



OLSON LABORATORIES recently opened a vehicle emission test facility at 11655 Levan, Livonia. The facility includes a complete laboratory for mixing special gases used in vehicle test emission equipment. An Olson technician, Tim Delaney of Livonia, analyzes gases in the lab. Olson has conducted more than 30,000 vehicle emission tests for federal, state and private organizations.

Why 'M' Students Visit Boys Training School

Once a week, 35 University of Michigan students spend an evening with the boys at W.J. Maxey Training School, a juvenile detention home west of Whitmore Lake.

They tutor the boys academically, play cards or chess, or just sit and talk over one another's plans and problems. The university students get a glimpse of what it's like to be young, alone and imprisoned. Boys at the training school learn the outside world hasn't entirely abandoned them.

Aim of the program, according to coordinators Michael Castleman and Harvey Cage, is to change both the lives of the inmates and the lives of the volunteers.

"WE HOPE TO open the eyes of the volunteers to some realities of prison life. Most of us have been brought up in middle class suburban families, far removed from anyone who's broken the law," says Castleman, a teaching fellow in the U-M sociology department.

"This is a way for them to see another side of life. I'm not referring to the kids' background and why they went wrong," but to the inadequacy of locking them up as a means of rehabilitation."

Cage, a junior in the U-M School of Education, says he experienced this first hand while serving a two-year sentence at Jackson State Prison. "I figured maybe I could help some of the kids at Maxey by relating my own experiences, and show them that all adults aren't out to control them."

About 100 boys aged 13 to 17 are assigned to the training school on indeterminate sentences averaging six months to a year. The offenses range from armed robbery to running away from home.

A BOY'S personality, Castleman notes, is seldom indicative of the seriousness of his crime. "The guys feel they have to act like a tough big shot among their fellow inmates but act compliant and subdued among the staff who also function as guards. Consequently, most of their relationships with people are phony."

"We have no power over them," Cage says. "Once a week they get to unwind and just be themselves."

Getting acquainted may be easy and quick, or a slow, cautious process. "Sometimes it takes awhile to convince a kid that you're not there to psychoanalyze him or because you feel sorry for him. He's wary of people who say they 'care' what happens to him; the social workers, lawyers and judges all said they cared, and then they had him placed in the training home," Cage says.

But the U-M students get the point across anyway. Many exceed the once-a-week visit responsibility by corresponding with their youngsters between visits, or by getting acquainted with his parents.

Next semester Castleman and Cage hope to set up letter

writing exchanges between the volunteers and inmates at Jackson State Prison to acquaint the volunteers with conditions in adult prisons.

THEIR MOST ambitious endeavor is "Dig This," a mimeographed literary magazine with drawings, photography, poetry and short fiction by the boys at the training home.

The cover says "issue number one" - the students' way of promising that the magazine, and the relationship it represents, are to be ongoing and permanent.

The training home program is one of several U-M student tutoring, counseling activities sponsored by Project Community. Participants receive a small travel allowance from the university and may earn credit in American studies,

psychology, history or political science.

Project Community, a part of the U-M Office of Student Services, links Michigan students and local citizens in a variety of endeavors.

Coordinators feel the experience offers far more education than any lectures or textbook. "Crime is the bogeyman of the white middle class. Locks, floodlights and burglar alarms all reflect the high level of paranoia in the suburbs," Castleman says.

"I feel it's not the criminal who preys on the public, but the public that preys on the criminal, by being more set on revenge than rehabilitation."

HE AND CAGE do not profess to hold the key to prison reform. "We just want to change the attitudes of people."

Medicare Hospital Costs Increase

The deductible for Medicare hospital insurance will increase by \$4 starting Jan. 1, about half as much as it would have increased without action by the Price Commission.

The new deductible will be \$72, up from \$68. Without the Price Commission's action, it would have increased to \$76, according to Sam F. Test, manager of the Detroit Northwest social security office located at 17500 Lahser, Detroit.

"THE INCREASE required by the Medicare law was cut in half by the Price Commission after the Cost of Living Council ruled that the hospital insurance deductible is subject to price regulation," Test said.

Under Medicare law, the hospital insurance deductible must be adjusted to keep the amount in line with the average cost of one day's stay in the hospital. Based on the increased hospital costs of 1971, the new deductible would have been \$76.

The new deductible means that a Medicare patient admitted to the hospital during a benefit period beginning after Dec. 31 will be responsible for at least the first \$72 of the hospital bill - now running an estimated \$870 for the average stay by a Medicare beneficiary.

The current \$68 deductible will remain in effect throughout any benefit period which begins during the rest of 1972, even though the period extends into 1973.

STARTING Jan. 1, the law requires a proportionate increase in the amounts Medicare beneficiary pays

when he has to stay in the hospital more than 60 days or receives covered care in an extended care facility.

During hospital stays of more than 60 days, the Medicare patient will pay \$18 a day (up from \$17) for the 61st through the 90th day. During a post-hospital stay of more than 20 days of covered care in an extended care facility, the patient will pay \$9 a day (up from \$8.50) for the 21st through the 100th day.

If he needs to draw on his "lifetime reserve," the reserve of hospital days a beneficiary can use if he ever needs more than 90 days of hospital care in a benefit period, he will pay \$36 for each day used instead of the \$34 per day now paid.

MEDICARE hospital insurance helps pay the hospital bills of almost everyone 65 and over. Starting in July, Medicare will be also available to disabled people under age 65 who have received social security or railroad retirement disability payments for 24 consecutive months or more and to eligible people who need kidney transplants or dialysis for kidney disease.

Medicare is administered by the Social Security Administration of the U.S. Department of Health, Education, and Welfare.



H. DOW TUNIS, 16811 Pollyanna, Livonia, has been awarded his fourth consecutive Ford community services plaque for his work in civic, fraternal and citizen groups as well as political activities. Tunis is marketing and training coordinator in the national Ford authorized leasing system office. He is treasurer of Livonia's municipal building authority, president of Michigan State University's alumni club, vice president of Burton Hollow Surf Club and a state chairman in the Elks.

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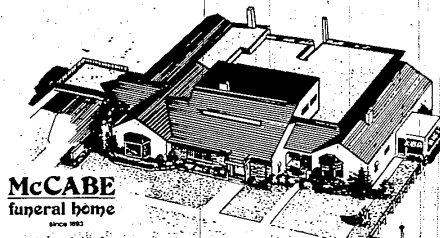
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