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Students get second chance to learn in alternative school

BEAUMONT (AP) — One of the most notable things about the Beaumont Alternative School is the quiet.

At the end of a period, no bells or buzzers sound. No lockers slam. No teen-agers loudly hail their friends in the hall.

Instead the teacher softly tells the students to get ready.

After all the students in the school's five classrooms line up they file quietly into their next period class in carefully choreographed transition.

When they arrive in the next classroom, the students pick up their assignment folders, sit at a desk and begin working with little or no prompting from the teacher.

The loudest noise in the room often is the hum of the air conditioner, the rattle of a page turning or a soft whispering as the teacher answers a student's question.

The Beaumont Independent School District set up the school earlier this year as an alternative to middle school and high school students who were having trouble in a regular classroom.

"What we are offering here is a highly structured academic environment with no distractions," alternative school supervisor Patrick Thomas said. "When my students come through that door they want to come in for the academics because that is all there is here."

The school has no cafeteria, no pep rallies and no sports, he said. Because the school discourages talking among students, they have little social life at the school.

But Thomas said the individual attention each of the 50 students receives from the school's caring staff along with the school's emphasis on study provide a fertile ground for troubled students to flourish academically.

Thomas and the staff say they have to fight the notion that most students at an alternative school are dangerous.

"I think most people think we have a bunch of thugs and that it's a battleground here," English teacher Ginny Welsh said. "It's anything but that. I think it's one of the safest environments anywhere in the district."

Thomas acknowledges the school has to discipline students at times.

But the structured environment and small class size help head off many problems.

Most students at the school are intelligent but lack motivation, study skills or confidence to perform well in a regular classroom, Thomas said.

The alternative school helps students who have been held back two or more years or who are achieving at a significantly lower level than their classmates. It also serves dropouts who want to come back to school, he said.

Although the district offers the school to students who face expulsion, none of the students this semester fit into that category, Thomas said.

Some students will go back to their home schools, while others may choose to stay at the school until graduation, he said.

After school officials refer the student to the alternative school, Thomas interviews the teen-ager and the parents before the student can enroll.

Both students and parents sign a document outlining the school's procedures to show they understand what the school expects. The district cannot force a student to attend the alternative school, he said.

5 TDC prisoners to receive master's from UH program

ROSHARON (AP) — Earning a master's degree usually allows students to quickly slide into the job market, but five University of Houston at Clear Lake graduate students will have to put their job searches on hold until they can take their diplomas off their cell walls.

If plans progress as scheduled, the university will graduate its first master's degree candidates from the Texas Department of Corrections Ramsey I Unit near Rosharon in December, more than two years after the program began.

"We're extremely proud of our students for persevering through the classes," said George L. Trabling, director of the university's program at the prison. "Our master's program is tough . . . we don't water our classes down at Ramsey."

"It's the same program we offer to our students on campus. We don't offer the Ramsey students anything special."

The program is part of a plan by the Texas Department of Corrections and the university to enhance the prisoners' chances of finding a job upon release "and to stay out of here," he said.

Nine faculty members are teaching a record 130 college students this semester in nine classes, ranging from history to literature, on weekdays from 6 to 9 p.m. The master's program has 54 enrolled inmates.

The university offers inmates with clean disciplinary records and 54 credit hours of college classes a chance to work toward a bachelor's or master's degree.

While Alvin Community College of-

fers lower-level college courses to the inmates, the University of Houston at Clear Lake offers bachelor's degrees in general studies, behavioral sciences and humanities along with the master's degree in humanities.

TDC will pay for one class per semester for eligible students, but inmates usually pay their tuition through federal grants or from their own pocketbooks, Trabling said.

And to those who say the prison system is becoming too relaxed, Trabling said the prisoners are required to complete a full day's work before attending the night classes.

"There's nothing wrong with punishment, but we need some type of retraining," he said. "Just locking somebody up and keeping them from family and friends is punishment."

Only those who have stayed out of trouble in prison can participate in the program.

And while the inmates will not have the option of practicing their chosen fields immediately upon graduation, their confinement helps make most of them better students, Trabling said.

The average inmate has an eighth-grade education and has had to take remedial courses from the junior colleges before being accepted into the advanced classes. While Trabling said the Clear Lake students are very serious students, the inmates quite often score higher on tests because they have more time to study.

The staff includes five teachers and one counselor. The school offers courses in reading, language arts, science, mathematics and social studies. It also has a computer laboratory.

After evaluating each student's abilities, the teachers develop a learning plan that lets each student proceed at his or her own pace, Thomas said. The teachers prepare daily assignment sheets for the students.

They also send home weekly progress reports, telling the parents their child's conduct and grades.

The curriculum closely follows the district's.

"They are doing same thing they would be doing if they were in a regular school," social studies teacher Clydette

Ball said. "They are just doing it in a different way."

During the class period, the teacher circulate, helping each student with assignments. "I had to invest in a pair of shoes because I have to go student to student," teacher Carla Dunlap said. "What I found to find a learning style the child respond to."

The school strives to build up the students' self-esteem by showing they can succeed in school.

"When they understand they are responsible enough to do the assignments and not cut up in class and when they realize they can do this and be successful, this is a lesson for their other . . . and for life itself," science teacher McCord said.

Texans honor man who saved French grapes

SHERMAN (AP) — Sherman and Denison residents recently completed a "French connection" that paid homage to Texas' unlikely grape genius.

This year marks the 100th anniversary of T.V. Munson's celebrated success in saving the French wine industry from a parasite that ravaged vineyards.

A French delegation visited Munson's home in Denison in 1887 to learn the agronomist's secrets.

Munson had grown grapes in limestone soil, similar to that of the French vineyards.

The roots were resistant to root lice and adapted well from cuttings.

For helping to save the French vineyards, Munson received the French Legion of Merit in 1888, an honor previously accorded only one other American, inventor Thomas Edison.

Commemorating the 100th anniversary of his work, several Munson relatives and interested friends went to the south of France in October and returned with glowing accounts of their visit.

"This was a great way to build Franco-American relations," John Morris, President and CEO of Associated Travel, said. "This was a significant occasion. The real news happened 100 years ago with Munson and Viala (Pierre, a major French researcher)."

"I was impressed with the generosity and warmth of the French people," Sherman realtor Ben McKinney said. "I had the impression that the French were always cold and rude. This was not the case."

The ceremony honoring Munson was held in the city of Cognac, where an entire research center is devoted to viticulture (the study of vines.)

The American consul to Cognac joined in the ceremony along with Pierre Gaillet, a prominent French researcher.

Dr. Roy Renfro, the Grayson County College professor who organized the trip to France, compared Gaillet to Pierre Viala.

Viala's great-grandson helped unveil a plaque honoring Munson.

The French still revere Munson's memory. A replica of the plaque is displayed in the T.V. Munson Viticulture and Enology Center at Grayson County College.

A French delegation visited GCC in September to honor Munson.

The trip coincided with the first grape

harvests of the year in France.

It was a hectic time, but the French showered their guests with friendship.

"They (vineyard owners) all took me out to welcome us and really showed some great hospitality," Renfro said. "That was the thing that impressed the most. It was really nice to see."

Throughout the trip, the Texans sent their French hosts with millions commemorating the anniversary.

Touring Chateau Margaux, the group witnessed the first pressing of the grapes for the 1988 crop.

Chateau Margaux is famed for its excellent wines.

The group visited all the major vineyards, which comprise the region's industry.

"It was really fascinating hearing seeing that their very livelihood is in vines," said John Morris, who owns Sherman travel agency. "If the vines were damaged or destroyed, a lot would be at stake."

While there, the trio was inducted into the "Commanderie du Bontemps-Medoc et des Graves," a group of old-timey owners who promote their wine.

The group has existed nearly 100 years, according to Renfro.

"It was like being inducted into a fraternity," Morris said. "We are members of the most prestigious society in France. I'm very proud."

The visit also reminded Texans of a dedicated agronomist more than a century ago introduced vinegrowing in France, where for nearly 20 years, he had cut vineyard acreage by 80 percent.

"I was impressed with all they had done," Renfro said. "And with what they have thought. This event happened 100 years ago and the French still member Munson and what he has done. They are still very grateful and appreciate what he did."

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