

West Campus Capers



SEPTEMBER GAMES

If you didn't hear, the first September Institutions Games were held at Johnstone Training and Research Center in Bordentown. The "September Games" were devised by the Institutional Recreation Committee which is membered by all the Supervisors of Recreation from New Jersey's seven institutions for the mentally retarded.

Five hundred residents from all of New Jersey's institutions for the mentally retarded participated. The day's activities started with the Parade of Contestants which was led by Snoopy, the Grand Marshal. Snoopy was played by Denise Darminio, Recreation Assistant. All the awards for the day were generously donated by the Phillies Fillies, a beneficial group composed of the wives of the Philadelphia Phillies.

The West Campus sent a contingency of 25 residents, all the Special Olympics trainees, from "A," "G," and "H" Cottages. The residents participated in three track and field events each. Everyone of the West Campus contestants received medals for participation and ribbons appropriate with each of their finishes. Coaches Connie Mercado, Recreation Assistant, and Brenda DePalma, Recreation Aide, did an excellent job in preparing the West Campus participants.

SUPER DAY 1978

The second annual Super Day was held August 23, 1978. The residents were treated to an afternoon of activities which began with many games on the "D" Cottage lawn and ended with a dance which was accompanied by a trio entitled "Infinity's End."

The evening was highlighted by a horse show presented by "The Swingin' Stirrups" 4-H Club and the "Sharlott Stables Riding Club." After the show, the 250 residents who attended were treated to hamburgers and juice.

Special thanks goes to Mrs. Fran Stolar, Volunteer Services, who proved very instrumental in procuring prizes and treats from many organizations throughout the community.

By the way, the Super Day "Photo Phantom" seen scurrying around campus was Mrs. Harriet Levin, Supervisor of Educational Programs. She was becoming acquainted with the new Polavision Camera equipment which was obtained through the T & E Program.

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SUMMER FROLICS...Summer sunshine, Summer fun, and Summer recreation aides blended with experienced personnel to provide another summer of smiles at the West Campus.

During the summer session (July and August), many activities were planned by both the Resident Living and Recreation Departments. Daily and weekly events which typify the summer program are the pool, Camp Holiday, and train rides on a daily basis plus marshmallow toasts, bus rides with custard treats, and Campus and Parvin Picnics for all the cottages on a weekly basis.

PHILLIE PHANATICS...Summer meant many special and interesting trips. To begin with, residents of "A" and "H" Cottages sat in the "Bull Ring" at Veterans' Stadium and cheered the Phillies and the Phillie Phanatic. Everyone was a winner thanks to the Special Olympics Committee of Cumberland County which provided the tickets.

COUNTY FAIR...On July 18th, the 4-H Clubs' members from "A," "C," "E," "F," and "H" Cottages and their club leaders went to the Cumberland County Fair. While there, they toured the exhibits and took special pride in seeing the fruits of their labor exhibited with other 4-H groups from Cumberland County. A special note of interest is that for the second consecutive year the West Campus 4-H Clubs received a Premium Blue Ribbon for their excellent exhibit.

HOW DOES YOUR GARDEN GROW? Not with silver bells or cockle shells, but with freshly harvested tomatoes, peppers and cabbages. Mrs. Bey from "D" Cottage planted the garden which was heartily enjoyed by our residents of "D."

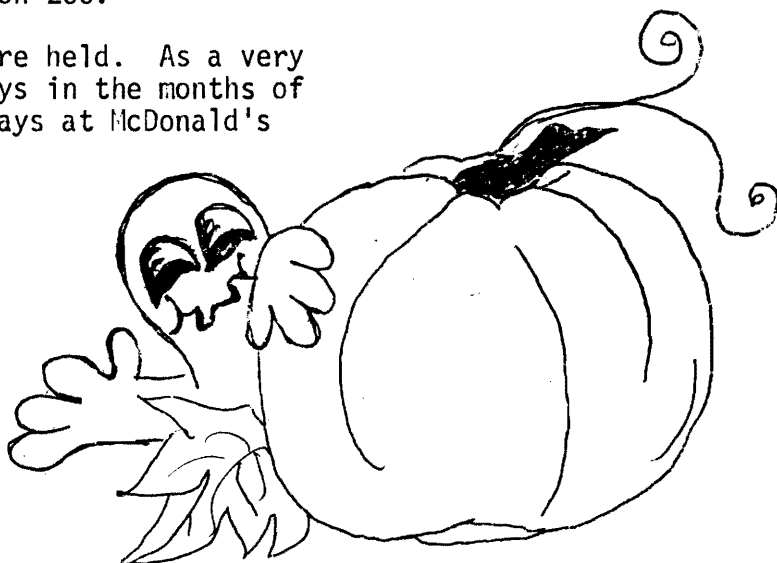
BUSY, BUSY, BUSY...T & E Staff was especially busy this summer. Extra fun activities were scheduled every day - picnics, walks, parties and Super Day. T & E Staff joined along with recreation and building personnel helping where help was needed. In addition, they took special trips with their charges.

Examples of special trips were those to the Bridgeton Zoo, with a stop for box lunches in the park, the Cumberland Mall, Giampietro Park, Cumberland County Fair, and the Bridgeton Zoo.

The unusual monthly birthday parties were held. As a very special treat, residents having birthdays in the months of July and August celebrated their birthdays at McDonald's in Bridgeton.

The summer has passed,
The train stands still.
The pool is dry,
The trees look down,
As if to cry.
Just wait, summer shall soon return.

A. Reaves



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KITCHEN KLATCH

Submitted by: Mrs. Eva Rieti
T & E Teacher II

CHEESE CUPCAKES

1 1/2 lbs. cream cheese

1 cup sugar

5 eggs

1/2 teaspoon vanilla

Cream cheese and eggs (adding eggs one at a time)

Beat sugar and vanilla into cheese mixture

Fill cupcake papers 2/3 full with mixture

Bake 40 minutes at 325°

FILLING

Center of cupcakes will fall when removed from oven - make hole in cupcakes for filling.

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| 1 cup sour cream |) mix together |
| 1/4 cup sugar | |
| 1/4 teaspoon vanilla | |

Place the mixture in the middle of the cupcakes. Jelly can also be used for filling. Chocolate ice cream topping can also be "dribbled" over the sour cream filling.



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A GREAT ADVENTURE...Down the log slide, around the merry-go-round, and up in the Ferris wheel went ten residents from "G" Cottage on their trip to Great Adventure on June 29th. And wasn't it fun in the Safari Park? The animals were so close to the bus! After all the excitement, everyone was "starved," and you should have seen the delicious hot dogs and hamburgers disappear. Also in attendance were residents from "C," "D," and "H" Cottages.

WE MADE THE CENTERFOLD! The Vineland Times Journal gave excellent coverage of the T & E Program at the West Campus. Photographs were presented of the various phases of the T & E Program. The article was very informative and gave the public an insight and understanding of what Thorough and Efficient Education means to the child within an institution.

IN SERVICE - T & E...A workshop was conducted by Dr. Daly Enstrom, a member of the N. J. Child Study Team, on June 7, 1978. She lectured and showed a film on proper feeding techniques for the very profoundly retarded resident. Along with the T & E Staff, personnel from Resident Living attended. Dr. Enstrom gave many helpful hints which the Staff felt will assist making this vital procedure successful for the child.

Ms. Beth Dolinski, Physical Therapist, demonstrated physical manipulation and stimulation techniques that may be used with the very profoundly retarded residents in "E" Cottage.

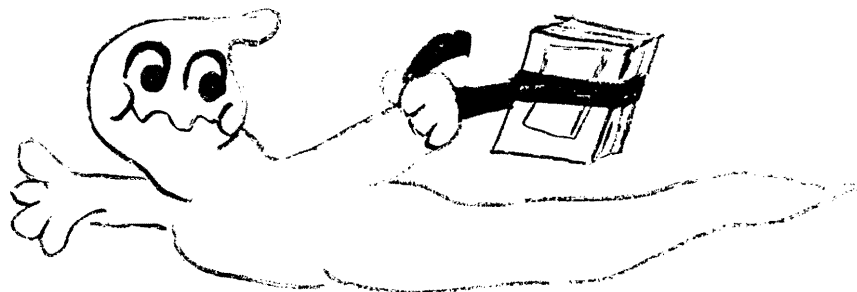
Mrs. Beth Marino, Joe Sly, and Dwight West, all members of the N. J. Child Study Team, presented a workshop on the writing of IEP's. T & E Employees and staff members from other departments attended. All felt they better understood the process.

ICE CAPADES..."On the boardwalk in Atlantic City" was the refrain as twenty-five of our Miss Americas from "A" Cottage enjoyed an afternoon at the shore on August 29th. Making a full day of it, residents walked the boards; then, relaxed with dinner at Captain Starn's. To cap off the day, everyone enjoyed an evening at the Ice Capades in Convention Hall.

STAND UP AND CHEER! The audience did just that when 100 "A" and "H" Cottage residents performed at the Annual Spotlight Night. The residents performed before a "live" mike and a variety of songs and skits were presented to the delight of the audience/performers! Mrs. Fran DeRemer, music teacher, who originated the idea of Spotlight Night, directed the evening's performance and Mrs. Norma Fava, Supervisor of Education, announced the performers.

SCHOOL BELLS---An apple for the teacher...was certainly in order as the new school year of 1978-79 went into full swing on September 6th. Students were eager to return to their classrooms after an exciting summer of swimming, bus and train rides, picnics, camping, coed beach and pool parties, and numerous field trips.

The new school building continues to be a major attraction for the residents from the West Campus as they eagerly watch the progress being made on "their" school. Cont. on p. 5



EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

KAREN GELSI
LPN Supervisor - ICF/MR Program

The fall spotlight at the West Campus shines on Ms. Karen Gelsi, Registered Nurse working out of the Resident Living Office. Ms. Gelsi has undertaken the task of supervising the LPN's recently hired to staff the four cottages at the West Campus involved in the ICF/MR Program.

Ms. Gelsi is a native of Vineland where she currently resides. She attended Cunningham Grade School, Memorial Junior High, and Vineland Senior High where she was enrolled in the LPN course. She was certified as a Registered Nurse at Cumberland County College.

Ms. Gelsi began her career at the Vineland State School in 1968 as a LPN in the West Campus Clinic. Subsequently, she worked at the East Campus Clinic, Hospital Annex, Operating Room, and Consultation Clinic. As a Registered Nurse, she has worked as a Head Nurse on A, B, and C Wings at VSS Hospital as well as in the Clinic in B Wing.

In her leisure time, Ms. Gelsi enjoys playing softball and raising vegetables in her garden. Most recently, she has frequently enjoyed traveling to Atlantic City to try her luck in the Casino.

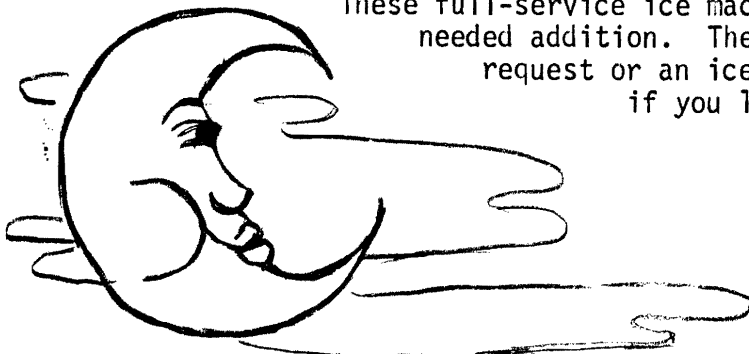
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WATCH OUT FOR THE COOKIE MONSTER! This was the warning sounded as students from Mrs. Schumann's Home and Community Training classes and Mrs. Smith's Trainable students toured the Deer Park Baking Company in Hammonton last June 6. The sixteen students viewed the baking and packing of cookies and enjoyed being able to "sample" the goodies! After the tour, the group enjoyed lunch at a local restaurant and a ride through the countryside.

SPECIAL VISITORS...Mr. Tom Anderson and Mrs. Kathy Lieblich from the North Jersey Training School visited "E" and "G" Cottages on August 11 in order to observe the T & E feeding program. Mrs. Harriet Levin, T & E Program Coordinator, arranged and conducted the tour.

ICE ANYONE? There'll be fewer treks to the Kitchen as of the week of September 11. Each cottage received a new ice machine.

These full-service ice machines are a welcome and needed addition. There'll be cool drinks on request or an ice cube to suck on if you like.



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WELCOME TO OUR NEW EMPLOYEES

Melanie Bowers, Housekeeping
Malinda Byrd, "G" Cottage
Glendora Harris, Housekeeping
Mary Hill, "E" Cottage
Phyllis Lisitski, Education
Geraldine Patterson, "G" Cottage
Grace Phillips, "F" Cottage
Cynthia Rosario, "E" Cottage
Mary Stewart, Housekeeping
Vita Stovall, "F" Cottage

WEDDING BELLS!

Ella Louise Bey (Bey) Recreation
Cornelia Johnson (Jones) "G" Cottage

BIRTH CONGRATULATIONS

Jane Bajewicz, Recreation, a boy

SINCERE CONDOLENCES TO:

Ella Louise Bey, Recreation, on the loss of her mother
Lupen Bey, "D" Cottage, on the loss of her mother
Ruth Bey, "B" Cottage, on the loss of her mother
Thelma Coney, "F" Cottage, on the loss of her father
Marie Habersham, "E" Cottage, on the loss of her brother
Bertha Lingo, "G" Cottage, on the loss of her father

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