

S.P.A.D.E. Club sponsors drug seminar

By Kenny Hayes, KSR

Tremors, nervousness, psychological dependence, loss of judgement, physical impairment and death; they are all associated with drugs and the people that use them. On September 19, 1979, Angie Humphrey and Tom Vanhorn of the new television series "Louisville Tonight" were the guests at a drug seminar at Kentucky State Reformatory. They were the guests of S.P.A.D.E. Club (Society for Personality Adjustment and Development through Education).

This seminar which was conducted in a business-like manner was shown on the "Louisville Tonight" show in October. The interview covered many aspects of drug problems from sales to rehabilitation.

The members of the S.P.A.D.E. Club participating were from the Dare Us and Drug Awareness programs. Each member talked about their own drug problem and how they wanted to help someone else. Yet, as each member told and retold their story, they all related to the same problem. They all started out at an early age or they started by sniffing glue.

The drug problem is everywhere. It is in the school, churches, and our homes. What can we do to help overcome this problem? By the S.P.A.D.E. Club sponsoring this program with Angie and Tom, someone, somewhere, may see something or hear something that will help change their outlook on drugs. "It may be a teacher, guidance counselor, or even parent," according to Ms. Humphrey. They may see certain symptoms. They may have a student that just wants to talk about their personal problem.

The viewer could be helped by seeing the drug users, or I should say prisoners, not only in a correctional institution, but a prisoner in their own mind; a

mind that has been deteriorated by drugs; a mind constructed and programmed to steal, connive and eventually kill. He loses all his morals, his respect and his self-individualism. The drug user is a person that has no dreams, hopes or ideas, material things are only tools to purchase more dope to achieve his or her "high".

If one person can be helped, it will be a success. It may be your son, daughter, mother, father, sister or brother. It has to start somewhere.

This is why the public needs more programs concerning drugs from the users themselves. We can read every book in the library, but does it tell us about how the drug affects you or me? At the same time, by listening to Joe or Eddie relate their past experiences and how drugs caused them to be here today; we can see that using drugs is "hell here on earth."

There are all types of drug pamphlets in our reach. On the other hand, we can get drugs from doctors, lawyers, teachers, and other professional men. To them, it is only a profit but to us it is an incurable disease.

We can condemn the addict. We can send him to a hospital. We can incarcerate him for a certain number of years, but are we helping him? He must want to help himself. This is his first step to becoming a human being again. He has to accept his drug problem and understand its real danger. Only then can he become a constructive tool in helping someone else.

"Louisville Tonight" may be viewed by millions, or it may only be seen by a few. Angie and Tom can only do so much. You or I can only suggest our ideas. We should be grateful that there are people like Angie Humphrey and Tom Vanhorn who care about our welfare. We can share our experiences with

the pillars of society, but as the old saying goes—you can take a horse to water, but you can't make him drink." In short, we can know ever positive and negative philosophy on the effects of drugs. The choice to use them is ours and only ours.

We thank the hosts of "Louisville Tonight"—Angie Humphrey and Tom Vanhorn. Without them, the members of the S.P.A.D.E. Club would not share their drug experiences with others, who knows, this one sunny afternoon may cause someone to think about that drug before he uses it.

I also want to give special thanks to Robert Gordon for allowing me to participate in this program. Thanks to each member for sharing their personal experiences and hardship. It was rewarding for the one purpose that somewhere, someone may be helped.



Angie Humphrey talks to Tom Campbell, deputy warden in charge of treatment. Also present were Mr. Korphage, club adviser and Lt. Sims, co-adviser. (Photos by Kenny Hayes)

'The Crime of Punishment'

By Terry McCurry, KSP

Recently I had the opportunity to read a book that in itself is not a new book, but I found it to be very informative. Karl Menninger, M.D., a prominent Chicago psychiatrist, wrote a book ("The Crime of Punishment") Viking Press 1968, which examines the entire scope of the penal system, from arrest all the way to the recidivism that follows in most cases. It provides very supportive reading for those interested in analysis of crime and the failure of the penal system from a psychiatrist's point of view.

Dr. Menninger believes the penal system fails because it doesn't acknowledge the underlying motives; the social

pressures that are often responsible for crime. He asks whether the "crime problem" is the criminals or society itself; and charges the Justice System with being totally vindictive, not rehabilitative in the slightest degree, and that it is concerned only with indulging the punitive attitude of the public. Using various cases, he paints a portrait of the offender in an attempt to have a bigger voice in what is happening all around him. Menninger reminds us that crime is everyone's temptation, and speaks of the large number of "respectable citizens" who commit crimes, but are never caught or imprisoned. Only the ones caught are condemned.

Menninger delves beneath the respectable veneer of the Justice System to reveal the contradictions below. Menninger, like Plato, believes justice primarily means power: "The Interest of the Stronger." In an example, he attacks the bail practice as being highly discriminatory and senseless. This cost, and ability to meet the cost, have no relation to the protection of society whatsoever. He points out that if a person can afford to make bail they walk into court free. But if not, they walk imprisoned and enter the courtroom escorted by a guard, "a fact not lost on jurors." One could take it one

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step further and say justice primarily means power; the interest of the richer.

To Menninger, one of the largest problems is the gap between psychiatrists and lawyers. In the courts, right and wrong, yes and no are clearly defined. Whereas the psychiatrist cannot isolate specific causes and conditions from one another, each is relative and a contributing factor to the whole.

When a lawyer asks a psychiatrist if the defendant is insane, and, therefore, not legally responsible for his actions, he is thinking in terms of yes and no, but the psychiatrist cannot always answer that way; it's usually more along the lines of "maybe" or "to a certain extent"—and courts don't function on maybes. Menninger is distressed that so little credence is given to a psychiatrist's view in court, and feels that the general disbelief extends to the public as well.

Menninger sees the gaps between different officials as contributing to the failure of the system; "Those involved somewhere in our system of dealing with what goes on in other parts of the system." A judge, for example, doesn't know how a Warden runs a prison, and a Warden doesn't or isn't aware of how the judge rules his court. Menninger sees the system as a total failure and supports the view of prisons as "Factories of Crime." Seventy percent of the thousands doing time are doing so for the second, third or fourth time, and a much larger percentage of offenders are those who are never caught convicted or treated in any way.

Dr. Menninger advocates an active examination and re-evaluation of the system and the morals behind it, observing "the more fiercely, the more certain we are to have more victims." He feels that treatment, not punishment, is the answer. If and when that happens, the word rehabilitation might be taken off the shelf where it now rests with words like equality, peace and justice for all.

Election is held at KSR

On November 5, 1979, a simulated election of the Governor's race was held at KSR.

Registration was held in the dormitories from October 31 until November 3, and only those inmates who registered were qualified to vote.

Inmates responsible for organizing the election were: Pierre Elliott, Charles Riley, Leonard Papproth, Charles Kerr, Monte Smiley, Sammy Hayes, Frankie Moorman, Larry Lenston and Frederick Baker.

John Y. Brown won the election with a final tabulation of 304 votes. Louie B. Nunn received 66 votes and the Equal Rights Amendment was passed.

Hello, everyone! The Dear C. J. column is going great. Thank you, everyone that has participated in it.

Don't stop now! Surely there are still a lot of you guys that have unanswered questions. Let's go. We have plenty of time and space. Till then, here are a few questions and answers that we have, OK?

Q. Dear C. J.: How would we go about writing some of you adies at KCIW?

A. Dear Gerald: I am sorry to say but the only way you can write to a young lady here at KCIW, is to know one already that would pass the names to a few of her friends, or to know a guy there that is already writing over here. It's against institutional policy to publish names and numbers. This isn't a hook-up column—it's strictly for problems or concerns of people in prisons. Sorry!

Q. Dear C.J.: Is there a catch to this W.I.C.K. thing?

A. Dear Jap: No, there's no catch. It's just something to get our column going strong. You are right on it when you said it is KCIW spelled backwards. Smart guy.

Q. Dear C.J.: What does C.J. stand for, which you use as your name?

A. Dear Jap: C. J. are my initials. I don't use my full name because there are some people that I would rather not know where or who I am at the present time. Surely you've had the same experience.

Q. Dear C.J.: Do men and women rehabilitate from prison?

A. Dear Brahman: Some men and women rehabilitate from prison and some don't. It depends entirely on the

individual. But then, we have to turn to Webster for understanding what the word rehabilitate means.

Q. Dear C.j.: How many men and women can seek employment after being incarcerated?

A. Dear Brahman: Many inmates after leaving prison find good jobs and some don't. I do not know about other prisons, but here at KCIW, you have to have a job before you can leave. So there are still people on the outside world that will give you a chance. But, it still depends on the individual as a whole.

Q. Dear C.J.: Do men and women have psychiatric problems?

A. Dear Brahman: Yes, they do. But I can assure you most of them had these problems before entering prison. Not everyone has this problem, nor does everyone leave with one.

Nevertheless, it's like any other disease. Only so many have it.

Q. Dear C. J.: Are there trades available?

A. I can't speak for other prisons, but here at KCIW there are trades available at the prison where you're at, my advice to you is get into one. It will pay off in the long run.

Our winner of the W.I.C.K. contest is Lynda (Cocoa) Bowman. W.I.C.K. is K.C.I.W. spelled backwards. Congratulations, Cocoa!

Well, our dear C.J. readers, it's time for the column to come to an end for now. I hope I have helped the ones that have sent in questions. Anyone wishing to express their opinion is also welcomed.

Yours truly,
C. J.

A TRIBUTE TO MINNIE

By Darnell Frasier

*When she died she was only thirty-one,
but from my heart she did a job well done.*

*Because my mind just took a trip down Memory Lane,
and Minnie, I couldn't help but think of your name.*

*I've heard and looked at you from every angle,
and I know you'll be a perfect angel.*

*I know your children are very sad,
but they'll get over it, because their mother is one of the
best singers the world has ever had.*

*Stevie Wonder also took it hard,
but he knows you'll climb that stairway to
heaven straight to the Lord.*

*Last night he dedicated to you a song from his heart,
because from the way he expressed himself
he hated for you all to part.*

*And so do I,
because when I heard you sing last night,
I actually wanted to cry.*

*Before I went to sleep I looked at
a picture of your photograph,
but I definitely didn't laugh.*

*I actually shed a tear,
because a lot of people will be missing you around here.*

*Before I go I have to tell your husband,
Marc and Maya, too,
that the whole world is still loving you.*

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The pros and cons of rehabilitation clubs

Pro By Kenny Hayes

The Society for Personality Adjustment and Development through Education, otherwise known as the Spade Club, has two outstanding drug programs.

Recently, I had the privilege to sit in on a meeting with the Spade Club along with their outside guests. These guests were from "The Louisville Tonight Show"—Angie Humphrey and Tom Vanhorn. The purpose of this gathering was to produce a show for an upcoming date in October.

At the same time, it will provide the public with some inside information that not all inmates of correctional institutions sit idly by and waste time.

There are the programs that are constructed to help the drug users. The Spade Club has two such programs.

The first—Dare Us—is limited to the club members and residents of Kentucky State Reformatory. These members are: Chris Brooks, Dennis Elliott, Ron Gardener, Danny Nelson, Danny Dennison and Eddie Nelson.

They also have a program that reaches outside the institution. This drug program has already helped a whole county become aware of drugs and their problems. This program is called Drug Awareness.

The members of this program write articles to the "Martin Countion." This newspaper is located in Inez, Kentucky. The members of this program are: Ron Gordon, George Carpenter, D. Dennison, Tim Spinlock, D. Elliott, Phillip Seay, E. Nelson C. Brooks, Freddie Klien, and president Robert Gordon.

Once we learn about the unpleasant side effects caused by drugs, we can work to educate and rebuild our self-hope. The Spade Club is only a start. A very good drug program is hard to find.



With the camera focused on him, Robert Gordon speaks to his fellow club members

Con By Sam Sneed, KSR

AA, Action, Jaycees, Living Skills, Seven Steps and Spade Club are all clubs used by residents at Kentucky State Reformatory to aid in the "rehabilitation" of said residents. I guess each club plays its part, but most residents are aware the clubs do nothing for the resident, rather, the resident does it all for himself. The situation could be aptly summed up in the time-worn adage, "You can lead a horse to water, but you can't make him drink." With this truism in mind I sometimes wonder why the parole board is so insistent that each resident attend one club or another. It is almost as if these clubs existed nowhere but on the yard at Kentucky State Reformatory.

Many times I have heard residents who have met the parole board say one of the following: "They told me to get in AA," "They told me to get in a drug group," "They told me to get in school." It is my contention that all of these groups exist on the streets and, any resident who could benefit from these organizations could do so to a much greater extend on the streets.

I guess what I am asking is, "why won't the parole board tell us the truth?" If the reason one is denied parole is because he cannot be trusted, then I feel the parole board should tell him so. It seems to me that any gain which might be obtained from not telling the resident the true reason for his

deferment would be negated by the anger of the resident when he realizes he has been treated like a child. Here it is in a nutshell.

If the parole board wants a "front" of certificates to justify their judgement of a resident's "rehabilitaiton," then I, for one, wish they would say so and remove all doubts about what should be done to make parole. But if true "rehabilitation" is what is sought, then I feel individual effort is the only solution. Then the resident could explain what his problem was and what he had done to solve it, and if joining a group was part of the solution, it would then be truly helpful because it was not forced.

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WHAT IS THIS PLACE

By Dale Allen Hall, KSR

*From within it is dark,
Where men fear to go,
Where birds fail to sing,
And the wind fails to blow.*

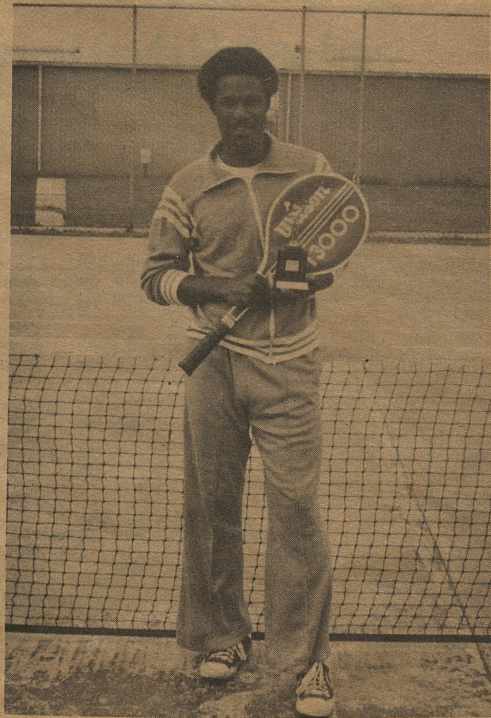
*What is this place,
What evil may it hold,
Where men may yet walk,
If they be so told.*

*Do you know where I mean?
Can you even guess?
But yet I must tell you,
For I could do no less.*

*In this place there is fire,
Where men scream and yell,
For there is nothing but PAIN,
In this place called HELL . . .*

POPULATION FIGURES

Kentucky State Penitentiary	772
Kentucky State Reformatory	2019
Kentucky Correctional Institution for Women	116
Blackburn Correctional Complex	237
Bell County Forestry Camp	68
Harlan County Forestry Camp	41
Western Kentucky Farm Center	122
Daniel Boone Career Development Center	36
Roecker Farm Center	143
Frankfort Career Development Center	85
TOTAL	3639



The KSR Tigers pose after one of their hard-fought games [top left]. Gilhouse's Spirit II softball team after their victory over N. Risinger's Straight Shooters [bottom left]. L. Lenston, winner of the singles, wants another chance at the doubles team of Hayes and Hamilton. Here he awaits an answer [top right]. (Photos by Chris Brooks and Kenny Hayes).

KSR softball tournaments

By Kenny Hayes

In the final game of the Intramural Softball Tournament with Nickie Risinger's Strait Shooters, Gilhouse's Spirit II softball team upset the league winners by a score of 8-7.

A hard game from the beginning to the end, these two teams battled for seven full innings.

At the end of the softball season, a tournament was held to see which team was the first place team. Gilhouse's team, a fourth place finisher in the regular season, won three hard and exciting games to become the tournament winners.

The members of the team were: Herbert (Snake) Helton, Carl Wayne, Frank Reed, Paul Smith, Johnnie Tingle, George Hardesty, Ralph Jennings,

Charlie Payton, Scott Roberts, Billy Goble, Freddie Klein, Roy Bishop, Gene Salisbury, Gilbert Duvall and Bruce Gilhouse (coach).

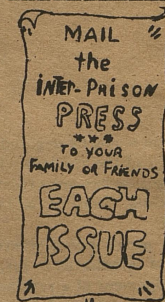
In the club softball tournament, the Jaycees were the winners. In their light blue t-shirts, they showed plenty of talent, exciting plays, and close games. The Jaycees were a contender from the very start of the season.

The Jaycee players were: James Cain, Paul Brittentime, Bobby Wright, Wayne Gill, George Trevell, George Jones, Terry Lancaster, David Brown, Chris Brady, Nickie Risinger, George Bey, Garry Harrison and Charles Cook.

This was one of the best Jaycee teams that has been around KSR.

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