

# Psychological Clinic serves many yearly

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A University coed is too sensitive to opinions of other people and to world problems. She becomes easily disturbed over things which others readily take in stride.

She seeks and receives help at the Psychological Clinic, operated in Social Science building by the Psychology Department as a training program for advanced students. "In the case of this young lady, we attempted to channel her general sensitivity into constructive channels," said Dr. James K. Cole, acting director of the Clinic, and assistant professor of Psychology.

"THIS SENSITIVITY can be valuable to her. Clinic staff members help her discover that, while life may be a little rough, on the other hand it can be more meaningful and significant to her," Cole explained.

In its 18 years of existence, the clinic has produced a relatively small number of professional psychologists annually who have a broad and comprehensive background in general and theo-

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retical psychology, he said.

The clinic trains students who are capable and motivated and who will develop broadly within the program and beyond the Ph.D. level, he continued.

Quality training, and not quantity production, has been the goal of the program, he said. As opposed to public mental health services, the clinic is selective in providing services.

About 30 graduate students are presently directly involved in the training program. Each is given extensive supervision designed to capitalize on the individual assets of each student, Cole said.

The Psychology Clinic offers services throughout the state on both a direct and indirect basis. Last year,

about 300 persons were served directly, or in a face to face manner, Cole said. A much larger clientele is served indirectly however. In such cases, clinic staffers work with officials from other agencies, who in turn assist clients.

The clinic considers mostly human behavior problems which require scientific research, Cole said. Serious emotional disturbances or cases requiring the use of drugs are handled elsewhere by psychiatrists.

People come to the clinic in a variety of ways, he said. More than a dozen agencies, such as courts, veterans and mental hospitals, welfare departments and the Lincoln Action Program, refer people to the clinic. Referrals also come from faculty, students, doctors and other interested individuals.

THE STAFF confronts a variety of problems daily. When an individual with a personal problem comes to the clinic, he is interviewed in an attempt to pinpoint the exact problem.

If necessary, further diagnostic testing is conducted. An attempt is made to understand the problem in depth, Cole said. In some cases, the person is referred to another agency.

Often, the clinic chooses to deal with the problem. If so, a student trainee is assigned to the client, and a faculty member gives constant supervision.

The problems may involve grades, conflicts in the family, getting along with colleagues or a mild emotional problem, Cole explained.

In any case, psychotherapy is used to help the client focus on his problem and eventually help him alleviate it.

The clinic often deals directly with children who encounter problems after entering school. Children are

hyper active, frightened, or experience withdrawal or phobias, Cole said.

Conflicts within the family often must be dealt with, too. Many of these are subtle, but significant. They do not show on the surface, but an underlying, hostile feeling often exists, he said.

In many cases, the clinic serves clients on an indirect basis, because it is not possible to work with such a large number directly, he pointed out.

INDIRECT CASES can involve people who have exhibited anti-social behavior. The clinic works closely with the Lincoln Municipal court and other law agencies in Lancaster County, he said.

The clinic assists the Municipal Court in several

ways, he said. The clinic may train probation officers and other volunteers. The clinic may also conduct individual consultations with judges and other officials.

"When we consult with a juvenile court volunteer who works with, say 40 kids, we are not just helping one person, but 40," Cole said.

Thousands of people are helped indirectly because ministers, teachers and doctors are assisted by clinical officials, he noted.

Clinical fees are not charged to anyone associated with the University. For individuals outside the University, charges are computed on a sliding scale, depending on ability to pay.

no shortage of prospective student trainees, but it is severely hampered by other problems, Cole said.

Space problems will be remedied in about a month when the clinic moves to new headquarters in Burnett Hall, Cole reported. The new location will center all activities in one area, an important factor in providing completely confidential service.

The number one need in the Clinical Training Program is additional staff, he declared. There are now two fulltime staff positions. At least three additional full time staff members are needed, before the program can be significantly expanded.

INDEED, THERE is no shortage of prospective students, he said. Last year, 200 complete applications were received, but 92 percent were rejected because of lack of space.

Finances are not a major problem either, since the clinic is supported by federal, state and local funds in addition to fees charged to clients, Cole said.

Future prospects for the clinic are excellent, he said. The clinic receives high priority with the department chairman and the University as a whole.

## Try-outs for laboratory plays scheduled for Oct. 14, 15, 16

Try-outs will be held October 14, 15 and 16 in the Temple Building at 12th and R. Room 303 (Arena Theatre), for two laboratory theatre productions.

The plays, "An Italian Straw Hat" by Eugene Labiche and Marc-Michel, and "Meat" by Neil Scanlan require casts of eleven men and six women.

Any University student in good standing may try-out. Try-outs will be held each of the three days from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. and 7:00 to 10:00 p.m.

"An Italian Straw Hat," a two act French farce, will be

directed by Patricia Becker. "This is a delightful comedy about marriage and chivalry," she says. "Each part will be challenging for

the actor." "Meat," by Shubert resident playwright Neil Scanlan, will be directed by Cherylene Schick.

## Social Calendar

FRIDAY, OCT. 11  
Hayrack Ride, Sigma Kappa Scavenger Hunt, Towne Club and Cather Hall 2

SATURDAY, OCT. 12  
Open House, Triangle Dance, All University Fund Hayrack Ride, Towne Club IDA Hours, Smith

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SUNDAY, OCT. 13  
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