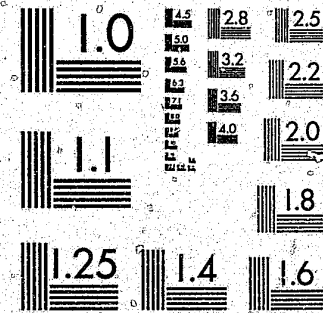


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Summary Report for Fiscal Year 1980-81

MAJOR DEVELOPMENTS AND HIGHLIGHTS

There have been several major developments during the 1980/81 fiscal year. On May 11th, in order to alleviate the overcrowded conditions within the Department of Corrections, the Trailer Camp Program was officially opened. This program served to house 48 additional inmates, who were selected from various county facilities and from the prison reception unit. It should be noted that much effort was expended by the Yardville staff in order to successfully execute this program.

A large number of visitors from State, County, and local facilities and agencies visited the newly formed unit along with various representatives from the news media.

The implementation of the Trailer Camp Program was of deep concern to the Townships of Chesterfield and Bordentown. In order to alleviate any concerns they may have had, the Superintendents of Yardville and Bordentown met with the town councils to discuss the Trailer Program and to answer any questions they may have had. The outcome of these meetings were very successful and informative as they served to establish a better understanding on the part of the community and opened channels of communication between these townships and the institutions.

In addition to the Trailer Camp, a thirty bed unit in the Reception Unit is now being used to house inmates assigned to Yardville. Because of a temporary moratorium that was placed on the Reception Center and also due to a reduction of bed space in this unit, all intake into the Reception Unit from the various county facilities has been admitted through arrangements made by the Department of Corrections.

Another major development within Yardville was the implementation of an Accelerated Processing Program, wherein the average stay for inmates in the Reception Center has been reduced from 2½ weeks to nine days. As a result of this reduction in holding time, the visit program normally held on Saturday has been eliminated for these inmates. This change has made it possible to offer to Yardville residents the privilege of having visitation rights on both Saturday and Sunday.

A major revision of the handbook on discipline was undertaken by Yardville staff in cooperation with the Department of Corrections. Upon its completion, the handbooks, printed in English and Spanish, were distributed to all correctional institutions.

Superintendent Zelinski met with a variety of groups which included staff members and inmate representatives to discuss component parts of the Administrative Code. Also, it should be noted that four parole counselors were assigned to the institution by the Chairman of the State Parole Board in order to expedite handling of inmate time cases and to handle appropriate paperwork for the Board's panel members.

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Several new programs were established at Yardville. The Masonry trade program began as a result of a grant received from S.L.E.P.A. This program offers real-life skills which will enable the inmate to work within the community.

The Upholstery training program was also established within the Mending Shop, wherein employees are allowed to have articles reupholstered at reasonable rates. The work performance of the inmates, who have taken part in this program, has become so professional that the demand for their services is overwhelming. We would like to offer our compliments to their instructor.

The thirteenth annual graduation exercises were held in June, and 230 inmates received diplomas and certificates. It was a very memorable evening for the inmates, their guests, and staff.

There were various inmate functions during the year which included the annual picnic, the Post Ramadan Banquet for inmates of the Islamic faith, the Longtermers Banquet, Jaycees Banquet, and the Hispanic Mother's Day Banquet. The inmates were also involved in various fund raising activities which included a \$500 donation to the Deborah Hospital Fund, and a \$53.00 donation to the Jerry Lewis telethon for victims of muscular dystrophy.

During the course of the fiscal year, Yardville has had only a few internal problems, one of which was the suicide of inmate Abraham Fraguada. It is unfortunate when confinement becomes unbearable for an individual as in the case of Abraham Fraguada. In the same vein, when the desire to escape becomes foremost in the mind of an inmate, the results can be tragic as in the case of inmate Carlos Traverso, when he allowed this desire to become a reality. He was shot while attempting to escape and consequently died as a result of his wounds.

Yardville, for the most part, has been successful in providing security, rehabilitation, and training of its inmates. The efforts of staff members, the administration, and inmate groups have made it possible for Yardville to function as an effective correctional institution.

INMATE MOVEMENT AND INMATE CHARACTERISTICS

The Youth Reception and Correction Center at Yardville started fiscal year 1980-1981 with a count of 818 and closed with 909. The highest count was in June, when the count reached 929. These figures include all inmates in the main institution, (Youth Reception, Prison Reception, and Correction) as well as the satellite at Wharton Tract. The average daily population was 808 as compared with 752 the previous fiscal year. For individual units the average daily and high count was as follows: Youth Reception 94, high 177 (August); Prison Reception 71, high 136 (May); Correction 596, high 679 (May); Wharton Tract 48, high 62 (March). Admissions to Youth Reception totaled 3,020 as compared with 2,967 the previous year. These admissions included the following: 1,608 new commitments, 348 commitments, 549 parole violators, 38 transfers from Jamesburg, 336 transfers from Prison, and 141 reclassifications. Admissions to Prison Reception totaled 2,666, an increase of 791 over the 1,875 admissions during fiscal 1979-1980. These admissions included the following: 2,367 new commitments, 21 commitments, 263 parole violators, and 15 returned from escape.

Inmates received in Yardville Correction included 678 from Youth Reception and 100 from Prison Reception. There were 538 releases from Correction compared with 647 during the last fiscal year. These releases included 519 paroles (621 last year), 12 released at maximum, and 7 recalled. A total of 69 inmates were assigned to Wharton Tract compared with 55 the previous year.

In an attempt to reduce the population in the Youth Reception Center, an accelerated processing program was begun in August, 1980 which reduced the average stay for offenders from 2½ weeks to 9 days. During March a temporary moratorium was placed on the Youth Reception Center's intake from the counties. Also, a 30 bed unit in the Reception Center was utilized to house Correction assignments due to overcrowding in that area. A trailer camp program was officially opened on May 11 for 48 men, and an additional 46 State Prison inmates were selected for Yardville to fill the beds vacated by the men transferring to the Trailer Program.

STATUS OF INMATE MORALE

There were two very serious incidents during the year. On October 24, Carlos Traverso attempted to escape while enroute to court in Bergen County, was shot and critically wounded. He died on November 5, 1980. On February 12, 1981, Abraham Fraguata committed suicide by hanging himself. There were a total of 2,635 disciplinary cases heard by the Adjustment Committee compared with 2,340 the previous year, and 3,369 on-the-spot corrections compared with 3,616 last year.

A total of 32,563 visitors came to see 15,169 Correction inmates, and 5,162 visitors came to visit 963 Reception inmates. Average visitors per week amounted to 644, and an average of 391 inmates received visits each week. It should be noted that in August, 1980 when the accelerated processing program in Reception was begun, visits for Reception inmates were terminated as those inmates would remain in the Reception Center for approximately 9 days. Special Saturday picnic-type visits were held during August for certain housing units, and on November 15, the visiting program for Correction inmates was expanded to include Saturday visits. A number of special events were held during the year which had a positive effect upon inmate morale, especially the picnic on July 3, 1980 which, due to rain, had to be held inside with the competitions rescheduled for July 8, and the Reverend Woody's Christmas Party on December 20. Several other banquets were held including the Post Ramadan Banquet on September 13 with approximately 70 inmates and 130 guests in attendance; a W/2 housing banquet on November 22 with 150 visiting guests and residents of that unit; the Long Termers' and Jaycees Christmas banquet on December 6 with 165 outside guests; a Chapel Christmas Party on December 13 for 60 inmates and 18 church volunteers with all the food provided by the Divine Word Seminary; an Honorary Food Service and Institutional Trade Instructor Banquet held by the Jaycees for about 45 inmates and 110 guests on April 25; a Hispanic Mother's Day Banquet on May 9 for

54 inmates and 160 family visitors and friends; and the Long Termers' Banquet on June 27 for 17 inmates and 34 outside guests.

In addition to the special events already noted, inmates at Yardville were involved in a positive way in a number of ways. A donation of \$444.81 from the inmate population was sent to authorities in Atlanta, Georgia to assist the police in the apprehension of the individual responsible for the death of the children in that area. Residents of the West Unit collected and donated \$53 for Jerry Lewis' telethon for victims of Muscular Dystrophy. The Freedom Jaycees made a number of donations including \$500 to Deborah Heart and Lung Hospital, \$750 to the Joint Connection, and purchased \$465 worth of toys and a toy chest for Project Play Pen. This latter program involves members of the Jaycees to babysit youngsters during visiting hours in an area provided for that purpose in the visit hall. The Hispanic Organization collected and donated \$364.10 toward purchase of a tombstone for Carlos Traverso, the inmate who was killed while on a court trip. The Long Termers' Realistic Approach Program saw an increase of interested community agencies and a total of 23 such contacts were made during the year from various counties, with 186 participants from the community.

Two editions of "Yardlines" were printed and made available to institutional staff and the inmate population. These were in July and December, 1980.

There were 47 incident reports referred to the Assistant Commissioner, and these included 16 visitors bringing in contraband; 8 aggravated assaults; 4 assaults on officers; 3 aggravated assaults/aggravated criminal sexual contact; 3 escapes; and one each for suicide, attempted suicide, attempted escape by 4 inmates, one bomb which was diffused by an alert correction officer, attempted mutilation, possession of controlled dangerous substance, and unauthorized contact with public. Also, 5 reports were in regard to employees or civilians.

BUSINESS MANAGEMENT ACTIVITIES

Two areas of business management were changed from a manual to a computerized system. The institution implemented the menu planning computer system in the food service area, and the Inmates' Trust Fund was placed on a computerized system in the business office. The menu planning operates from a main computer in Pennington and is part of a State-wide program. Yardville is the pilot project for the Department of Corrections, and if successful the program will be expanded to other institutions. The Inmates' Trust Fund operates from the computer which is part of YRCC's computer training program. This system has just been started and should prove valuable in the coming year. When fully operational it will provide a monthly statement to each inmate, similar to a monthly bank statement. The business office has experienced many internal problems due to the extended illness of one employee and the infusion of more than \$200,000 in T & E funds for new supplies and equipment. The Engineer-in-Charge of Maintenance and the Business Manager have spent a great deal of time during the year in attending meetings and planning sessions for the new energy conservation program and preventative maintenance programs being instituted through the Department of Treasury. It is hoped these programs will result in some permanent improvements to the facility and an improved preventative maintenance program.

Personnel - Of the 464 approved staff positions, 429 were filled as of June 30, 1981.

A total of 71 employees were hired, and 39 left the employ during the past fiscal year. There were 19 vacancies including 5 in custody, 10 in education, and one each in maintenance, clerical, and dietary. A total of 25 grievance hearings and 30 disciplinary hearings were held. In the latter instance the most serious included dismissal of an officer in the case of an inmate committing suicide by hanging; allegations of immoral or indecent conduct and undue familiarity with inmates; theft by unlawful taking; and alleged physical abuse on inmate. There was also an incident in which a civilian attempted to bribe a Yardville employee. During the fiscal year 19 employees were promoted and 12 employees received reclassifications to higher titles. There were 39 certifications received and processed. Mr. Miles Peterson, Sr. Correction Officer was voted Yardville's Employee of the Year. A total of \$621,772 was expended for overtime.

Maintenance of Physical Plant - Much time was spent fixing up trailers at Wharton Tract and overseeing construction of trailer complex at Yardville.

In March, a major electrical breakdown occurred again in the main feeder cable from Bordentown. Repairs this time amounted to \$25,000. This breakdown highlights the need to replace all the main feeder cables which are aluminum with copper cables.

Along with routine maintenance, numerous projects were completed to improve areas and accommodate various institutional programs. These include; creation of an ingredient room in the kitchen to accommodate the computerized menu program; installation of roof overhang on Prison Reception Unit to keep staff dry while receiving new inmates; installation of conduit and backboards to accommodate phones in Reception housing; complete installation of commercial washers (3), and dryers (3), to set up new inmate laundry program; installation of 26 emergency, battery operated lights in housing units for security during blackouts; construction of classroom divider and installation of 2 doors in the school area; installation of window panels in offices (14) in Central Facilities to provide security for employees.

Stores and Canteen Operations - Annual sales amounted to \$330,033 for the 12 months ending June 30, 1981.

A total of \$24,000 in canteen profits was transferred from the Store Account to the Welfare Account and was used to purchase films, recreation supplies and supplies for inmates in the reception centers without funds (cigarettes, paper, pencils, postage)

Food Service - After several weeks of training and many meetings with personnel from Human Services, the computer program was implemented in January, 1981. A six week cycle menu is stored, and all ingredients for the meals are prepared in an ingredient room for the cooks' use. The computer system gives detailed cost breakdowns, nutritional analysis, storeroom and ingredient room inventories, lists needs from storeroom, scales recipes, and orders food from the Distribution Center in Trenton. There are 105 inmates assigned to the Food Service Detail on an average each day, and a total of 903,150 meals were prepared for inmates in Reception, Correction, Prison Reception, Trailers, and staff during fiscal year 1980-1981. Also, special meals were provided for the Board of Trustees, Jaycees, Long Termers, Hispanic and Muslim groups, as well as coffee, cakes and pastries for various religious groups and other institutional functions. An inspection was made by the Department of Health on two occasions, December 2, 1980 and May 26, 1981, and satisfactory ratings were received. Mrs. Lois Jamison, Food Service Supervisor and members of her staff attended various seminars and workshops to bring new ideas to the Department. Mr. Frank Bumbera was appointed Acting Assistant Food Service Supervisor in February, 1981, to replace Mr. Raymond Frederick who went on extended sick leave prior to retirement.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

Classification/Case Conference Committee Activities

There were 3,613 inmates processed through the Reformatory Reception Center during the past fiscal year as compared with 2,967 the previous year. The past year's admissions included 1,610 new commitments (659 juvenile, 951 adult); 355 recommitments (71 juvenile, 284 adult); 589 parole violators (55 juvenile, 534 adult); 346 transfers (19 juvenile, 327 adult); 214 reclass (36 juvenile, 178 adult); 462 juvenile TSB cases; 4 adult cases returned to parole and 37 special adult cases for processing. There were 3,054 transfers from the Reception Center this fiscal year as compared with 3,013 last year, including 1,058 to Annandale, 657 to Bordentown, 82 to New Lisbon, 26 to Skillman, 678 to Yardville, 69 to Wharton Tract, 394 to Jamesburg, 17 to Camden House, 29 to Stuyvesant House, 40 to Oceanfields, and 4 to Ringwood.

The Correction Classification Committee reviewed 1,490 adult cases and 190 juvenile cases. There were 519 paroles during this past fiscal year as compared with 621 during 1979-80. A total of 151 inmates were taken to the New Jersey State Hospital, to court, or on furlough, and there were 1,521 inmates taken out on one-day trips to court, medical, rec trip, or funeral.

In the Prison Reception Center there were a total of 2,367 new commitments, 21 recommitments, 263 parole violators and 15 returned from escape. Released from the Prison Reception Center were 251 to Trenton State Prison, 171 to Jones Farm, 645 to Rahway, 899 to Leesburg, 100 to Yardville, 124 to Bordentown, 82 to Annandale, and 38 to Clinton.

Education - An additional teacher was hired for the learning center and this made it possible to reestablish E.S.L. classes for the low achieving Hispanic inmates. A part-time reading specialist was hired under a juvenile grant to assist teachers in the development of low-level reading instruction and she is also being utilized as a resource person to assist teachers with students having reading problems. A total of 120 students successfully passed the GED test and acquired high school equivalency certificates. On June 9th the 13th annual graduation exercise was held and a total of 230 inmates received certificates for achievement in adult basic education, for acquiring a GED, and for developing proficiency in a vocational program. One student registered for and completed two C.L.E.P. examinations. Eleven inmates received certificates for completing a training program for paralegal aides sponsored by the Office of Educational Services. A program was begun in the vocational dry cleaning shop whereby officers could utilize the services of the dry cleaning shop to clean and press their uniforms at a nominal fee. During the month of February, Yardville's upholstery training program was implemented in the mending shop and response from both inmates and staff has been outstanding. This program provides an increased monetary incentive for inmates working there while at the same time providing outstanding training program.

In addition to providing Behavior Modification classes for the adult population, such classes were also provided for the juvenile population. Through T & E funds, worn out instructional equipment was replaced as well as updated teaching materials, and additional audio/visual equipment was purchased for use in classrooms and shops. The Office of Educational Services has offered off-campus graduate college courses under the auspices of Trenton State College, leading to certification as Supervisor of Education. Seven members of the staff are taking advantage of this and are enrolled in the program. One of the goals from last year was to establish a masonry program and through a S.L.E.P.A. grant this was accomplished and has proven to be one of the most sought after programs. The masonry students built their own classroom. Another goal was to establish an auto maintenance program to serve a dual purpose of training inmates in routine maintenance work by providing this service for State vehicles on a daily basis, and to relieve our auto mechanics instructor of this routine maintenance work so he can spend his time providing instruction in auto mechanics. Through T & E funds a teaching assistant was hired to accomplish these objectives. Two teachers were hired to provide training in basic woodworking for the juveniles housed in Medium Security Unit. Also, three vocational programs were opened exclusively to juveniles in the evening hours. To comply with the mandate of thorough and efficient education to provide a child study team to develop individualized education programs, a school social worker and a school psychologist were hired, and in order to complete the team we anticipate to hire two additional learning disability specialists. Library services were expanded to include evening and Saturday hours. A new front porch was added to the building at the Culinary Arts Program at the Department of Corrections, featuring a ramp for handicapped personnel.

There is a critical shortage of classroom space which has hampered efforts to provide new programs. It has been necessary to utilize the staff library as well as teacher offices to provide space for existing programs. Because of a drastic cutback in funds allocated for our college programs, we could offer only one college course during the year. A drastic cutback in Federal funding can be expected, which will result in a

curtailment of other services offered. The increase in population has resulted in larger class sizes and in long waiting lists for some of the more popular vocational shops. Physical education and health education classes for both juveniles and students in the learning center was provided through T & E funding. The boxing season was very good with more inmates participating in this sport than in all past years. New weight-lifting programs were started at the Trailer Camp Program and at Wharton Tract and in the Medium Security Unit. The band presented a musical program for the population midway through the year that was very good. The Chess Club, Softball and Basketball teams were outstanding as usual. A basketball game for employees over the age 35 was held and the participation from employees was outstanding.

Social Services - The Social Work Department has 16 members including a Director who are providing services to a very large number of inmates that is generally in excess of 975 men. That number averages out to 65 inmates per social worker case load. Staff turnover during the past fiscal year was remarkably light with only two people leaving during the year. Several training sessions were held with the social workers to educate them on the new State Parole Board policies and procedures regarding time and setting of parole dates. The Department initiated weekly in-service training as a part of its staff meeting. The individual social workers took turns presenting different topics of interest or lead discussions on particular treatment techniques that were relevant to our population.

With the increase in inmate population beginning in the Spring of 1981, the demand on social services increased and an additional housing unit was developed. With the trailer camp operation getting into full swing, during the month of May, services were again demanded of the social work department and there was a re-alignment of staff to provide full time social work coverage in that unit.

Our Alcoholics Anonymous Program continues to function within the institution with eight meetings held a month. Some money was expended on behalf of AA and as a result we have received new literature, sobriety pins that are given to the inmates, and other materials such as display racks for the literature to be set up. The Hispanic Social Work Team from the Department of Corrections continues to provide services for our Hispanic inmates, their activities being coordinated through this office and being provided to different S.E.T. teams throughout the institution.

Future department goals will be to secure sufficient social work positions to provide one social worker for each separate housing unit. At the present we are slightly below that number. An additional goal will be to continue providing in-service training and increase even more the number of outside speakers and research people that have information that will be helpful to the social workers in their provision of services. We will continue to upgrade and refine treatment programs on the units, develop new programming for our additional corrections units that have developed during this past year, look for sources of federal funds to help us in the development of more comprehensive alcohol treatment programs, look for new job sites and community oriented work programs for our inmates to increase the number of meaningful jobs and related activities available to them and finally to continue to explore additional training programs available to all of our professional staff.

Psychological and Psychiatric Services - A total of 1,994 Reception inmates and 321 Correction inmates were tested on a group basis. There was a total of 1,330 admission evaluations completed on Reception inmates by psychological consultants, and 672 by our staff psychologists. Staff psychologists also completed 455 special psychological evaluations for various reasons including 103 for midgoal review, 87 for promotion in custody status, 55 for State Parole Board appearance, 50 for check dates, 32 for general evaluations, 28 for work release potential, 20 for suitability of parole in view of their committing offense, 15 for Prison yearly review, and various other reasons. A total of 221 Prison Reception inmates were screened by YRCC psychologists for Jones Farm, 3 were screened for the Prison Reception Unit for Reformatory

assignments, and 11 were screened for Clinton. There were 171 inmates counseled by staff psychologists in a total of 216 sessions because of situational problems. On a monthly average, 78 inmates were seen receiving an average of 241 hourly sessions per month. There were 10 weekly therapy groups conducted per month on an average, with 78 inmates attending these groups on a monthly average for 37 groups per month. Dr. Boyle evaluated and reported on psychiatrically a total of 1,190 Reception and Correction inmates. There were 26 inmates transferred to Trenton Psychiatric Hospital during the year, 15 from Correction, 7 from Reception and 4 from Prison Reception.

The psychology department had a full complement of psychologists so that all Correction houses were covered by its psychologists to provide services in report writing, individual and group therapy. However, one psychologist recently moved to the New York-Connecticut area, and a vacancy will have to be filled. The number of Reception reports written increased slightly this year, and for a while the department was hard pressed by the need for a great number of midgoal reports, which was later resolved. A continuing goal is the need for a strong therapeutic program on each of the Correction houses. A consideration is to adopt a therapeutic philosophy that features the education of inmates toward the understanding of responsibility and to increase the desire of inmates to take greater responsibility of their life and future. This sense of understanding must be combined with feelings of hope and optimism that the inmate has a greater future than he now envisions, especially in a more realistic way.

Medical and Dental Services - The hospital had a total of 102,994 visits this fiscal year compared with 84,456 last year. This included admission examinations for inmates, 5,878 (2,450 in Youth Reception and 3,428 in Prison Reception); sick calls, 16,440; special medications, 62,199; laboratory procedures, 10,662; x-rays, 7,508; hospital admissions, 388; and surgery, 11 minor, 15 major; 4,357 PPD's (T.B. testing). A total of 32 inmates were hospitalized in the community. In the area of staff treatment, 89 new employees received physicals, there were 106 lab procedures, 298 x-rays and 300 PPD's.

The work load in the Medical Department has increased due to the increased number of inmates being processed through the Reformatory and the Prison Reception Units. However, even though the work load has increased, our medical care has been excellent. We have had no major problems professionally or clinically.

The dental staff provided the following services: diagnosis, 12,367; oral surgery, 692; restorations, 1,261; x-rays, 5,934; prosthetics, 21 full and 119 partial. There were 23,996 procedures performed in preventative dentistry for the period. With the increase of population to the Prison Reception Unit and the Youth Reception Unit, we have noted an increase of various dental problems--namely, in the older adult, there are many tissue disorders that are chronic and of long standing duration. These cases will eventually be treated when they are in a more permanent location. In the young adult, we have the everyday type dental treatment found in a general practice. Clinically, through a grant, we have obtained an Orthopantomograph (X-ray Unit) that takes extra oral film of the entire dentition and surrounding facial structures. This type of X-ray is to be used for identification as an adjunct to the fingerprint record. In order to properly process the panorex film, we also obtained an automatic processor to aid in accelerating our program.

Religious Guidance - The regular Sunday morning worship services have had consistent attendance and participation from the inmate population with the added bonus of several community volunteers assisting the chaplains. Saturday evening Mass for Prison Reception men are held regularly as are Sunday morning Mass for Correction inmates and Wednesday evening Mass for Youth Reception. Special services were held on Ash Wednesday, Palm Sunday, Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter and Christmas Eve. The Christian Adoption Program now has supportive services for Yardville parolees in the following locations: Genesis House in Cinnaminson; Exodus House in Florence; Leviticus House in Medford; Fellowship House in Trenton; and Damascus House in Haddon Heights. Soon to open are Trinity House in Cherry Hill and House of Refuge in Camden. Each of these acts as a transition for the parolees, offering any help needed including house, job, and fellowship. A program was started during the past year for juveniles, with Judge Anthony

Tunney of Burlington County. Once a month the Judge, together with supervisors from detention centers, bring juvenile offenders into the institution. Yardville inmates, after a preparation session with the chaplains, run the meeting. After a short worship-prayer service, one of the inmates gives a talk, usually a personal testimony, after which one-on-one talks ensue and an exchange of information occurs giving the young offenders the opportunity to understand more fully what their current actions will eventually lead to. The chaplains spend many hours each month in individual and group instruction and counseling in addition to the religious services held. The Muslim Chaplain conducted services and counseling on a biweekly basis, and constantly groomed and provided consultation to the resident Imam. The Muslim Community pastry program and picture taking project are morale builders for the population as well as financial successes. It was possible to distribute 100 copies of Bilalian News newspaper each week to both residents and Reception Muslims and to purchase a carpet for their place of worship from profits of these programs.

CUSTODIAL OPERATIONS

The custody department continued to be involved in the furlough and work release programs as well as the normal areas of responsibility. A total of four escapes occurred during this period compared with 8 the past year. One man still remains at large. Gary Klinger, who escaped on August 13, 1974, was returned from escape on January 12, 1981. There were a total of 33, three day furloughs and 65 escorted furloughs conducted during this fiscal year.

SATELLITE UNITS

Wharton Tract Program - The most significant change in the Wharton Tract Program has been the increase in resident population and its wide-spread ramifications. The visit program was expanded to two days a week to alleviate overcrowding and arrangements were made to launder linens at Yardville because of the strain on maintaining a workable laundry schedule. The community details continued to be an integral part of this program, providing structured work experience for the residents while assisting non-profit organizations and surrounding municipalities. Wharton Tract work releases totaled 34 participants, with residents being paroled with an average of \$500 to facilitate reintegration. The academic phase of the program continued to function well, with 22 out of 26 successful G.E.D. candidates. The development of a Life Skills Program has been a valuable addition to the academic program. Staff training has included inter-institutional visits to Annandale and Clinton, participation in New Games Day, and Social Worker Seminar at Yardville. The garden project conducted by the residents was so successful that excess products were donated to the Delaware House. The fire drill procedures are functioning well, with drills practiced on a weekly basis with all shifts participating. The major problems affecting the overall operation of the Unit include problems with the septic system and with the vehicles, the latter sometimes necessitating use of personal vehicles for State business.

Trailer Camp Program - The Trailer Camp Program utilizing 8 trailers was opened on May 11, 1981, with a full capacity of 48 inmates on May 14. Two trailers are used for services, and 6 for housing inmates, 8 in each. The assigned staff for this program is one sergeant, 9 officers, one social worker, one program director, and one work release coordinator. Two trailer kitchen positions are assigned but not filled at this time. The work units assigned to this unit and the average number of assigned inmates are as follows: work release, 11; Rec Yard, 6; Auto mechanics, 2; Truck #1, 1; Johnstone, 5; Landscaping, 10; New Jersey State Hospital, 7; and Training School for Girls, 6.

JUVENILE PROGRAM

Medium Security Unit - As of June 30, there were 120 residents in the Medium Security Unit. There are five various programs serving different types of juveniles including the Program of Intensive Education, the Longtermers' Program, the Supportive Education and Treatment Program, the Juvenile Recommitment Treatment Unit, and the Acting-Out Aggressive Unit. All inmates spend a half day in education and the other time is spent in health and physical education, art therapy, arts and crafts, vocational training, or individual/group counseling. All separation problem areas were finalized and through effective monitoring the institution received total compliance with reference to the Juvenile Medium Security Unit. A recreation assistant and an additional teacher were hired as well as a reading specialist, and these three additions to the staff made it possible to hold G.E.D. classes as well as evening vocational classes. Life Skills were introduced to all residents within the classroom setting, and those in need of remedial reading utilized the Reading Center. A sex offenders group was formulated, and the juveniles participated in the Behavior Modification Program. Two staff members from the Unit became trained in this program, so that they may eventually facilitate their own behavior modification classes with juveniles in the future.

COMMUNITY RELEASE PROGRAMS

Work Release - During the past year this program continued its growth, doubling in size from fiscal 1980. A total of 77 men participated in the program, and out of 24 men currently working in the community, 15 were enrolled during fiscal 1981. Eight men were removed for various infractions, and 66 successfully completed the program. Of the 15 employers, 6 were newly acquired. The types of employment are predominantly unskilled kitchen work with one work releasee working as an auto body repairman. The work releasees grossed a total of \$105,988.33 with net earnings of \$86,864.71. Taxes paid to Federal and State governments amounted to \$20,077.68. Maintenance fees paid to the State during 1981 amounted to \$21,059.26. Figures for 1980 were: gross, \$21,791.34; net, \$17,787.23; taxes, \$4,004.11; and maintenance, \$4,943.06. When comparing these figures to those of 1981, there is over a 300% increase in maintenance fees during 1981 over 1980. The goal for this program, as stated in last year's annual report, was to move outside of the institution and this was achieved on May 11, 1981 when the program moved to the Trailer Camp. The only continuously aggravating problem experienced by this program is one of transportation. The van is constantly plagued with mechanical problems, and these malfunctions are time consuming.

Residential Community Release - There were a total of 11 referrals to four contract agencies, and 4 placements directly to Newark House. Seven of the 11 referrals were accepted in those programs. One of the seven was returned to the institution for inability to cope with the program, and one escaped from Integrity House on August 24, 1980. There are currently 3 men at Volunteers of America, one at Clinton House, and one at N.A.R.C.O. A limited number of placements resulted from funding problems experienced once again this year by the Purchase of Services Division, and placement for the upcoming year may be cut as much as 45% which will mean more placement cutbacks.

Furlough Program - A total of 98 furloughs were granted during the past year, 33 were for 3-day furloughs, and 65 were escorted furloughs.

INMATE WORK OPPORTUNITIES

A weekly average of 4 inmates worked in the mending shop, repairing and fabricating such items as mattresses, pillows, pants, shirts, etc., for Yardville and a number of other institutions. A new Upholstery Program was initiated for this shop, to repair/fabricate items for staff and civilian personnel with profits used to increase inmate wages for inmates working in that area. There were 112 men working in the kitchen, 11 in the repair shop, 2 in the storeroom, 2 in canteen, one on Truck 1, 8 in construction trades, 4 at

Johnstone, 12 in computer training, 10 at the Department of Corrections, 10 in the medical area, 8 at the Trenton Psychiatric Hospital, 10 in landscaping, 5 in rec yard, and 66 clerks in a variety of areas. The great majority of the inmate population attended vocational, academic and special education classes each day, either on a full or part-time basis.

PUBLIC RELATIONS AND VOLUNTEER SERVICES

In Fiscal Year 1980-1981 there were 200 volunteers listed as entering the institution. The most active groups of volunteers operating at Yardville included religious services, Theater w/o Bars, Project Woodshed, and the Johnstone Spray Paint Sheltered Workshop Project.

Yardville participated in various community activities during the year, including a monthly prayer breakfast for members of community churches; a meeting on March 4 with the Chief of the Crosswicks Fire Company, representatives from YCIB, Central Office, and YRCC, to coordinate fire protection assistance from the surrounding communities; meetings with a group of citizens from the Bordentown community "Concerned Parents" to discuss drugs and related problems in those communities; garden plots offered to residents of the Township; and on July 17, the Bloodmobile visited Yardville and obtained 15 pints of blood from the employees.

On April 1 and April 2, Suburban Cable Vision TV 3 filmed Theater w/o Bars for closed circuit television. On June 11, three persons from Channel 17 (Delaware Valley Catholic Office) television "Reel to Reel" filmed Theater w/o Bars Workshop. On May 11, Channel 10 and Channel 52 visited Yardville's Trailer Program.

PLANS AND ASPIRATIONS

Staff development, which is an important responsibility of this administration, will hold a very high priority in the forthcoming fiscal year. Increased training will enable staff to sharpen their skills, familiarize themselves with new procedures, and prepare themselves to handle crises situations should they occur. We plan to assist the State Parole Board with all available resources in administering the new parole legislation. Because of significant changes at Yardville as a result of overcrowding within the Department of Corrections, we hope to continue to improve the assessment and placement of inmates into appropriate and meaningful programs. It is our aim to expand upon community oriented training and treatment programs, particularly in the area of inmate aftercare.

Also of great concern in the forthcoming year will be the development of programs for the Trailer Camp and the Wharton Tract Unit. Since these Units house all off-ground and outside work details, it will be our aim to increase and improve community involvement as this is essential to aid the inmate to re-enter society successfully.

We will continue to improve our functional unit program by developing adequate staffing patterns, expanding new and existing programs, and in formulating written policies and procedures. We shall also continue refining our volunteer programs to serve inmates being paroled.

In conclusion, we will continue to meet the American Correctional Association guidelines; however, the issue surrounding the Juvenile Separation program seems to preclude the Institution from achieving complete accreditation. Unfortunately, the sight and sound of the separation requirements appear to be physically impossible in the present setting.

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