

Forty-eight inmates issued holiday passes

By SUSAN MILLER

"The main purpose of the programme is to bring the families closer together," said Superintendent William Keays in reference to the temporary absence programme that sent 48 boys home for Christmas from the New Brunswick Youth Training Centre.

The programme, which is still considered to be in the experimental stage, helps to develop more communication between the boy and his parents, thus making the boy's return from NBYTC an easier adjustment on both sides. The shortness of his stay as compared to a regular parole, serves to heighten the sense of togetherness and reduces the chances of friction in the family.

Boys who receive passes are chosen on the basis of reports submitted by an evaluation committee. There is one committee for each of the four dormitories, consisting of the three men who supervise the dorm. Once a month a report is made on the general

behaviour and attitude of each boy in the dormitory. As many boys as possible are sent home, but a very unfavourable report may keep a boy from getting a pass.

Some boys may refuse a pass at first due to an uncomfortable home situation, but "they usually decide at the last moment that they do want a pass," said Mr. Lynn Prince, one of the administrators of the school. If a boy arrives too soon before Christmas for an evaluation report to be made, he either stays at the school, or is issued a pass on the recommendation of the judge.

All welfare workers or correctional service workers connected with the boys who have received passes must be notified as well as the boys parents. The parents are asked to come and pick up their son on the specified day, but sometimes up to 50 percent of the parents cannot make it because of long distances or lack of transportation. In those cases, tickets are obtained for

the boy. A welfare worker or correctional service worker may feel that the home situation is not good, and will attempt to find an alternate home for the boy. If he indicates after a few days that he would feel happier, or safer, back at the school, he will be brought home.

During the time the boy is at home, his parents are legally responsible for him. The pass is issued under conditions similar to that of regular parole. There is a time curfew; and an understanding that the boy will not associate those boys who have an adverse influence on him. Clearly these conditions cannot be too strictly policed; it is generally sufficient if the boy stays out of trouble. Of the approximately 250 passes which have been issued so far, only four have been violated, less than was anticipated. This Christmas, two boys were not returned to the school.

Previously the NBYTC had issued a ten-day pass at Christmas,

a five-day pass at Easter, and a weekend pass after school began this fall. During the summer they had a dormitory-by-dormitory rotation programme of week-long stays at Camp Maguadavic. They plan to issue passes this Easter. The programme will be under revision, and a permanent evaluation committee is expected to be set up.

The average age of the 49 boys now present in the NBYTC

is 14. The length of their stay determined by a judge is usually around six months. During this time they are provided with a remedial education including English, Math, Science and History courses. They have a fairly extensive sports programme with baseball, soccer, skating, swimming, hikes and gymnasium sports. Workshops are provided for various hobbies and crafts, and the boys write their own newspaper.

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CHSC directors hoping for permanent liquor permit

By SHERYL WRIGHT

The College Hill Social Club has a membership of over 500 students, faculty and university staff of all three colleges. It now occupies the cafeteria of the Memorial Student Center on Tuesday and Thursday night and Saturday night it is in the SUB.

Bill Bancroft, President of the CHSC states that the club directors wish to acquire a permanent liquor licence from the New Brunswick Liquor Commission. As it is now, for each night the club is

open, a temporary liquor permit is needed. This is quite inconvenient as a permit has to be signed for each night, and then the liquor has to be bought. A permanent licence would eliminate the problems of signing a permit, and the liquor could be stocked once a week. Unfortunately, the price of drinks would go up, as the New Brunswick Liquor Commission sets a minimum price, but the drinks would still be inexpensive compared to other clubs.

The directors want to lease room 207 in the SUB when the permanent licence is okayed. There is a minimum of space available on campus, and this room, although not large (capacity 60) is the only one suitable that the administration approves of

leasing to them. However, since it would be open seven nights a week, the lack of space in the room would not be as noticeable because members would not be restricted to going only on certain nights. Another asset of having a permanent licence is that the club could have its own refrigerator whereas now Saga Foods facilities are being used.

The obtaining of a permanent licence would mean more convenience, both to the club directors and staff, and the members. There will probably be some opposition to it when it goes to a hearing before the Liquor Commission Board. The Faculty Club, for example, had to apply four times before their licence was granted.



The College Hill Social Club, with a membership of over 500 students, has two locations during the week. Directors of the CHSC hope to obtain a permanent liquor licence for the club.

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