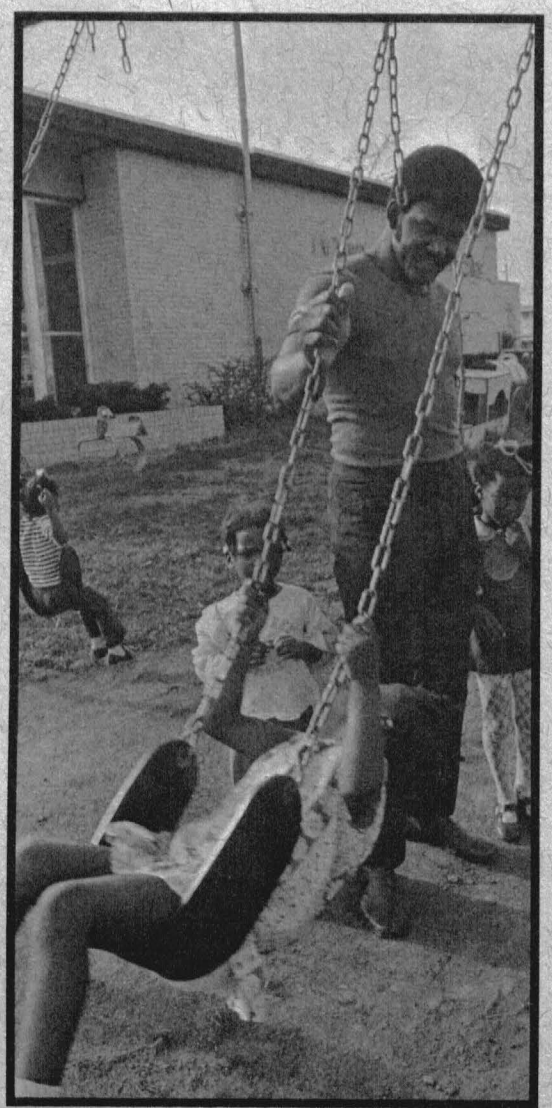
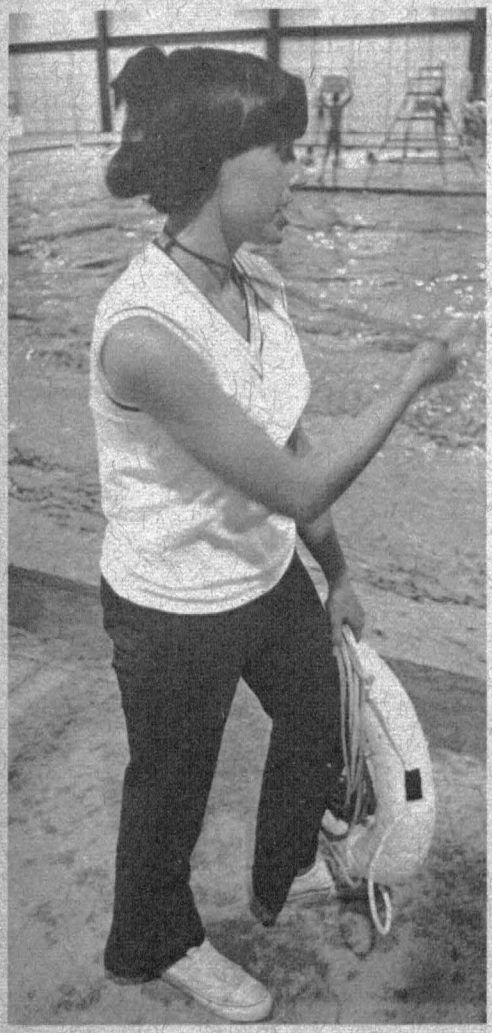
Campfire Girls, led by Mrs. Linda Heberlig, in her field work, sing the "Itsy Bitsy Spider Song."

Older American Klub volunteer shows Bradley Barnhart how she gets "that pretty, funny, pinkish, speckled glaze." He is assistant principal at a Columbia elementary school and is working on his masters in both recreation and education.



Former Mizzou fullback James Harrison plans to pursue his two careers: he signed with the Chicago Bears and will work with recreation off-season. "A lot of the kids I played with when I was little in San Antonio could have been great athletes, but they never made it anywhere." James works at a day care center.

Sun Hee Kim (back), Shelly Burkart (center), and Donna Spry (right) start a sing-along at the Medical Center. Therapeutic recreation is fun and "social interaction" for the patients.



"Even my friends used to laugh at me," "Cookie" Hagan says. "But, as life gets more urban, people look to recreation to make their lives more wholesome and fun." She is working at the Columbia-Hickman swimming pool.

MAJORING IN PLAY

When "Cookie" Hagan gets mad, she takes a wide stance, puts her right fist on her hip, juts her chin out, shakes her left index finger under your nose and talks eloquently.

"If you want a two-hour argument, all you have to say to me in a condescending tone of voice is, 'Majoring in play, huh?' Recreation is one of the most important things in life."

Other students must agree with her. The department of recreation and park administration enrolls 185 hard working undergraduates in the School of Social and Community Services. That's three times as many students as two years ago.

The field, Keith B. Roys, professor, says, is relatively new. The first degree in recreation and park administration was awarded in 1941.

"Now there are 50 or 60 good programs in college and universities around the country. There are only about 160 PhDs in the area. Mizzou will have six within the year, which makes our program one of the major curricula in the United States," Roys says.

"Technology has provided the leisure. We are concerned about education for leisure-centered living," Glenn A. Gillespie, department chairman, says.

"Americans have money to spend for fun. The work week is decreasing. Fast cars on super highways can take us away from the crush of crowded cities and their smog. Municipal recreation is thought to deter crime and delinquency. Recreation is here to stay," Roys says.

Recreation and tourism is the third largest industry in Missouri and the largest in Florida.

The Columbia Campus curriculum prepares people for a wide variety of supervisory and administrative positions in municipal recreation, tourism, parks and therapeutic situations.

Research is also being done on Campus that means better planning for use of available resources. "We have to figure out how many campsites you can put on a piece of ground," Roys says.

Recreation and Park Administration is an interdisciplinary field. Students may end up taking course work in the School of Medicine, the School of Forestry, the School of Social Work or the departments of physical education, sociology and psychology depending on their career plans.

A nationwide summer internship program directed by Gordon J. Guetzlaff helps students get experience in many careers. This summer, one student will go to work with leprosy patients at Carville in Louisiana. Others will go to family camps in California, childrens' camps in Texas, Maine and Maryland, the Ozark Scenic Riverways, the Kansas City Parks Department, the Boonville Training Center for Boys, and the Parks and Recreation Department in Meridian, Miss.

Seniors in the department also do field work during the school year. They spend a minimum of 240 hours to get six credits. The field work includes time at the Columbia Parks and Recreation Department office to become familiar with administration, see the "master plan" for Columbia activities, see public relations and visit a variety of programs. Students work at the J. W. "Blind" Boone Center, the Older Americans Klub, and the city swimming pool at Hickman High School.

"I really didn't know what I wanted to do until I had this field work experience," "Cookie" says. "Now I think I want to work with kids. I used to be in psychology, but it seemed to me that it was very hard to help solve problems, even young people's problems. Maybe if people knew how to have fun they wouldn't have so many problems.

"It's a good field to be in. You can always do recreation, whether you get paid for it or not. If I'm unemployed, it's not the same as being an unemployed engineer." □