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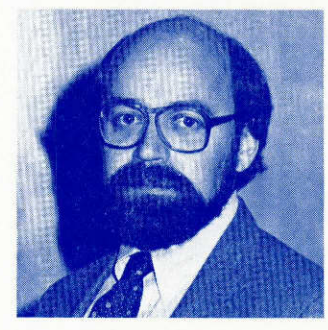
Jay Lindgren Appointed Deputy Director

Jay Lindgren, currently an executive officer responsible for juvenile release with the Minnesota Department of Corrections, has been named Deputy Executive Director of the Texas Youth Commission, effective January 15, according to Ron Jackson, Executive Director.

As executive officer of Juvenile Release, he is responsible to the Commissioner of Corrections for providing overall management and administrative approval of institution release, retention and return, and final discharge for juveniles committed to the Commissioner of Corrections; and providing overall coordination, development and interpretation of department juvenile policy.

Prior to serving as executive officer for the Minnesota Department of Corrections, he also served as project director in which he managed and administered direction in planning and organizing a demonstration project for chronic and violent juvenile offenders. This involved complex coordination with the juveniles, institution staff, courts, families, citizen groups, and a state advisory committee.

He served as Executive Director of PORT of Olmsted County in Rochester, Minnesota from 1972 to 1977. In that capacity he was responsible to the board of directors for providing direction in planning and organizing a community corrections organization serving three southeastern Minnesota counties. PORT provides treatment and control through three residential facilities to offenders on adult or juvenile court probation and state or federal parole.



JAY LINDGREN
New TYC Deputy Director

Lindgren holds both a Bachelors of Arts degree and an Master of Social Work degree from the University of Minnesota; and a Certificate in Strategic Management in Corrections from the University of Pennsylvania Wharton School. He also holds a Visiting Fellow honor from the Center for Studies in Criminal Justice, University of Chicago Law School. (continued on p. 9)

Child Support Payments

Effective September 1, juvenile courts will be required to access the parents ability to provide reimbursement for the cost of care if a child is placed outside the home. This policy is in response to the authority of a new mandate by the legislature as specified in the Texas Family Code, Section 54.06(A).

Prior to September 1, judges could access a parent; however, with the passage of this Sunset recommendation, a judge must now examine the financial ability to support the child if placed outside the home.

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1987 Commitments Up 15%

Violent Offenders Accounted for 13.8% of Commitments

The number of juveniles committed to the Texas Youth Commission increased 15% from fiscal year 1986 to 1987, according to a fiscal year 1987 summary (September 1, 1986 to August 31, 1987) which was presented to the Board at its September Board meeting.

A comparison of the 1986 and 1987 statistics shows that 2,211 youth were committed to TYC in 1987, an increase of 295 over the 1,916 committed during fiscal year 1986.

The number of commitments increased 15% this past year and the actual number of commitments were close to the number projected for fiscal year 1987. The commitments in fiscal year 1986 were less than previously projected. The Youth Commission is continuing to experience an up and down level of commitments; however, over the last several years the number of commitments continues to increase.

"Perhaps the most significant factor was the all time high in the number of youth committed for violent offenses," stated Ron Jackson, executive director. Violent offenders accounted for 13.8% of commitments, a total of 306 violent offenders were committed to TYC in fiscal year 1987. Two hundred eighty five youth were committed for violent offenses in fiscal year 1986. Jackson stated that "the increased number of commitments of violent offenders reflects the trend of increasing instances of violent crimes being committed by juveniles."

The report also indicated that several larger metropolitan counties experienced a significant increase in the number of youth sent to TYC. Cameron county increased its commitments 56% from 48 youth in FY 1986 to 75 youth in FY 1987. Bexar county sent 54% more youth in FY 1987 from 144 youth to 222 youth. Travis county increased its commitments 55% from 47 youth to 73 youth. Some of the other counties which showed the largest increase were:

| | FY 1986 | FY 1987 |
|-----------|---------|---------|
| Dallas | 131 | 151 |
| El Paso | 93 | 106 |
| Harris | 343 | 383 |
| Tarrant | 117 | 145 |
| Angelina | 10 | 18 |
| Bell | 12 | 24 |
| Brazos | 9 | 17 |
| Brown | 7 | 13 |
| Coryell | 3 | 10 |
| Galveston | 25 | 35 |
| Harrison | 9 | 16 |
| Jefferson | 13 | 23 |
| McClennan | 26 | 43 |

Twenty two counties which had NO commitments in 1986 committed 37 youth to our agency in 1987: Shelby, 4; Brooks, Garza, Jones, Kimble, and Terry, Gaines and Stephens 2 each; Atascosa, Camp, Comanche, Culberson, Refugio, Goliad, Hill, Kendall, Lampasas, Lavaca, Lee, Newton, Reagan and Runnels, one commitment each.

The percentage of minority commitments to TYC continues to increase over the previous fiscal year. In fiscal year 1986, 24.1% of commitments were Black. In fiscal year 1987, Blacks accounted for 27.2% of all commitments. Additionally, Hispanic commitments rose from 38.4% to 40.8%. Correspondingly, the percentage of White youth sent to TYC dropped from 36.7% to 31.2%.

TYC Calendars on Sale Now!

The State Volunteer Resource Council is raising funds for volunteer projects of a statewide nature through the sale of 1988 calendars. The calendars feature photos taken at the various TYC institutions, and the cost is \$5 each.

Volunteer coordinators in all TYC facilities and programs have the calendars available. Please buy one and help support the work of the state council. Each local council gets part of the proceeds from each calendar sold at their facility.

Calendars list all state holidays and all TYC Board meetings for 1988. "They make great Christmas gifts," said Peg Johnson, state council chairman.

Juvenile Sex Offender Treatment Program Expanded at Giddings

The Texas Youth Commission's Sex Offender Treatment Program located at the Giddings State School has expanded from a population of sixteen to thirty-two youth, effective October 15, according to Marie Murdoch, program supervisor. The additional funds to expand the program were provided by the 70th Legislature and will enable Giddings to hire two additional caseworker III's as program therapists and also adds an additional YAS staff member.

The program therapists will be responsible for groups of nine youth each. Currently, there is a group for youth committed for molestation of a child and a group for rapists being run by two program therapists. However, the expansion of the program will enable the program to add two more groups to provide additional services for child molesters and for low I.Q. youth. Currently the program is receiving more referrals for child molesters. The expansion also calls for the development of an aftercare component, formalized sex education curriculum, and family education.

Youth will generally stay up to eleven months in the program and involves extensive group therapy whose goal is to a) accept responsibility for their sex offense; 2) identify the sex offense cycle; 3) develop empathy for their victim(s); and 4) develop appropriate skills.

The youth are required to participate in 90 minutes of group therapy five days a week. In addition, the Giddings psychologist and program director also conduct an intensive therapy group on a weekly basis.

The Texas Interagency Council on Sex Offender Treatment, created by the Texas Legislature in 1984, recommended that TYC establish a program for juvenile sex offenders. In 1985, the program for juvenile sex offenders was established at the Giddings State School. This program was designed to decrease the recidivism of sex offenders and is currently the only residential program in Texas offering services for youth who have committed a sexual offense.

Aids Testing Law Altered

Two recently enacted legislative bills have drastically altered the law regarding AIDS testing. This change has specific implications for Youth Commission programs and staff.

The law specifies that 1) testing for the HIV antibody is very restrictive and screening or routine testing is not allowed; and 2) strict confidentiality must be maintained. No statement may be made regarding test results, personal risk factors of an individual, or even that a person has been or will be tested or that he has been exposed. Nurse/physician communication only is allowed.

Penalties for violation of these laws is a Class A misdemeanor, punishable by up to one year in jail and/or a fine of up to \$2,000.

Due to criminal penalties, employees are asked not to communicate this type of information verbally, in writing, or on electronic mail. If any employee receives this type of information they are instructed to notify Sandra Fitzpatrick, Health Care Administrator, immediately and a decision for follow-up will be made based on medical criteria and guidelines within the law. Compliance is mandatory to protect staff from any personal liability.

Administrators appointed

Several new administrators have been appointed to TYC positions, and some employees have been promoted during the fall.

Dr. Chuck Jeffords, formerly research associate in central office, has been named Director of the newly named Research and Planning Department, effective November 1. Jeffords replaces Adrian Moore who will begin serving as the Central Region's Director. Adrian has been employed with TYC for the past thirteen years.

Theodore Shorten, previously a parole officer in the East Region for 17 months, was named research specialist in central office, effective November 23.

Mike Harrison has been named Administrator of Contract Programs, effective October 12, replacing Cherie Townsend, who resigned to work for the Travis County District Attorney's Office. Harrison has been employed with TYC for the past five years, most recently serving as the regional director of the central region.

Sandra Fitzpatrick has been named administrator of health care services, effective November 1. Sandra served as director of nurses at the Brownwood State School for the past five years before coming to Central Office. She replaces June Cox who recently retired.

Allen Naff has been named Chief of Staff Services, effective February 1, replacing Diana Prewit who resigned to work for the University of Texas - Dallas. Allen previously served as Assistant Chief of Staff Services for the Attorney General's Office.

Glenda Jones has been named director of nurses at the Brownwood State School and the Statewide Reception center, effective December 1. Jones has been employed as nursing supervisor at the Brownwood State School since 1984.

Shirley Adams and Octavia Cloman-Shaw will assume responsibilities as contract specialists in the north Texas region, effective November 1. Adams has been employed with TYC for 16 years and Colman-Shaw has worked for TYC over 8 years.

Juan DeLeon has been named parole supervisor for the South Texas Region, replacing Dora Ramirez-Itz who has been named superintendent of Nueces House, which is located in Corpus Christi, effective November 16.

Rev. Gary Wallace has been named chaplain at the West Texas Children's Home effective December 30. He replaces Rodney Peacock who was named volunteer coordinator at that facility.

New Central Office Building

Can I smoke at my work station? Can I eat at my desk? Where will I park? These and many other similar questions are being asked by central office employees regarding the eventual move into the new Texas Youth Commission/Texas Rehabilitation Commission office building.

In order to address these various questions, and others arising from this anticipated move, Ron Jackson executive director, appointed a Central Office Building Transition Committee to work with the Texas Rehabilitation Commission, who will share the building with TYC. One objective of the committee will be to develop building rules and policies, and to serve in an advisory capacity by assisting central office employees in the preparation for the move.

Committee members appointed by the executive director include Gary Fuchs, chairman; Terry Graham, Carolyn Purcell, Donna Lawrence, Jim Mullis, R.B. Klug, and Ed White, ex-officio. Central Office employees are asked to address any questions they may have to a member of this committee.

The TYC/TRC office building will be located at the Winter's Human Service Complex (Lamar and 45th), and is currently under construction. While the completion schedule may change, the agency anticipates moving into the new building in mid June/July 1989.

Youth who recidivate reaches 39%

In 1986 the Research and Planning Department completed the first comprehensive analysis on recidivism of youth from the Texas Youth Commission in the report, "Review of Recidivism Rates and Predictors for Juveniles Released from the Texas Youth Commission."

Prior to 1986, TYC has used various definitions of recidivism. The report reviewed various methods to compute recidivism as well as established for TYC a standard definition used by most correctional agencies. In the report the recidivism statistics reflect "the percent of individuals released onto parole or discharged from the agency, who within three years, were reincarcerated due to parole revocation, recommitment to TYC, or commitment to an adult prison facility."

The 1986 report reviewed the youth released during 1982 and indicated that after three years, 36% of former TYC students recidivated. Following the three year period of release, 14% were revoked to TYC; 2% were recommitted to TYC; and 21% had been admitted to the Texas Department of Corrections (the total does not equal the sum due to rounding.)

Other important findings of the report were: 1) 31% of former TYC students were admitted to the Texas Department of Corrections (TDC) prior to the age of 21; 9% were admitted for violent crimes; 2) half of these admissions to TDC were for burglary; approximately 60% of these TDC admissions for violent crimes were for robbery or aggravated robbery; 3) the eight groups of students who, prior to reaching age 21, were most likely to be admitted to TDC, admitted to TDC for violent crimes, admitted to TDC with long-sentence length, and arrested for violent crimes after their last release from the Youth Commission were: males, repeat offenders, blacks, students from particular counties, other than violators of CINS probation, students released from training schools, students whose age at their last release at TYC was 16 or over, and students committed from large counties; 4) repeat offenders to TYC were much more likely to be committed to TDC (52%) than were any classification group (e.g., nonviolent offenders 35%, violent offenders 28%) and were at least as likely to be committed for violent crimes (17% vs. 13% for violent offenders and 9% for nonviolent offenders).

In October, Research & Planning reviewed the youth who had been released between July 1, 1983 and June 1984, tracking them for three years after their release. The study found that the recidivism from this group of released youth had increased to 39%. Of that total 14% had been revoked to TYC; 2% had been recommitted to TYC; and 23% were eventually admitted to TDC.

The recent review compared recidivism between youth released from various Youth Commission programs. Rates indicated that 42% of youth recidivated from training schools; 27% recidivated after release from contract care; and 25% recidivated following release from a halfway house.

Dr. Chuck Jeffords, Director of Research and Planning, noted that "this does not necessarily mean that community programs are more effective than training schools, because training schools have the handicap of starting off with higher risk youth."

Mexican Juvenile Officials Visit the Texas Youth Commission

A delegation of juvenile justice officials from Mexico visited various Texas Youth Commission facilities in October. The facilities that were toured included the West Texas Children's Home, Giddings State School, Brownwood State School, the Statewide Reception Center, and Central Office.

The visit to the Youth Commission was geared toward exchanging ideas about the juvenile justice system in the United States, developing a better working relationship between Texas and Mexico, allowing for the Mexican officials to confirm good treatment of Mexican national students in TYC, and to develop a program offering supervision services to Mexican national students once they return to Mexico.

A delegation from TYC and the Juvenile Probation Commission had recently visited Mexico to study the facilities in that country and explore the feasibility of having Mexican national students supervised once they return to their homes.

Among those on hand for the various tours of TYC facilities included Jose L. Trevino, director of adult and juvenile corrections facilities in the state of Nuevo Leon; Juana Maria Flores, director of juvenile services in the state of Coahuila; Sergio Castillo, director of juvenile services in the state of Nuevo Leon; Manuel Edgar Lopez, legal counsel to the juvenile services in the state of Nuevo Leon; Leopoldo Iglesias, psychiatrist for the juvenile services; and Gonzalo Martinez, houseparent at the juvenile facility in Nuevo Leon.

Various chief juvenile probation officers from the border counties also participated in a training workshop at the Brownwood State School, conducted by Jesus Bonilla, West Texas regional director, to incorporate principals of parole supervision to the already existing border children's justice projects liaison service provided by the county juvenile probation offices to Mexican national juveniles along the border.

Trevino stated that "the Youth Commission facilities were well structured with caring people who have clear goals and norms." He also stated that "they were very concerned how Mexican youth live and are treated in Texas. Up until now we are very happy to have witnessed a good treatment of Mexican youth while they are placed at the Texas Youth Commission."

Trevino expressed gratitude for the opportunity to view the various facilities and emphasized that he had seen and heard many things that will be beneficial to him and the delegation when they return to Mexico.



Mexican Juvenile Official visited various Texas Youth Commission facilities in October. Pictured at a reception at the Giddings State School from left (front row) are John Arredondo, Central Office; DR. LEOPOLDO IGLESIAS, MANUEL EDGAR LOPEZ, Nuevo Leon; JUANA MARIA FLORES, Coahuila; JOSE L. TREVINO, Nuevo Leon; Debbie Garza, Judy Culpepper, Texas Juvenile Probation Commission; Felipe Saldivar, Laredo Probation; (back row) Stan Degerolami, Giddings; SERGIO CASTILLO, Nuevo Leon; Calvin Crenshaw, Giddings; Neil Nichols, Central Office; Jesus Bonilla, West Texas Regional Office; Gonzalo Martinez, Nuevo Leon; and Roberto Delgado, Laredo Probation.

Fourth Annual State Volunteer Conference

TYC volunteers and staff from around the state gathered at the fourth annual Texas Youth Commission State Volunteer Conference, which was hosted by the Crockett State School Community Advisory Council, October 1-3 at the Best Western Crockett Inn.

Tours were conducted to the Crockett State School campus and to various historical homes located in Crockett.

Objectives of the conference included improving communications between the Youth Commission, the youth being served by the agency, local volunteers, and citizens of the community; present opportunities and information for volunteers and volunteer administrators so that they can better serve the youth in their programs and involve others in the community to participate in TYC activities; help bridge the gap of information and services between TYC and the private community sector; and to provide training which will assist in increased services from the community, and a better understanding of the community's role in governmental programs

The conference began on Thursday evening with an open session at the Masonic Lodge. David Cocoros, superintendent of the Crockett State School, introduced the keynote speaker, Dr. Charles Friel, Director of the Criminal Justice Center and Dean of the Department of Criminal Justice, Sam Houston State University, Huntsville.

Peg Johnson, who is chairman of the State Volunteer Resource Council for Texas Youth, presided at the opening session.

Welcome remarks were made by Manuel Martinez, State Council Board Member and Chairman of the Crockett Community Advisory Council.

Friday's sessions began with the annual meeting of the State Volunteer Resource Council for Texas Youth in which 1987-88 officers were elected. All conference participants were welcomed to attend this meeting. (See related story)

The general session on Friday morning included local council reports from volunteers and a luncheon where a program was presented by the Crockett State School chapel choir, under the direction of Kathy Hollis, Crockett Community Advisory Council member.

Three workshops were each held twice Friday afternoon in order that the participants could attend any two of their choice.

Workshop I, Fund Raising, was conducted by Mary Gready, Executive Director, Juvenile Court Volunteers of Harris County, Inc., which is a United Way agency. This workshop addresses how to raise funds to support and enhance the life and experiences of youth committed to the Youth Commission.

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State Council elects officers for 1987-1988

Peg Johnson of Giddings was re-elected chairman of the TYC State Volunteer Resource Council for Texas Youth, during the fourth annual volunteer conference in Crockett.

Other officers elected to the state volunteer council were Joe Huff of Brownwood, vice chairman; Manuel Martinez of Crockett, treasurer; Joan Cummins of Corsicana, secretary; and Isiah Gordon of El Paso, Member-At-Large, who was re-elected. The officers will serve until the next annual meeting of volunteers.

Other board members include Barbara Albrecht, McAllen; Adele Hearn, San Antonio; Arturo Avila, Harlingen; Carroll Samuels, West Texas; Cecelia Speer, Fort Worth; Frank Lorne, Gainesville; Ron Rothmeyer, Dallas; and Eva Ponce, Houston.

The Board of Directors, made up of representatives selected by each local volunteer council, set next year's annual conference for October 19-21 on South Padre and will be hosted by three South Texas Region volunteer councils: McAllen Council; Corpus Christi Council; and Harlingen Council. Barbara Albrecht, chairman of the McAllen Council, is serving as chairman for the annual conference.

Volunteer Conference

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Workshop II, Religion, Local Churches, TYC Youth and Volunteer Involvement, was conducted by Dr. Matt Ferrara, Chief of Counseling, TYC, and Brian Buchanan, attorney and organizer of several Lay Witness Weekends for Gainesville State School. This workshop addresses how local church members can best assist in the treatment program for TYC youth.

Workshop III, Volunteers in Parole, was conducted by Ginger Corn, TYC volunteer in Victoria; and Virginia Calder, TYC volunteer in Goliad. They addressed how to recruit, train and retain community residents to assist youth on parole, which is a priority of the Morales Consultant Committee.

Saturday morning offered participants the opportunity to sit in on four of eight table topics.

The topics offered and the facilitators were: Writing Effective Grants, Chuck Hansford, youth program supervisor, Crockett State School; Coordination Between Councils, Peg Johnson, chairman, State Volunteer Resource Council; Legal Issues, Neil Nichols, TYC general council; Conducting Effective Council meetings, Joan Timmons, chief of volunteer services, TYC; "Paid" Volunteers, Brian Blalock, volunteer coordinator, Crockett State School; How to Encourage Self-Esteem in Youth, Terry Guinn, medical/psychiatric caseworker, Crockett State School; Efficiency Through Time Management, Pat Tucker, assistant director of training, TYC; and Alcohol Abuse and Youth, Mary Dickerson, chairman, Corsicana Community Advisory Council.

The highlight of the fourth Volunteer Conference was the Awards Luncheon where awards were presented to winners in three categories.

Sandra Menley was named 1987 Outstanding Individual Volunteer. She has contributed six years of active friendship and counseling with students at the Giddings State School, and has held the position of Community Advisory Council chairperson for the past six years. She also served as co-chairperson for the past six years and served as co-chairperson for the very first Texas Youth Commission volunteer conference which was held in 1984 in Austin.

Selected to receive the Outstanding Volunteer Group award was the VFW #8787 of Austin. Bob Stewart, Quarter Master of the Post, received the award on behalf of the Post. The Post has been consistent, faithful and an innovative supporter of Turman Halfway House students for the past four years, as well as youth on parole in the Austin community.

The 1987 award for Outstanding TYC Student Volunteer Group went to the Schaeffer Halfway House students. Students in the Schaeffer House program have been extremely active in community projects and have regularly donated over 200 hours a month to assist the elderly and handicapped people of El Paso.

Corsicana youth honored

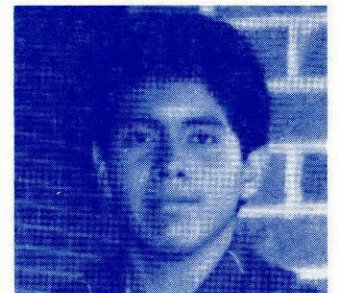
Corsicana State Home student, Florencio Vasquez, was recently selected as a recipient of the "1986-87 Who's Who Among American High School Students."

Florencio, known as "Flo," was nominated for this award while a freshman at Belton High School. Nominees for this award are comprised of students nationwide who have a "B" grade point average or more and have demonstrated leadership in academics, athletics or extracurricular activities.

Flo attributed his nomination to a paper he wrote on Mexican culture for his history class. He stated that "he really got into writing" when he was working on the project.

Flo said that his grades had dropped to "b's" because of his involvement in many extracurricular activities. Several of the activities he is involved in include the debate team, drama, swimming, baseball, basketball, weight lifting program, student council, and the recently organized campus newspaper.

"I want to be a lawyer," stated Flo. "I want to continue to progress in this program and go home." His future goals are to finish high school, attend a community college, and eventually attend Baylor Law School or the University of Texas. "I don't know which I will choose, but I'll work it out as I go along," concluded Flo.



FLORENCIO VASQUEZ
Corsicana student

Legislature Approves Additional Funding for Dorms

As a result of additional funding provided to the Texas Youth Commission by the Legislature for the 1988-89 biennium, the Corsicana State Home and the Gainesville State School opened additional dorms for youth assigned to these facilities.

In the case of the Corsicana facility, a needs assessment study was conducted by the agency which determined that additional placements were needed for 15-16 year old youth who would otherwise be appropriate for the Corsicana program, but due to limited funding, were not placed into the program. The additional funds approved by the legislature expanded the Corsicana State Home from an average daily population of 66 to an average daily population of 88 youth. The new dorm will care for these 15-16 year old emotionally disturbed youth.

The budget of the Corsicana State Home will increase \$283,205 from its fiscal year 1987 operating level of \$3,145,111. Eleven additional staff have been hired to operate the new dorm which includes a dorm director and youth activity supervisors. The additional students were assigned to the Corsicana program beginning October 21. These small groups of six to eight youth will be referred from the Statewide Reception Center and other TYC training schools because their need for treatment cannot be met in those programs.

The newly renovated dorm that opened at the Gainesville State School will house 32 youth bringing the campus average daily population to 256 youth. Following approval for the opening of this dorm by the Youth Commission board, the state school began hiring the twelve new employees necessary for the dorm's operation. Youth began moving into the dorm October 12, according to Tom Riddle, superintendent of the school. The new operating funds will increase Gainesville's budget by \$322,854 from its fiscal year 1987 level of \$5,814,854. The new dorm was funded by the legislature to promote additional placement for youth who are in need of a more structured environment.

In addition to the funding for the new dorm, the legislature also authorized the renovation of the school's gymnasium, auditorium, academic and security buildings, and street extensions. Anticipation that youth will be required to stay in an institutional placement longer as a result of passage of the determinate sentencing legislation, the legislature also authorized the construction of a security fence surrounding the Gainesville campus.

Funds to begin these projects at Gainesville were made available to the Youth Commission through the sale of bonds, when Constitutional Amendment 8 was approved by voters on November 3.

Lindgren

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Lindgren has received honors from the President, Minnesota Corrections Association in 1978; Rochester Jaycees Young Man of the Year, 1977; Bush Fellowship in 1976; and the United States Children's Bureau Scholarships in 1965-66 and 1966-67.

Lindgren holds appointments to the Governor's Minnesota Criminal Information System Board and Task Force on Criminal Justice Standards and Goals where he served as Chairman; member of the Minnesota Supreme Court Juvenile Justice Study Commission and Task Force on Permanency For Children; Minnesota Interagency Task Force on Child Sexual Abuse; and the Department of Human Services Task Forces on Child Abuse, In-House Services, and Permanency Planning.

He has provided training and consultation in juvenile and adult criminal justice for numerous groups and organizations including the New York City Department of Juvenile Justice; Virginia National Office of Social Responsibility; U.S. Department of Justice Violent Juvenile Offender Initiative; Ohio Department of Youth Services; Cleveland, Ohio Federation for Community Planning; Connecticut State Planning Agency; and the American Corrections Association.

Lindgren has co-authored several publications including "Diversion Programming in Criminal Justice: The Case of Minnesota"; "Commentary on Monahan, J. 'Childhood Predictors of Adult Criminal Behavior.'"; "Continuous Case Management With Violent Offenders."; "Criminal Violence and Juvenile Dispositional Considerations."; and "Social Policy and the Prevention of Delinquency."

Houston Board Members Honored

The Houston Community Volunteer Youth Council honored three Texas Youth Commission board members from Houston at a "Benefit Gala" on December 4.

Board members honored at the banquet were Rev. Floyd N. Williams, Sr., who is currently on the Youth Commission board and was appointed in 1983; Jim Bowie, who was appointed in 1979 and served on the TYC board until 1985; and Howard Middleton, who was appointed in 1975 and served on the TYC board until 1980.

The event was held to recognize and honor the three board members who have served on the Youth Commission board from the Houston area, to promote and publicize the Community Volunteer Youth Council, and to establish a scholarship fund for the youth of TYC and to support other priority council projects.

The program included a welcome by Anne R. Harris, president of the volunteer council; a presentation of several proclamations from the mayor's and governor's office which were made by Larry F. York, Chairman of the Texas Youth Commission Board; and an invocation and benediction made by Dr. William Shamburger, former TYC board member.

The Community Volunteer Youth Council is a chartered, non-profit group of volunteers organized in 1983 for the purpose of providing educational, recreational and employment resources to Houston area youth under the jurisdiction of the Youth Commission. Council officers include Anne R. Harris, president Samuel Mayo, vice president;

Annette Perry-George, secretary; Alfred Temple, treasurer; Albert Opore-Addo, parliamentarian; and Eva Ponce, state representative. Members are Vernon Broussard, Cindy Carillo, Regina Harris, Portia Jackson, Vernell Jessie, Barbara Johnson, Helen Johnson, Dr. James Jones, JoAnn Jones, Gregory Riley, Marilda Roberson and Dr. Sally Webster.

1981 Outstanding Contract Program Administrator Passes Away

Durwood Wright, Administrator of the Wright Group Home, passed away October 5.

The Wright Foster Home was chosen as the Texas Youth Commission's outstanding contract program in 1981. Durwood and Jean Wright of Waxahachie have been providing foster care services for children of the Texas Youth Commission since 1978. The program is currently serving five TYC youth.

Child Support

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If a child is subsequently committed to the Texas Youth Commission, the money that the parent is required to pay is forwarded to the Youth Commission.

The Reception Center will review all commitment documents to determine if support payments have been ordered and will notify and forward a copy of the order for payments to the central office fiscal department. The fiscal office will then notify the parent by letter regarding where the payments should be sent and will also notify the parent when the child is eventually paroled and/or released to the home of an immediate family

member or relative. Support payments will cease on the next payment date following the parole/release date.

If for whatever reason the parent is delinquent in their payments, the fiscal department is required by policy to notify the juvenile court. The Youth Commission is not responsible for any delinquent collection.

Any monies collected from parents are deposited in the State General Revenue Fund. These funds will not go directly to the Youth Commission and are collected to reimburse the state for the cost of care.

As of January 8, the Youth Commission has received thirty-nine court orders for support from the Reception Center. Payments range from a low of \$5 per month to \$372 per month. If all payments are collected, the agency anticipates receiving \$3,772 per month to be deposited as unappropriated receipts to the State General Revenue Fund.

Institutional Placement Coordinators

The following employees have been named institutional placement coordinators: JERRY JAMESON, Brownwood State School; JENNIE STEWART, Director of Security/IPC, Corsicana; CAROL HACKER, Crockett; BOBBIE OWENS, Gainesville; and DALTON SHERRILL, Giddings; and ROLAND BOWER, West Texas Children's Home.

These employees are stationed in TYC institutions and report directly to Paula Morelock, supervisor of centralized placement at the Statewide Reception Center.

The IPC serves as a liaison between the institution and the Statewide Reception Center/Centralized Placement Unit to ensure the coordination of referrals of youth within the institution who cannot or should not go home on parole but are in need of a community program.

The seven major responsibilities of this position include 1) ensuring that the request for placement is consistent with the student's treatment plan; 2) ensuring timely and complete referrals are sent to and received from CPU; 3) serving as a resource to institutional staff by routinely providing current information about placements in general and about specific cases, problems, and concerns; 4) requiring that accurate and timely reporting of statistical information is reported to CPU; 5) ensuring placement referrals are in compliance with agency policy and procedure; 6) coordinating with CPU the transportation of students to community facilities; and 7) developing and maintaining a helping, cooperative, and professional working relationship with institutional staff.

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TYC receives firsts sentenced youth

Attorney challenges statute

As of January 1, a total of five youth have been committed to the Texas Youth Commission under the determinate sentencing bill that passed during the 70th Legislature.

A 15-year-old youth from Comanche County who murdered another teenager following an argument on September 25 was the first youth to be committed under the newly passed law. He received a 10-year sentence.

A Tom Green County judge sentenced three youth from Michigan for attempted capital murder. The youth shot the editor of a local newspaper in the chest who was chasing them following the robbery of his neighbor's house. One of the youth received 20 years, while the two other youths received 15 years each.

The fifth youth to be committed under this bill is a 16-year-old youth from Harris County. He received a 10-year sentence after pleading guilty to the charge of aggravated sexual assault.

This new law requires that youth committed for a determinate sentence remain in an institution until their 18th birthday. Prior to their 18th birthday, a hearing before the committing court is held to determine whether the child will be released under supervision or transferred to the Texas Department of Corrections to complete their sentence.

An attorney for one of the youth sentenced from Tom Green County has challenged the constitutionality of the determinate sentencing bill to the 3rd Court of Appeals in Austin. The attorney from Junction, Texas stated that the law violates Article 1, Section 10 of the Texas Constitution, which requires an indictment for any criminal offense that could result in a prison term.

Youth may still be sentenced to the Youth Commission even though the law has been challenged in state court. If the court finds this law unconstitutional, these sentenced youth would be remanded back to the juvenile court for further disposition.

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