



Camp Pontiac resident contemplates prison life

## Students tutor camp prisoners

By DIANE SANDS

Camp Pontiac is surrounded by lush green trees, a dirt road and small towns.

The camp residents work out of doors, receive free room and board and spend their evenings reading or watching television in the recreation center.

Sound like an easy life? The inmates of Camp Pontiac Minimum Security Prison disagree and so do three Oakland University students who have organized a tutorial program to help the men develop basic math, reading and communicative skills.

One resident describes the camp as "nothing but a big play camp and the staff here is the same as in an elementary school. They watch you and tell you what to do."

The state camp is designed for men serving the last nine to 12 months of prison sentences for felonious crimes, including robbery, rape and assault. Its residents are for the most part blacks, between the ages of 18-28 and former urban area residents.

Up until April when the Oakland students initiated the voluntary tutorial program under the

supervision of Allen K. Hess, assistant professor of clinical psychology, and George Benefield of the State Department of Corrections, the residents of Camp Pontiac received little encouragement to develop skills which would assist them after their release.

ABOUT 18 of the 85 men at the camp attend the three-hour sessions on Tuesday and Thursday evenings. The first half of the program is devoted to helping the men prepare for GED high school equivalency tests.

During the second part of the evening, the college students monitor interaction groups which raise the communicative skills of the men and provide them with an opportunity to air hostilities toward other inmates and staff members and the camp itself.

The program, developed by Dr. Hess, has three main objectives. The first is to provide educational opportunities which can be adjusted to each prisoner's rate of learning—and later aid him in finding employment in fields previously closed to him.

The second objective involves the undergraduate tutors who receive supervised experience within the criminal population. This exposure also may lead to an increase in more qualified personnel within the prison system.

The final goal of the program is to develop inter-personal skills through which prisoners can get feedback from each other and their college tutors.

DONATING their time and materials to the project are Michael McGuire, Farmington; Jim Robinson, Rochester; and Beth Most, Grosse Pointe, all Oakland University seniors, majoring in psychology.

"The GED section of the program gives these men an opportunity to take a step forward," said McGuire.

"Most of the people here go back into the same environment when they get out and most of them realize that there is a good chance that they will be back (in prison). They are told to change, but no one gives them viable alternatives," he explained.

"One of the greatest problems which they face is in mastering communication skills, to actually listen and correctly interpret what is said to them and produce a relative response," added Robinson.

THE MEN in the program seem to accept the students' intentions as sincere, but not all of them agree that the program will make any drastic change in their lives. When first approached, a solitude man observing the group interaction session said the program was "hip."

"It teaches you a lot about life in general," he said.

When asked what the program taught about life in particular, he answered "nothing."

Other prisoners said the success of the tutoring program depended on what each man wanted for himself.

## Garbage collection to start in Hills

FARMINGTON HILLS — City wide garbage collection will be available to Farmington Hills residents on a regular weekly basis, beginning Oct. 1.

At its regular Monday night meeting the Hills Council voted to proceed with plans to begin the city wide garbage pick up.

The exact days and times of pick up have not been determined.

"The collectors will pick up anything the residents choose to leave out," City Clerk Floyd Cairns said, "refrigerators, papers, whatever."

Some things, like long couches, that are exceptionally long may have to be cut in half but they will be picked up.

The city is also hoping to begin a recycling program for the papers it picks up during the collection and is therefore asking residents to bundle all papers they leave out.

ACCORDING TO CAIRNS the funds for the collection will come out of the general fund and

revenue sharing funds for the first year.

"There will be no increase to the taxpayers for the service this year," Cairns said. "Next year we will have to look at it again to see if we can handle it, but even if there is a charge at that time it will not be very high."

In other actions, the council authorized Cairns to buy lots one and two of the Howard Acres subdivision for approximately \$76,000.

The 10 acre parcel, which is north of Grand River on Halstead, will be used by the city as a DPW yard.

The contract for the paving of Gill Road was awarded to the Macomb Concrete Corporation.

At a previous meeting the council decided to pave a portion of the road, which services Gill School, without creating a special assessment fund or charging the abutting property owners.

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## Hess named WSU dean

FARMINGTON HILLS — Joseph W. Hess, M.D., 28606 Oak Crest Dr., Farmington Hills, has been appointed professor and first chairman of the department of family medicine of the Wayne State University School of Medicine.

After receiving his medical degree from the University of Utah in 1956, Dr. Hess served his internship and residencies at Detroit Receiving Hospital.

He joined the WSU Medical School faculty as an instructor in 1960. In 1973, he became a professor at WSU.

He is also director of the Division of Educational Services and Research and last year he was elected president of the WSU Medical School Faculty Senate.

Dr. Hess is a fellow of the American College of Physicians and a member of the American Rheumatism Society, American Educational Research Association, Association of American Medical Colleges, Director of Research in

Medical Educational Education, American Association for the Advancement of Science and Council on Medical Television.

Dr. Hess received a master of education degree from the University of Illinois in 1968.

## Nissan recalls Z-models

To correct what is potentially a safety related defect in certain models of the 1973 Datsun 240-Z and 1974 260-Z, the Nissan Motor Corporation in U.S.A. (the U.S. distributor of Datsun cars and trucks) is recalling 63,023 vehicles.

The vehicles involved in the recall generally fall within the following serial number ranges: 240-Z — HLS30-120001 through 172774; 260-Z — RLS30-000001 through 015410.

The problem, which was discovered by Nissan technicians, consists of possible warpage in the zinc top cover of the fuel pump which could result in fuel leaking from between the cover and body of the pump, which could contribute to a fire hazard.

Datsun 260-Zs built after December 1973 were fitted with aluminum fuel pump top covers and it has been determined that no problem exists with these vehicles.

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