

Events aid handicapped

A gathering of young people at a bowling alley is hardly an unusual sight. When each bowler lines his shot from the angle of a wheelchair, however, the scene may rate a second glance.

Bowling is only one of the activities now available to persons with cerebral palsy through the Concerned Youth for

Cerebral Palsy (CYCP) program. Formed to establish a recreational program for handicapped persons, CYCP was recently originated by senior PE major Carol Heit.

"The handicapped youth often grows up in a world which treats him as a social outcast," said Ms. Heit. "By working with this program, handicapped teenagers can get into the mainstream of life without becoming socially retarded by inactivity."

Response to the program has been good by both the young persons and their parents, and the organization now includes approximately 40 members.

Also working with CYCP is Bill Reeves, head of the PE department.

"This bowling experience has opened up a whole new world to some of the kids, and it's made some of them realize their potential for the future," Reeves said.

Ms. Heit's son, Al, has cerebral palsy; however, his condition hasn't kept him from becoming manager of the TCU Wog football team.

Through CYCP, she said, handicapped teenagers now are exposed to the feeling of competition, an experience rarely felt previously.

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