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## Students examine values

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tustations from page IA) be a better experience for them." Hickcox begins the first session with a get-acquainted activity. He has several approaches to this and tries to use a different method each work-shop.

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Once the ice had been broken and the students understood the ground rules, the workshop really began to eart rolling.

"One activity that really got them excited was the value-ranking sension.
If helped the students look at extrem-so which are important in any situa-tion and then see where they would dut the value on a continuant graph.
"The students really enjoyed it. What comes out of this seasion is that students realize everyone has differ-ent values. They found it difficult to believe others have different values series though most come from the same community, go to the same schools and participate in the same ac-tivities."

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this activity on the last day of the workshop because the group first has to feel safe together and not feel threatened when they wastere reasons why they ranked the waster the way they did. This activity is always resident manner one by stadents in the same to endemand to the safe that the same is glatened to endemand to the safe that and the safe is always to the safe that was the safe that the safe tha

"This was important to the work-shop because the students could per-sonalize their experiences to their own lives. This was the key to the values conference and it could not be run effectively without the state-ment," he continued.

"Other teachers may try to use the values approach and it sometimes doesn't work for them because they don't personalize the experiences. That is a critical part of the program. If you don't follow the guidelines and rules, then it won't work."

One experience that put the group n a somber mood was writing their wn obituaries.

Some students had a hard time with this because they never have been ex-posed to obturners. The group divided into smaller groups and shared their thoughts with each other. They then plotted their lives over another contin-natum graph and tried to explain what it meant.

"Most were silent at this point be-cause they actually realized part of their life is over and they are not doing what they want or that they are going nowhere. It really made them think."

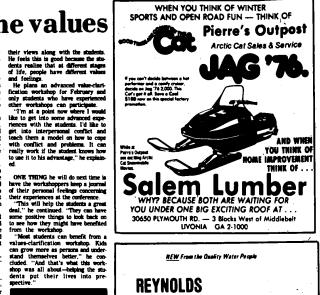
But at the end of the session, Hick-cox gave them a chance to write about their "ideal two days."

That quickly lifted them out of their somber mood and they left the session in good spirits ready for the next day's activity.

Hickcox sometimes included adults in his programs and let, them add

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