

Summer fun: Athletics, academics

Grassroot News N.W. - With the end of summer school near, many parents are wondering what options are available to them and their children, so that summer will be more than fun and games. One community based organization, CRIB (Creative, Recreational, Industrial Building) is coordinating a summer Academy at Adams Children, ages four to twelve are involved in an intensive tutorial and sports program.

Linda Johnson, director of the CRIB's summer academy explains the scope of their services. "Our program consist of learning units in Math, English and handwriting skills. We reinforce and develop the skills that are learned during the regular school year."

The Academy is supervised by adults, but the day to day operations are handled by young adults. "Most of the young people who go on jobs have problems like not being on time or are unaware of the chain of command. They don't know what it means to have and keep employment. Here at CRIB, our youth know what to do and what is expected from them."

"We provide them with space to solve their problems and by utilizing that tactic, we found it to be very effective. The young adults here have a goal. When the next summer rolls around and there's a slot open, the youth knows that the job is his or hers."

The Academy is also equipped to handle the special educational problems of some of their students. "We have some students who are behind in their basic skills. They don't want you doing it in front of the rest of the kids, so we give them an area to be private in. Our kids are broken down into groups by age and provide them with one on one instructions and basic skills."

The program also has a special slot set up for children age 1 to 12. "We provide them a chance to go to a community college to learn a sport. After the sport, they are involved in an intensive academic preparation."

The Summer Academy is operating until August 6 and fees are \$3.75 per week from 8:00am-5:00pm. It provide students with the definition of their name; creative recreational industrial building.



Tutor James Broussard assists students at CRIB's Summer Academy.

(Photo: Richard J. Brown)



Prayer vigil on State Capitol steps was aimed at changing the heart of Senator Fred Heard: Berna Wingert, Phom Thompson, Kathlene Belfinini-Rice, Gloria Rzetochi, David Belfinini-Rice and Chuck Wall.

Vigil supports prisoner visits

(Continued from Page 1 Col 2) social effects on the prisoner and the family members - is reduced by family visits.

The Inmates' Family Visits Committee emphasizes the benefit for the family - the need of the wife to have both sexual relations and companionship with her husband and the need of the children to know and have a positive relationship with their father.

Mrs. Durand explained her situation. "My son will be in OSP for two more years - losing this bill means seven hours a month for two more years. He has no wife or children, and that is why I wanted parents to be included. I was angry at my son - that he got into trouble and that he got in trouble in this state. At least if he were still in California he could have visitors. Actually, in California he would not be in prison for his crime - with a clean record. He would be on probation."

Mrs. Dorand moved from California to Salem to be near her son, but found that she can see him only seven hours a month - in a crowded visiting room where conversation is difficult.

Arguments against family visits come mainly from corrections officials and right-wing groups and include need for retribution, moral considerations, cost and security problems.

Private family visits are allowed in a number of other nations and in Mississippi, California, New York Connecticut and Washington. New federal rules require that federal prisons allow conjugal visits by 1987.

The Mississippi program began informally when Parchman was built in 1900, with prisoners in work camps building their own shacks for visits. Today, the State provides housing units within the prison. Any legally married prisoner can use the facilities and sixty per cent of the men and seventy per cent of the women prisoners do. In 1974, visiting was expanded to provide three-day visits by families in efficiency apartments and houses provided for this purpose. The typical prisoner has a visit every two months.

The State of California implemented its Family Visiting Program in 1968 at the request of then Governor Ronald Reagan, and

has continuously expanded and liberalized the program. Emphasis is on strengthening family unity and children, prents, siblings and other immediate family members can participate.

Visits last from 19 to 72 hours, with an average of 48 hours. Approximately half of the visits involve family members other than husbands and wives.

Washington State Penitentiary at Walla Walla began its family visit program on April 15, 1981. All inmates who have been in prison for six months and who have not been found guilty of participating in a disturbance, assaultive behavior or attempted escape are eligible. Only spouses, children, step children, parents and grandparents are included.

Visits take place in four trailers purchased by the State and furnished by the inmates. Frequency is no more than once each 30 days, for approximately 18 hours. Currently 170 inmates, or 17 per cent, have participated in the program. J.W. Buchanan, coordinator of the program, said, "I believe this is a very good program and the benefits far outweighs any so-called disadvantages. I find that at first we had some people who were against the program, but soon after the program began to operate they too saw the advantages of such a program and now I believe support it."

Family visits and conjugal association practices are easily implemented when such practices are considered important by society. In the U.S., with its Victorian sexual values, conjugal association does not flow from the natural order but must come through bureaucratic debate based on moral, practical, legal and monetary considerations.

In Oregon, that debate had nearly reached a positive conclusion when it was foiled by the obstruction of one man - Senator Fred Heard.

NOTICE

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