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S. C. SCHOOL FOR BOYS IN FLORENCE PHASES OUT

The S. C. Department of Youth Services has begun close-out of its institutional operations at the S. C. School for Boys in Florence, the first step in the opening of the $5 million "New Campus" here.

As of August 20, some 120 students from the Florence campus were transferred to the Willow Lane, John G. Richards and Reception and Evaluation Center campuses in Columbia, Director Grady A. Decell said. Sixty-five students remain to be transferred, he added.

The students are being temporarily housed in dormitories, and absorbed into educational, recreational and treatment activities on the three Columbia campuses until the "New Campus" is complete. Decell said the complex is expected to be finished about the middle of September.

Construction of the New Campus began in spring, 1975. Decell said the Florence facility was being phased out "because we wanted to concentrate our institutional programs in Columbia. Also, the complex was outmoded and the cost of modernization was prohibitive."

The 152-bed facility will feature extensive vocational and academic schools, gymnasium, administration building, auditorium-chapel, a 23-room school, four 20-bed cottages and a 72-bed intensive care unit. There are provisions for a natatorium and a student center to be added later. The campus is located behind the Reception and Evaluation Center on Broad River Road.

Decell also announced that administrative activities will be changed so that all treatment and educational programs will be centered in the complex created by the Willow Lane School, R&E and the New Campus. All three facilities border each other.

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"We're moving the Reception and Evaluation Center staff and students to the John G. Richards campus," Decell said. The John G. Richards students and staff will move to the buildings formerly used by R&E. We believe that we will have a more efficient administration in that all treatment programs will be located in a central area."

The changeover, Decell said, will take place at about the same time the move from Florence is being made.

Agency Personnel Director A. Frank Lever III said "19 staff members from Florence indicated they would move to Columbia. The agency guaranteed all 104 employees in Florence jobs in Columbia."

"The move has created some personal hardship, as we knew if would," Lever said. "We're trying to solve as many problems as we can."

Lever said many employees had been with the Florence school all their working lives "and don't want to leave Florence. We sympathize with their feelings, and are working to find them jobs in the Pee Dee area."

The agency has contacted local businesses and governmental agencies, Lever said, and has received some assistance in placing staff members who wish to stay in Florence. Lever said the State Department of Mental Retardation, which will take over a majority of the Florence property, has hired 11 employees.

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Need a babysitter? Maxine Wiggins' (Central Office) 16-year-old daughter, Becky, is available. She's had three years' experience. Call 6441 for more information.

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Addendum C

YOUTH WORKERS ASSOCIATION CONVENTION

The S. C. Youth Workers Association will hold its "Fall Conference" September 15-17 at the Holiday Inn Downtown. (Myrtle Beach)

President Al Brodie said the conference will be based on the theme, "You Make The Difference."

The program includes some of the nation's top experts in juvenile problems. Among the speakers are such notables as David Gilman, Director of the Juvenile Justice Standards Project, Institute of Judicial Administration, American Bar Association, New York; Dr. W. J. Beeners, Director of Speech, Princeton Theological Seminary, Princeton, N.J.: Milton Luger, Director of the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, U.S. Justice Department, Washington; and Dr. George H. Orvin, Chief of Adolescent Psychiatry, S. C. Medical University in Charleston.

Also, Robert S. Black, Director of the Office of Programs for the Handicapped, S. C. Department of Education, Columbia; the Hon. Keith Leenhouts, Director of Volunteers in Probation, National Council on Crime and Delinquency, Royal Oaks, Michigan: Dr. Francis Walton, Psychologist, President of the American Adlerian Society, Columbia; Bentley Lipscomb, Deputy Dommissioner of the Bureau of Human Services, S. C. Department of Social Services; and the Hon. William W. Justice, U. S. District Judge, Tyler, Texas.

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