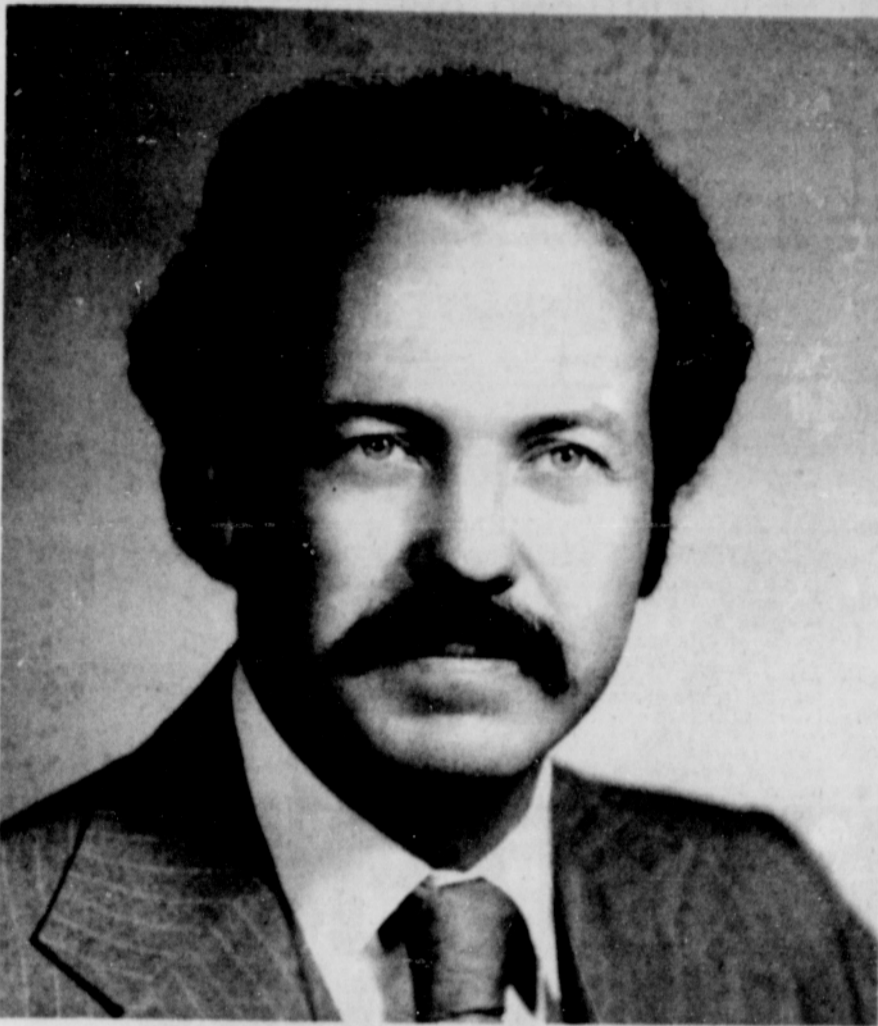


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Emanuel wins award

For the second year in a row Emanuel Hospital and Public Relations Director Frank Parchman have been awarded one of the nation's highest honors for hospital public relations.

The Academy of Hospital Public Relations meeting in Orlando, Florida announced recently that the hospital and Parchman had won a MacEachern Merit Award for work typifying "the highest achievement in hospital public relations" as exemplified by publication of the hospital's foundation magazine, OutReach. The Academy cited the issue of the magazine devoted to the Oregon Children's Medical Center at Emanuel Hospital. The issue featured a young Colton boy's recovery in the center from a head injury which left him near death and crippled. The fight for life of a premature baby weighing only two pounds in the Center's Newborn Intensive Care Unit, and other services of the center. The magazine was named one of the best special publications published by any hospital in the United States.

Parchman serves as editor of the magazine. Irene Doti is art director and writers include Mariann Koop, Monte Olsen and Mike Dolan.

It was one of the few times in the 37-year history of the awards that the same hospital had been awarded the special publication honors two years in a row.

Last year the Academy awarded Parchman and the hospital the MacEachern Award and the Webster Merit Award for Feature Writing for a story about a team of loggers who were caught in the May 18, 1980 eruption of Mount St. Helens and brought to Emanuel Hospital for treatment.

On Tuesday, April 27 Parchman received the second place award for "Best Magazine" published by a member hospital of the Association of Western Hospitals. The award was presented for the publication of OutReach when representatives of the 1,000-member hospitals representing 13 western states met for the association's annual convention in San Francisco.

Options program aids young prostitutes

by Harris Levon McRae

If you are a young girl who has run away from home because of conflicts you can't handle, like sex abuse, incest, or physical abuse, or if you are involved in prostitution, pornography or other sexually exploitive activities—where can you go for help?

"I ran away from home at 15 with no thought of ever going back. My mother was a space case and my step-father's favorite pastime was getting drunk and feeling and kissing on me. I split before it got worse."

Where can this person go for help?

Options is a program designed for young women sponsored by the Multnomah County Juvenile Court. The program provides vital support to young females.

"Options, as the word implies, is what we would like to do with these kids. We would like to give them some options to help stabilize their lives," Adrian Navarro, Counselor for Options, said.

"We kept seeing kids in our case load involved in prostitution and nothing was being done with them. We found that kids kept coming back to prostitution for many reasons—a grief or severe sadness, a parent murdered, physical abuse,

incest—very traumatic experiences," added Janice Barrett, also a counselor with Options.

Last year, 75 teenagers were arrested for prostitution in the Portland area; all but six were females. One-third of the girls committed to the State Training School from Portland last year were sent there for prostitution.

According to Hal Ogburn, Director of the Juvenile Detention Home, "Prostitution has always been toward the bottom of seriousness and priorities. The Options Program is for prostitutes. Many kids want out, but they have no way to support themselves, no way to live. They are dealt with in a group setting. Pimps provide a lot of what families provide. They provide for the needs of the prostitute. We need to transfer them into legitimate support systems, such as Options. Here experts talk regarding medical problems, health, etc. When the person leaves these resources, they have some options."

Girls are referred to Options in various ways including self referral, youth service centers, Portland police, parole officers and juvenile court counselors.

"We want to get their [the girls'] attention, we want them to know that we are providing a service that is not going to be taken away if kids

mess up, we try to make whatever it is we start with positive," Janice Barrett said.

When juveniles are arrested they are interviewed by an intake worker and disposition then takes place: children are released to a responsible parent or guardian and put on probation.

If parents cannot provide parenting services, homes are unsafe, etc., the children are taken to Children's Services Division (CSD). CSD handles assignment to foster homes.

"CSD placements are not working well with girls. A lot of them are in need of someone who understands their sexuality. About 80 per cent of the girls have been abused sexually or physically and don't relate well to men," Adrian Navarro commented.

The Options Program provides weekly group sessions as well as individual counseling and guidance. Through guest speakers and field trips the following information is provided: career training, assistance in locating housing, self defense, health information and educational programs.

"There is a need for more involvement from the business community. It would be great if they could provide us with some positions for these girls to work. Also, people in the community could

donate tickets to different events," said Duane McNanny, supervisor of Options.

"I was 13 years old and ran out of drugs and needed more. I supported myself by dating [selling sex] in hotels. I did it for about three years and decided to leave. I wasn't feeling very good about myself," one 16-year-old former prostitute related.

"Most kids would rather rob a John before turning a trick if possible. When they do work [sell sex], they work enough to pay for a few weeks' rent, clothes and food and then they don't work for a while," Janice Barrett said.

Children should not have to sell their bodies in order to stay alive. The key to any successful approach to problems of juvenile prostitution will have to include a widespread community awareness of and sensitivity to the issues of sexual exploitation of children by adults.

Adrian Navarro: "The Options staff is concerned with the success of the girls in our program and we are here to give support."

For more information about Options, please call 248-3460.

Hispanic office open

The Governor's Commission on Hispanic Affairs opened an office in Salem on May 2, at 790 NE Winter Street.

This commission, along with the Governor's Commission on Black Affairs, was created by executive order in 1981 by Governor Victor Atiyeh. During the last legislative session efforts failed to pass an adequate budget for each commission; instead, the legislature allocated one dollar (\$1.00) to each commission.

"If the Hispanic Commission is going to be effective, it has to be visible, so I have solicited donations to

pay for the rent of the office and we'll staff the office with volunteers, if necessary. We cannot, we will not wait two years to get a budget approved," Mr. Gutierrez emphasized.

The new office for the commission is located next to the Governor's mansion on NE Winter Street.

Other members of the commission are Luz Gutierrez, Maria Thiel, Consuelo Saragoza, Gregoria Perez-Selsky, Jose Vasquez Jr., Efrain Diaz-Horna, Candido Morales, and Lisa Heller.



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