Schreiber Rec Director, Kevin Duguay is just one of those special types. Kevin and his wife Denise moved into the town of Schreiber just a little over one year ago, from the metropolis of Toronto. Not only was the Recreation Director job opening a chance of a life time, but when the opportunity became available in a town such as Schreiber which housed a new recreation complex with good facilities, Kevin jumped at the chance.

Kevin has always been recreational oriented... having been raised in a family that was heavy on sports. From the time he was of a young age, Kevin remembers being involved in just about everything from hockey to water polo. He participated in competitive water polo for more years than he can remember, plus competitive swim-

ming and All Star base-ball. And if that wasn't enough of a load, he also played an active role in coaching a lot of minor sports. He was very active in R.L.S.S. (the Royal Life Saving Society)

When asked if he had won any special awards throughout his life, he answered, "When I played competitive water polo at the University of Waterloo, I was a Varsity Letterman," having been awarded the letter for his outstanding accomplishments in the sport.

While at the University of Waterloo, Kevin majored in Urban and Rural Planning, hoping to carry on his career as either a Recreation Consultant or a Recreation Director. Consultants were being phased out of the market, so Kevin decided to go into recreation as a director.

Kevin had previously done a great deal of volunteer work with sport organizations and spent most of his summers working in recreation departments. He had the opportunity to become the Community Centre Director for the city of Windsor, and this greatly attributed to his chosen career.

Upon moving to

Schreiber Kevin had several ideas that he wanted to follow through on and many of them have already been accomplished. When questioned of the first priority that he had when he assumed his new title of Director, Kevin stated that programming ranked high on his list. "I wanted to re-organize departments where it was necessary and I also wanted to create a positive direction for the recreation department that would meet the needs of the people of Schreiber. I was also met with the challenge of meeting the populace of Schreiber and acquainting my-

"And on top of all that," he laughs, "I wanted to get my house and my family organized."

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Other ideas that Kevin had, he has either put in place or is still attempting to follow through on. Included in these ideas were new playground facilities, a good, competitive mixed adult softball programme, ball hockey and the re-establishment of the Schreiber Winter Carnival. Kevin was instrumental in bringing in the Labatt's "Original 6" hockey show and it was met with much audience enthusiasm. Kevin hopes to become more involved with the Regional Programmes that are currently available on the North Shore, such as a minor hockey "Tiny Tournament". He intends to host more coaching clinics, estab-

lish the "Winter Carnival" as a major event.

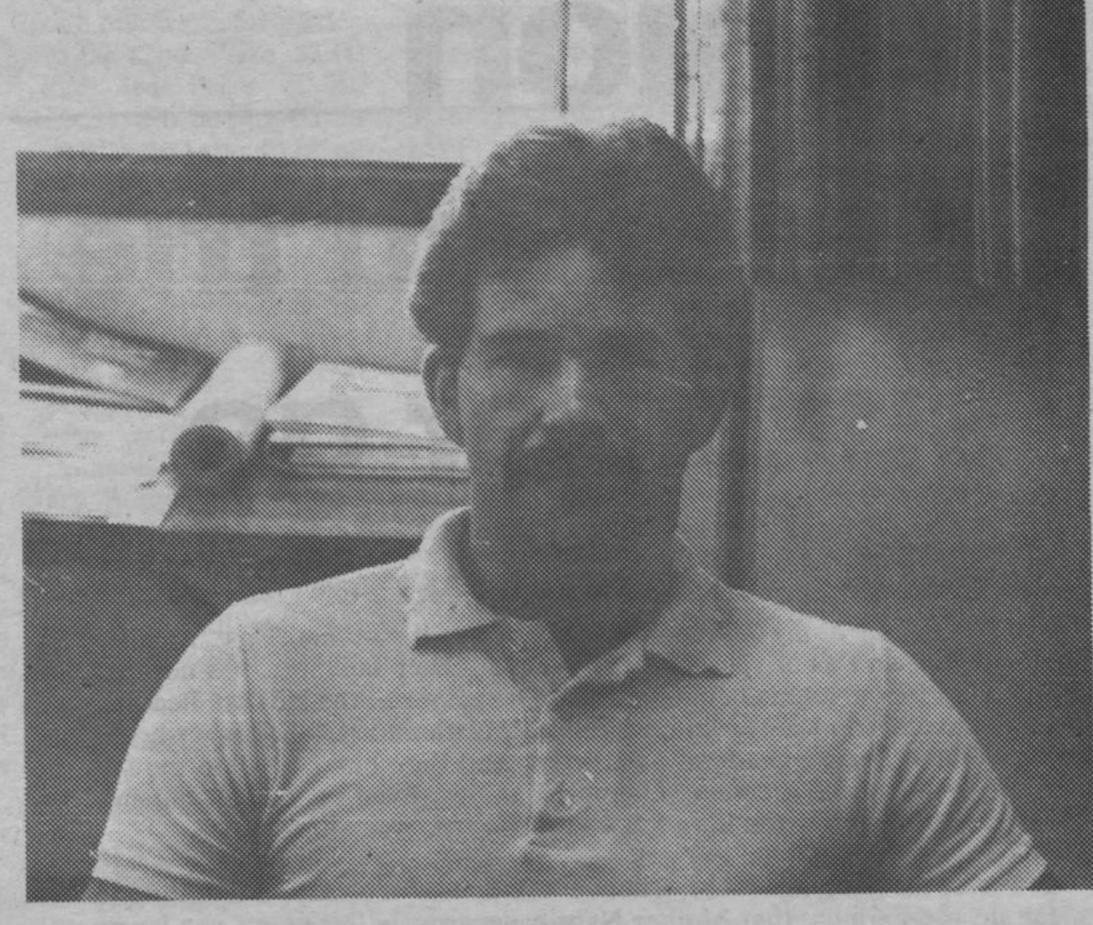
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ing to achieve better recreation for the area and included in his plans are an adult softball tournament and more support given to individual groups such as minor hockey, boxing and figure skating. "If it wasn't for these groups and many others like them, the town of Schreiber would notice quite a chance."

When asked what his

major goals were, Kevin stated that he would like to see improvements made on the baseball and play field and better play ground facilities., "I would very much like to see a substantial increase in tourism around Schreiber. We have so much to offer and we definitely have the potential with the two parks just outside of Schreiber. The establishment of an Economic Development Committee will certainly be very beneficial to our town and this group should be given everyone's full support."

The job of Rec Director leaves Kevin little time for his personal hobbies but when time allows he certainly takes advantage of it. "I enjoy many hobbies, some

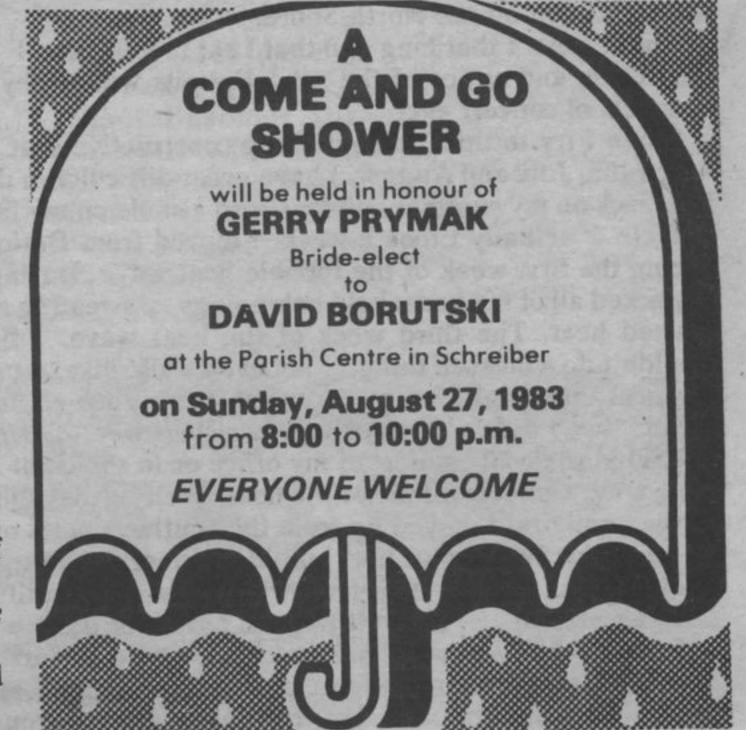


Schreiber Recreation Director - Kevin Duguay.

recreation oriented, some not so much."
Kevin can be found on many occasions in the weight training room at the recreation complex and when he's not there he could be seen out running his two dogs sitting, listening to a variety of music - or cooking up a gourmet meal (but only when his wife Denise lets him in the kitchen).

"The philosophy of my life is to enjoy ... prosper ... and to take care of my wife."

Keep up the good work Kevin!

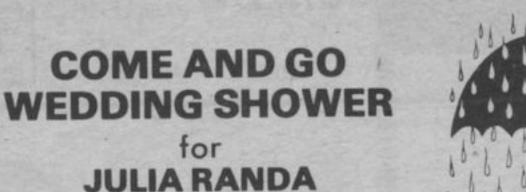


Student loan increase

"I am very pleased that following Parliament's approval of Bill C-161, full-time post-secondary students across Canada will now be able to benefit from increased federal assistance to more effectively meet the rising costs of education," said Mr. Joyal.

The Minister also noted that other amendments to the Canada Student Loans Act will take effect September 1, 1983. These changes include a program of interest relief for unemployed former student borrowers, guaranteed loans to part-time students attending postsecondary universities and colleges and a special provision for the temporary and permanently disabled borrower.

Serge Joyal, Secretary of State of Canada, to-day announced that as a result of the passage of Bill C-161 amending the Student Loans Act, the weekly loan limit for Canada Student Loans will increase from \$56.25 to \$100 per week, as of August 1, 1983.



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