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Supported by a federal grant (MH-13710-01) amounting to a quarter of a million dollars, the College of Human Development Institute of Family Research and Education of Syracuse University last year inaugurated an experimental training program.

It was designed to develop Family Life education sessions for parents who wish to be their children's prime sex educators. Community leadership clergymen, doctors, administrators, educators and counselors (including some who work with the handicapped) attended the original sessions, and upon completion of the program, each became a supervisor of Family Life methods. According to a confidential report on file with a U.S. Senator, one group of four Protestant ministers and a Catholic priest "had effectively incorporated the training experience with their own value systems (and were) extremely mature and enthusiastic."

Plans were made subsequently to interview participants' children with all relevant "attitude and behavioral changes" data to be fed into the IBM 370/155 computer at the university. (emphasis in original)

Methods used in the Family Life education program were lectures, role-playing, small-group discussions, supervised practicum (work done by an advanced trainee involving practical application of previously studied theory), and visual aids... including a set of sex education comic books written by the director of the institute, child psychologist Dr. Sol Gordon. (Dr. Gordon, described in January 1976 by the humanist press as a leading sexologist, signed the Humanist Bill of Sexual Rights.) Two million of the comics have sold, with certain Planned Parenthood offices throughout the nation dominating the list of purchasers in addition to mental health centers, family enrichment groups, and abortion clinics.

Because the comic books contain Dr. Gordon's basic philosophy on sex education, because they are tangible evidence of one facet of the Humanist-SIECUS-Planned Parenthood-U.S. sponsored sex education mentality, because some Catholic religious have been enthusiastic about Dr. Gordon, and ultimately because the comics are graphic training aids for children, I will focus briefly on one of them. I will not directly quote the more vulgar language; I will not describe the crudely disgusting artwork.

"All sexual wishes and dreams are normal no matter how far out there's no harm in masturbation no matter how often there is nothing wrong with any kind of sex... many states have sensibly revised their laws to permit teenagers to be examined and treated (for V.D.) without parental consent or knowledge... sexual pleasure is not determined by the (genital) sizes... pornography is harmless... (a girl) can get pregnant in any position. Having an abortion before the twentieth week is safer than giving birth... if you are pregnant and want to avoid giving birth or if you are having sexual relations and want to avoid pregnancy, contact your local Planned Parenthood, family planning, county or hospital

clinic. Support Womens Liberation NOW! (emphasis and capitalized letters in original text.)

I apologize for writing this glimpse of the filth taught by some of our leading sexologists and educators, but in my considered opinion the term Family Life is all too often a pseudonym for liberated sex (with or without a Ph.D.); the sex facts are all too often forced during the vulnerable early years; the visual aids are all too often explicit; the methods used are all too often Behavioral Control and Situation Ethics; parental consent is all too often unsought, unheeded and/or ridiculed, and parents are all too often unaware of the actual training materials.

My documentation is overwhelming.

## Villa Lists Staff, Program Changes

St. Joseph's Villa, an agency of Catholic Charities, has announced several staff and program changes as well as the appointment of new staff members.

A Development Office has been launched to build and administer a comprehensive public relations and fund-raising program, according to Sister Ann Vincent, Villa director.

A Villa release states that growing pains continue to prompt expansion and development of

social services. The Development Office will make every effort to project the real meaning of child care to the community and to further discover ways to secure the funds required to provide high caliber child care.

Arthur D. Cogan of Perfield has been named director of the new office.

In another staff appointment, John L. Pucci has been named assistant director of the child-

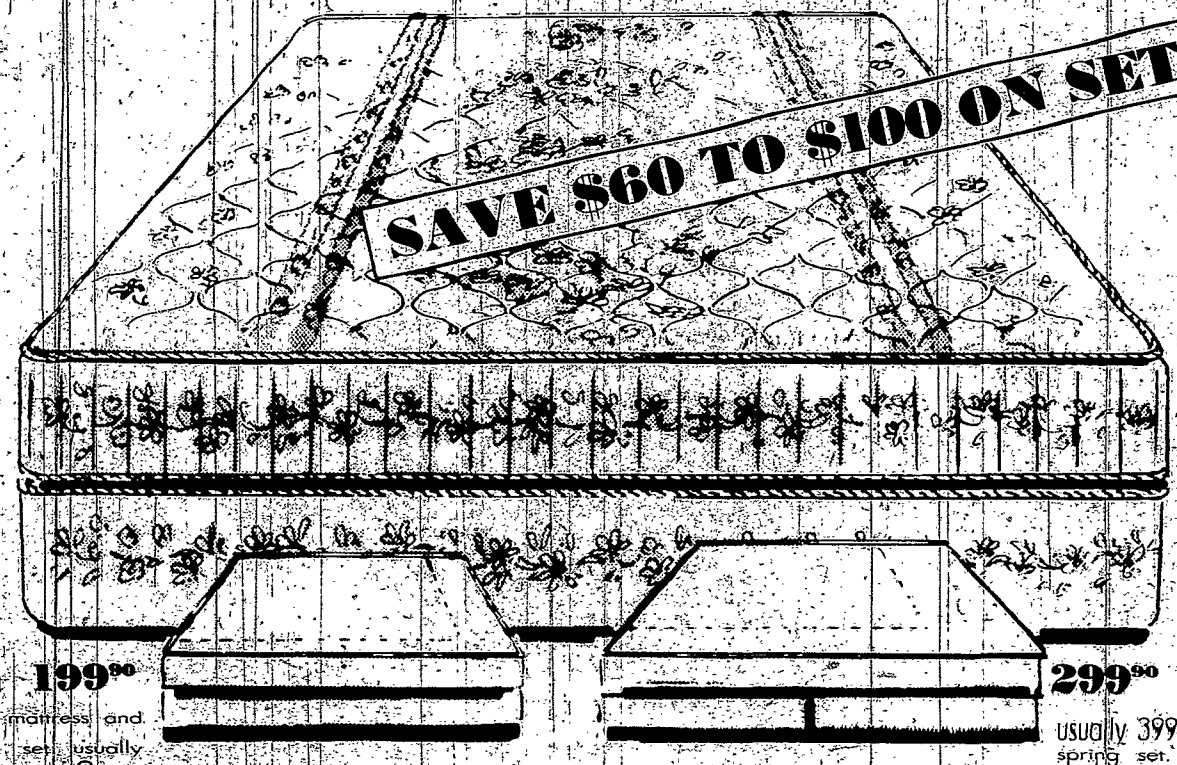
caring agency. He came to the Villa in 1967 and has served in varied roles since.

In still another development, Sister Ann Vincent announced that the levels of administration will be reshaped by introducing the Unit System to the five cottages on the Villa campus. Jay Travers and Bernard Houlihan have been named unit managers, each responsible for care of children living in 2 1/2 units, approximately 40 young people.

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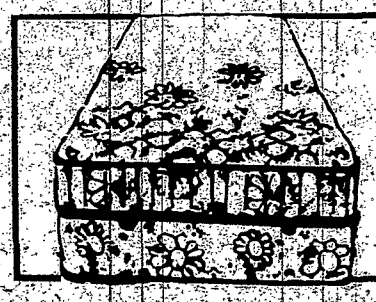
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