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COLUMBIA---The director of the S. C. Employees Association, according to the Columbia Record, is asking for active lobbying for a pay raise for state employees. Larry G. Ellis says employees plan to lobby hard to convince the General Assembly of the need for salary increases (The House has passed a resolution for state teachers and employees' salary increases. The resolution, H.3637, has been introduced into the Senate).

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NEW YORK---A prestigious group of judges and lawyers, noting the national outrage over the leniency often afforded youths convicted of violent crimes, has recommended changes in the system to fit the penalty to the crime. United Press International quoted the judges as saying that indeterminate sentencing "creates a potential for abuse that is all too often realized in practice." The group of judges and lawyers composed the Juvenile Justice Standards Project, sponsored by the Institute of Judicial Administration at New York University and by the American Bar Association.

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COLUMBIA---Bills introduced into the House and Senate include:

- \*H.3636, regulating child care facilities;
- \*H.3641 and S.706, increasing the Service Retirement Allowance for those state employees who retired prior to July 1, 1972;
- \*H.3646, amending the state code to allow attorneys-at-law engaged in private practice to defend public officers or employees.

(Thanks and a tip of the hat to Dianne Fergusson, Research and Planning.)

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COLLEGE PARK, MD.---The American Correctional Association is offering a \$100,000/\$300,000 liability policy for ACA members. Those interested in details can write the underwriters, Charles, Ryan and Rivers, 6330 San Vicente Boulevard, Los Angeles, Ca. 90048. (A copy should be on your bulletin boards...)

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COLUMBIA---DYS employees gave \$135.88 to the S. C. Heart Fund Association, drive chairman Edward B. Borden reported. The state-government wide drive ended February 22. "I wish to thank those who participated in this campaign," said State Director Grady A. Decell. "We continually show how much we care for others by giving to such worthy causes as the Heart Fund."

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ROCK HILL---Social adjustment classes are in operation in three junior high schools in the Rock Hill School District. The classes are an alternative to suspension for minor infraction of school rules. District 3 Superintendent Jeff Savage reports the classes at Sullivan, Castle Heights and Rawlinson Road junior high schools are working well.

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COLUMBIA---Prospective employees must attend employee orientation. A. Frank Lever III, Coordinator of Personnel Management Services, says policies on return of the Applicant Referral Transmittal Form, a formal letter offering the applicant the position and employee's attendance at the Employee Orientation Program must be adhered to. For further information, contact the Personnel Section.

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\* CHARLESTON---The Charleston Youth Bureau will locate a juvenile officer in the Summerville area to work with status offenders. Regional Supervisor David W. Jordan said the office would be manned within a few months. A full slate of appropriate services such as diagnostic tests, family therapy and psychiatric counseling will be available through Youth Services referrals, Jordan said.

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*Nothing's apt to increase your golf score more than witnesses.*

---Farmer's Almanac

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#### JUVENILE CRIME ON UPSWING

...So writes Linda C. Owens in a "Metro Beat" column for The State newspaper. "Juvenile crime increased by 15 per cent in Columbia last year. There were about 1500 juvenile arrests in the city alone during 1975." Ms. Owens notes that juveniles are committing rape, running in organized gangs "and are experts in stealing, stripping and selling automobile parts." Included in the crimes 13-16 year-old kids committed last year were 13 cases of armed robbery, 14 cases of rape, 23 cases of assault and battery, 20 cases of forgery, 385 cases of housebreaking and 59 cases involving narcotics. "And these kids are not from low income families," she reports. "Some come from Heathwood, Shady Lane, Whitehall and Spring Valley, distinctly middle to upper class white neighborhoods....."

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Sign on a bicyclist: "I burn only cholesterol."

---Reader's Digest

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#### AROUND CAMPUS....

Austin A. Blackmon, Jr. has joined the staff of the Columbia Youth Bureau, filling the position left vacant by Mark Boatner.... S. C. School for Boys has a new music teacher, Gayle Yvette Alsbrooks, a Darlington native and recent graduate from Claflin College, and a new teacher aide, Lavendell Bellamy of Florence.... Some 29 girls have been diverted from jail due to the availability of the Rock Hill Girl's Home, reports Regional Supervisor Bebs Chorak. The agency entered into a contractual agreement last June with the Junior League. Of the 29, reports Mrs. Chorak, seven have continued "in trouble" and were returned to the court. Three were returned to the Girl's Home for continued placement. "We're quite pleased with the results," she reports.... Karate expert Gary Shull and Dr. Tik-Sun Cheung, an authority in Chinese music, gave demonstrations to students at John G. Richards recently.... The agency's area of jurisdiction is the boundaries of the school areas, reminds Andrew C. Rutkowski, Supervisor of Campus Police, and only extends beyond these areas when searching for known runaways. (Often employees will call and ask for a check on a young person walking the streets near the campus.) "No person will be checked for their identification outside the Department of Youth Services' area unless there is probable cause" Rutkowski concludes..

S. C. State Employees' Association Ambassadors include J. P. Neal, Jr., Virgil Barber and Lois Bremer. Members of the Employees' Courtesy Committee are Horace B. Youngblood, Carolyn Lindler and Doris Becknell.... If you want to know about Environmental Quality Law, the agency library, in the Training Section, Central Annex, has this new book on file.... Some 55 students from four units of the agency auditioned for "I, Charlie Chaplin," a production of the Drama Department. Performance will be given April 11-13 at the John G. Richards gym. Robert A. Bullock, Jr., Director of Drama, says the production is a theatrical-speech adaptation from Chaplin's book, My Autobiography...

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A new volunteer was being inducted into the Army and the officer asked him if he was interested in a commission. "No thanks," the volunteer replied, "I'm not too good a shot. I'd rather work on a straight salary."

---Rainbows

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#### MORE AROUND CAMPUS....

A dozen students in Rock Hill Youth Bureau's tutoring program are getting a fresh angle on academics they don't get in a regular classroom. These students, truant or expelled from class, are getting extra attention. Program director Mary Katherine Robinson says informal classes on academics and other subjects are reaching the kids' needs... New telephone number for Caroselle Group Home is 252-1416... Participants in the S. C. Golden Gloves tournament in Columbia in February included Mallie

Williams, Dexter Legette,  
Kenneth McNeil, Henry  
McDaniel, Allen Richardson,  
Walter Parker and  
David Morris. They were  
coached by Herbert Deese,  
Rec. Spec. at John G....  
Beverly Clouse, Supervisor  
of Social Work Services  
of the Spartanburg Youth  
Bureau, has been appointed  
to the Council of Governments  
Public Safety Task  
Force, which deals with  
public and juvenile justice  
issues...

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*The lady of the house  
was entertaining her bridge  
club when the patterning of  
tiny feet was heard on the  
stairs. "Hush," she said  
softly to her fellow play-  
ers, "the children are  
going to deliver their  
goodnight message. It  
gives me a feeling of  
reverence to hear them."*

*There was a moment  
of silence---then shyly,  
"Mama, Billy found a  
bedbug."*

---Rainbows

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#### A NEED FOR COOPERATION

EDITOR'S NOTE: The following editorial was written by Dr. Gene F. Starr, Chief Psychiatrist for the Department of Youth Services, and reflects a condition which currently exists at the Reception and Evaluation Center:

I am acting as spokesman for some employees at the Reception and Evaluation Center, South Carolina Department of Youth Services.

There is a growing concern among the staff and much consternation and frustration is resulting from the holding of the monthly meeting of the Juvenile Placement and Aftercare Board at the William J. Goldsmith Reception and Evaluation Building.

I would intercede at this point to say that this is not a criticism of Juvenile Placement and Aftercare or their personnel.

It has been brought to my attention and I have frequently observed that the crowds here are almost at "fire marshall" capacity.

There are times when you have to "hop, skip and jump" to get to an exit door. There also seems to be a large number of family members representing a single student. The doors are so frequently opened that the building is cooled during the day. There is a great deal of talking and crying infants and the noise makes it almost impossible for the social workers to interview students being evaluated at the Reception and Evaluation Center. The social workers' phones and even offices are often used for extended periods of time during such meetings.

We often find excessive amounts of waste which must be cleaned up as well as spilled coffee.

What could be done to furnish a better place that would meet the needs of Juvenile Placement and Aftercare for their meeting as this has become a real problem at the Reception and Evaluation Center?

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STATUS REPORT: As of February 25, 1976, the number of children in the institutional division

were: John G. Richards, 203; Willow Lane, 146; Reception and Evaluation Center 162; S. C. School for Boys, 168; Intensive Care Units, 112; Total, 791 (608 boys and 183 girls). Youth Bureau Division, referrals (from November 21-December 20, 1975): 203; commitments, 13; a total of 216 children served.

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We're beginning to receive some entries in the agency's first quarter essay and poetry contest for students. The best will be printed next issue. Please encourage your students to write.....Thanks!!!

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NOTICE TO ALL PERSONNEL WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT WHO OPERATE STATE VEHICLES WITH RADIOS:

We are experiencing an abundance of antennas being "ripped off" which we feel is due to the citizen band craze. It is requested that you use caution when leaving your vehicle unattended.

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TRAINING SECTION: During "Secretaries Week" (April 18-24), material on the National Secretaries Association (International) will be in the Training Library for interested persons.

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